AASW SA and the office of the SA Commissioner for Victims Rights are pleased to confirm the following people form the judging panel of the Social Worker of the Year Awards 2016.

Nicole Moulding
Program Director: Psychology, Social Work and Social Policy at University of South Australia

Nicole Moulding is a researcher and educator with special interests in mental health, gendered violence and social work education. She has published two books, one on gendered violence and mental health, the other a co-edited book on feminist social work. Nicole is involved in a number of ongoing research projects in this field in addition to teaching undergraduate and postgraduate courses in mental health in social work practice and research education. Current research projects include a nation-wide study into the long-term impact of domestic violence on women’s citizenship, specifically mental health, housing and employment.

Mark Henley
Manager Advocacy and Communications at Community Engagement Unit Uniting Communities

Mark is an Economist who works for Uniting Communities in Adelaide as their Manager of Advocacy and Communication, and is a life member of SACOSS, the SA Council of Social Service. Mark has worked closely with industry in South Australia, to collaboratively develop Codes of Practice and consumer protection measures.

Dr Catherine Earl
Senior Policy, Advocacy & Community Engagement Officer at South Australian Council of Social Service

Catherine studied social work as a post-graduate at Flinders University building on her academic interests in gender and labour studies and her work experience in local council social services. After graduation, Catherine worked for a short time in youth services before winning an industry scholarship to study her PhD at the University of South Australia. Catherine now combines her interests in social change and community service and her research and advocacy skills at the South Australian Council of Social Service where she is a Senior Policy, Advocacy and Community Engagement Officer.
Dr Peter Munn
Chief Executive Officer for SA Country Health

Peter is CEO of Centacare Catholic Country SA. Before his current position he was the Deputy Dean at the Whyalla Campus at UniSA. He taught social work at the Whyalla Campus of the University of SA for 22 years and is an Adjunct Associate Professor of UniSA. He has a passion for ensuring rural communities receive the level of human services that they deserve. He is well known throughout Australia for his research on rural social work, leadership and rural community development. He is a Foundation Fellow of the Australian College of Social Work.

Julia Cranney
Social Worker and ACAT Assessor and Delegate at Community Health, Naracoorte

Julia’s Social Work career began in England where she worked for Kent Council. She later moved to South Australia and has worked in both city and rural areas. She assisted a group of young care leavers in the formation of the SA branch of the CREATE foundation, an advocacy body representing children and youth with experience in out of home care. Julia has also supported the next generation of social workers by working as a tutor and field education supervisor.

Sue MacDonald
Principal Practitioner at Families SA

Details to be confirmed.

Janet Giles
Director of Campaigns at ASU

Janet Giles was born in South Australia and trained as a teacher, teaching in rural and western suburbs schools. She was elected to President of the Australian Education Union in 1996 until 2003 when she was elected as the first female Secretary of SA Unions, the peak trade union council for South Australia. Janet now works as the director of campaigns at the Australian Services Union.