

## Launch Announcement

The **Australian Association of Social Workers South Australia - Social Worker of the Year Awards 2017** will be held on 22 June 2017.

The wide spread support we receive every year for these awards is a positive reflection of the well-deserved pride held for social workers in South Australia and an important recognition of their significant contribution.

Nominations for the AASW SA Social Work Awards 2017 are open from the 10th March 2017. The Awards are open for nominations from South Australian practicing social workers who are AASW Members and eligible non-Members.

Nominations are encouraged from anyone who is working in, or would like to help recognise the skilful work being done by, social workers, allied health teams, planners and practice specialists. Awards ambassador and State Australian Association of Social Work 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. Agent of Change
2. Head, Heart & Hands
3. Leading the Way
4. Rising Star
5. Rural and Remote Impact.

Jack O'Connor, Awards Steering Committee Chair, said *“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.”* He said they also provide the South Australian community *“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 22 June 2017 an opportunity to celebrate the success of their contribution to the South Australian community.

For more information on the SA Social Worker of the Year Awards 2017, visit:

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

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