



AASW

Australian Association
of Social Workers

South Australian Social Worker of the Year Awards 2019

NOMINATION FORM

AASW through the South Australian Branch, is honoured to be hosting the South Australian Social Worker of the Year Awards 2019 which will be hosted at the Cathedral Hotel, North Adelaide on Thursday 2 May 2019.

Continually building upon the success of the awards in previous years, our aim is to celebrate and pay tribute to the tireless commitment that many qualified South Australian social workers provide in the performance of their often challenging and complex work.

The awards are a result of partnerships between the AASW through the South Australian Branch and key stakeholders from across Allied Health, Social Services, Education, Welfare and the South Australian community. Social workers nominated must be members of the AASW, or eligible for membership of the AASW.

The South Australian Social Worker of the Year Awards 2019 highlights the positive contribution of social workers with individuals, families and communities. The awards also serve to showcase the immense diversity, professionalism, commitment and capacity of social work practitioners, teams and organisations, and what they collectively achieve to strengthen the South Australian community.



"We believe in the value social workers bring to the community, particularly to those who need support and assistance, when strong, effective professional intervention can make the difference between suffering and empowerment.

We are delighted to be supporting an event that not only recognises achievements in social work and reflects our own involvement in supporting the profession in South Australia, but further develops the collaboration between agencies, social workers and those who represent the profession with the general public.

It is a particularly relevant time to address the role that social workers' play in building value for their clients and employers in facing the challenges that are being encountered by our community."

- Patricia Muncey, AASW SA Branch President

There are six award categories recognising achievements of social workers in South Australia, including:

Agent of Change

'Agent of Change Award' recognises the outstanding contribution by a social worker who makes a transformative difference through organisational or systems change to individuals, families or communities.

Head, Heart and Hands

'Head, Heart and Hands Award' recognises the outstanding career of a social worker who makes an outstanding positive difference and a significant impact in their work for clients, community and/or the social work profession.

Leading the Way in the Workplace

'Leading the Way in the Workplace Award' recognises a social work workplace supervisor who is actively and successfully demonstrating the AASW Supervision Practice Standards in enhancing the knowledge and skills of their Supervisee/s.

Rising Star

'Rising Star' Award recognises the outstanding performance of a recently qualified social worker (less than three years), demonstrating potential leadership within the industry and making an outstanding positive difference to individuals, families or communities.

Rural and Remote Impact

'Rural and Remote Impact' Award recognises the outstanding performance of a social worker or social work team who work(s) for a rural or remote community in South Australia, working creatively with the resources and assets of a rural or remote context.

Student of the Year

'Student of the Year Award' recognises a current student who is achieving outstanding results in their studies (GPA 5.5 or higher) and who is already giving back to the social work community.

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Nomination Form

Please complete the Nomination Form and return to the AASW South Australian Branch via email on aaswsa@asw.asn.au by the closing date of 5.00pm on Wednesday 13 March 2019.

Any questions please contact the AASW South Australian Branch via email or phone 8463 5911.

Name of Nominee		AASW Membership Number
Current Position Title		
Employer/Organisation		
Contact Number	Email Address	
Please confirm that the nominee is aware of their nomination YES / NO		

Name of Proposer		AASW Membership Number
Relationship to the Nominee		
Current Position Title		
Employer/Organisation		
Contact Number	Email Address	

Which category is this nomination being submitted for?

- Agent of Change
- Head, Heart and Hands
- Leading the way in the workplace
- Rising Star
- Rural and Remote Impact
- Student of the Year

Please respond to two or more of the following:

1.	<p>Describe how the nominee has made a significant contribution in their field of practice. Please provide two or three examples which demonstrate the nominee’s professional achievements. (minimum 200 words)</p>
2.	<p>Describe how the nominee has demonstrated their commitment to social work values through their involvement in actions to address important social justice issues in a professional or voluntary capacity. Please provide one or two examples. (minimum 200 words)</p>
3.	<p>Describe how the nominee has demonstrated their commitment to social work values through their contribution to the work of the AASW within South Australia. Please provide an example. (minimum 200 words)</p>
<p>In addition to the above If nominating someone for the Student of the Year category a copy of their transcript for the previous year should also be attached to the nomination</p>	
Signature of the Proposer	Date



Thank you for taking the time to nominate a worthy social worker.

