



Memorandum

To:	All SLS Clubs & Branches
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Subject:	Australian of the Year Nominations (Nominations Close 31 July 2019)

The **Australian of the Year Nominations** are currently open and close **31 July 2019**.

Each year our nation celebrates the achievements and contributions of eminent Australians through the Australian of the Year Awards by profiling leading citizens who are role models for us all. They inspire us through their achievements and challenge us to make our own contribution to creating a better Australia.

The Australian of the Year Awards provides everyone with the opportunity to recognise any Australian who makes them proud. The four Australian of the Year categories are:

- Australian of the Year
- Senior Australian of the Year (those aged 65 years or over)
- Young Australian of the Year (ages 16 to 30)
- Australia's Local Hero

The Awards operate at two levels- State/Territory and national

- State and Territory selection committees select four nominees for each Award category, with one of these nominees being announced as the State/Territory Award recipient.
- The National Australia Day Council Board then select the Australians of the Year from the group of 32 State and Territory recipients.
- The Australian of the Year, Senior Australian of the Year, Young Australian of the Year and Australia's Local Hero will be announced to the nation from Canberra on 25 January 2020.

Criteria

- In choosing the recipients of the Australian of the Year Awards, regard is given to the nominee's achievements in the year immediately prior to receiving the award, as well as their past achievements and ongoing contribution to the Australian community and nation.
- An individual need only be nominated once to be considered. The number of nominations received per nominee bears no weight in their selection.
- The selection criteria are:
 - Significant contribution to the Australian community and nation
 - An inspirational role model for the Australian community
 - Demonstrated excellence in their field
 - The Local Hero award acknowledges a significant contribution at local community level

For further information, and to nominate an individual, please visit <https://www.australianoftheyear.org.au/>.

Kind Regards

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