Launch Announcement

The **AASW SA Social Worker of the Year Awards** will be held for the first time in 2016.

The Awards will be open to Members and Non-Member nominations alike as a reflection of the deserved pride in our profession and our collaborative approach to support the valued work of the many, many people involved in the highly valued and respected social work services within our great state.

Nominations for the AASW SA Social Work Awards 2016 are open 15 March to 2 May 2016.

Nominations are encouraged from anyone who would like to participate to help recognise the skilful work being done by social workers, teams, planners and hardworking specialists. Awards ambassador and State Australian Association of SW President, Dr Mary Hood, said the Awards offer “an opportunity to celebrate the achievements and justified pride social work services elicit within South Australia. The south Australian social work profession is an integral element of the collaborative and inclusive culture of the state.”

This year we are pleased to welcome nominations for the following Awards:

1. Social Work Practitioner of the Year
2. Inspiring social work leader of the year
3. Rising social work star of the year
4. Rural and Remote social worker(s) of the year
5. Social work Change Agent of the year.

Jack O’Connor, Awards Steering Committee Chair, said “I am proud to be helping to run the inaugural Australian Association of Social Workers Social Work Awards in South Australia. These Awards reflect both the breadth of Social Work contribution to the community as well as the high quality services delivered by South Australian Social Work services. The entry process gives agencies a motive to reconsider their Social Work services and focus on the benefits, the successes, the efforts taken. For the community, it’s an opportunity to reflect back their deserved gratitude to the planners, designers and delivery staff involved in the ongoing Social Work efforts within South Australia.”

These Awards will provide those nominated, and the winners a chance to help raise the professional profile of Social Work as well as provide those who attend the gala presentation ceremony on 19 May 2016 a chance celebrate the success of their contribution to the South Australian Community.

For more information on the AASW SA Social Work Awards 2016, visit:

[The SA Social Worker of the Year Awards webpage](#)

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