We will confirm receipt of your nomination shortly after the closing date.
All candidates will be notified of the progress and outcome of their nomination.
Shortlisted candidates will be notified by mid-February 2019.

Nomination Guidelines

General information

- The **SA Social Worker of the Year Awards 2019** are open to direct employers, organisations and independent practitioners operating in the public, private or voluntary sectors, regardless of service user categories and size of organisation except where the category name indicates otherwise.
- Submissions will only be accepted for the specified categories.
- Nomination entry is free of charge.
- Nominees must be prepared to accept their award in person during the awards presentation (or identify a representative to attend on their behalf) and be willing for their names and images to be used for publicity purposes.
- All submitted entries will remain confidential and the property of SA Social Worker of the Year Awards / SA Branch. Names and contact details will not be shared with third parties due to privacy data protection.
- Upon submission of entry, nominees agree that SA Social Worker of the Year Awards / SA Branch may use information provided in the entry form for press purposes and published case studies. No confidential information will be shared or disclosed.
- The promoters are SA Social Worker of the Year Awards / SA Branch and individual awards are sponsored by organisations and companies associated with the social work sector.
- No purchase or contractual relationship with the promoter is necessary for eligibility to nominate or be nominated.
- SA Social Worker of the Year Awards / SA Branch and the independent judging panel reserve the right to make decisions relating to any changes at any time through the SA Social Worker of the Year Awards process.
- The latest version of this document, the Awards Terms & Conditions, can be found on the SA Social Worker of the Year Awards website

Awards Night presentation

- The gala event will be held on **Thursday, 2 May 2019 @ the Cathedral Hotel, from 6:00pm**. All attendees, unless otherwise informed, must purchase a ticket to the event.
- The awards will consist of a celebratory award and certificate. Finalists will receive a certificate and may describe themselves as such for the category in their corporate literature. They may not claim that their products or services are endorsed by SA Social Worker of the Year Awards / SA Branch.

Nomination process

- All entrants must be eligible for membership with the AASW.
- Nominees may enter themselves into individual categories, or they may be nominated by a third party who must include their contact details.
- Nominations will only be accepted on the official nomination form.
- A separate nomination form must be completed for each category entered.
- Completion and submission of the nomination form to the AASW SA indicates acceptance of these rules.
- Incomplete applications may be excluded from the final selection process.

Judging process

- For each individual category, a panel of independent judges will determine the final shortlist. Each panel will consist of a minimum two judges across a variety of organisations (public, private and NGO sector). A full list of judges and their relevant categories can be found on the AASW SA Social Work Awards 2019 website.

- All judges are required to declare any conflicts of interest and will refrain from judging any entrants deemed to have a conflict. Should any conflicts arise, the judge shall remove themselves from the room during the judging process of that specific entrant.
- Assessment process: The finalists will be selected by independent judges using the outlined criteria. All judges will provide a score for each entry; chosen finalists will be those with the highest scores received from the panel. In cases where there is a draw in the judges score a different sub-group of the judging panel will review the finalists and make the winning selection.
- The judges' decision will be final. No correspondence will be entered into.
- No liability arising from nominating or being nominated for the Social Worker Awards shall pertain to the promoters.
- The judging panel reserves the right to disqualify any entry which they consider, in their sole discretion, to be in breach of the Awards criteria.
- Any nominee subject to complaints, investigations or disciplinary action (past or present) (by employer or the SA Social Worker of the Year Awards / SA Branch) shall be declared upon application to the awards. This will not necessarily mean disqualification but will be taken on an individual case and is at the discretion of Social Work Awards working group, the Judges and in certain circumstances, the event partners.
- A nominator, whose nominee becomes subject to complaints, investigations or disciplinary action (by employer or the SA Social Worker of the Year Awards / SA Branch) following a nomination submission and leading up to the awards ceremony, will notify SA Social Worker of the Year Awards working group immediately.

If you have any questions regarding your entry to the SA Social Worker of the Year Awards, you can contact our offices:

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