

## **Australia ICOMOS / ICOMOS Honorary Membership Policy**

### **Honorary Membership of Australia ICOMOS (AI)**

#### **Introduction**

Honorary Membership of Australia ICOMOS may be conferred by the Australia ICOMOS Executive Committee to honour an outstanding contribution made to, or on behalf of, Australia ICOMOS. It is intended that this will be a rare honour to be considered annually but not necessarily bestowed each year.

#### **Criteria for selection**

- An individual must currently be a Full International Member of Australia ICOMOS.
- The outstanding contribution must be throughout their career.
- Honorary Membership may recognise a range of types of outstanding contributions made to Australia ICOMOS.
- These contributions must be in addition to those normally made to a voluntary organisation. Hence the performance of Executive Committee duties would be insufficient for AI Honorary Membership consideration.
- The contribution may be made within Australia or internationally, but must be specifically to, or on behalf of, Australia ICOMOS. (Refer to the explanation of International ICOMOS Honorary Membership and the Gazzola Prize following.)

#### **Process for selection**

##### **Nominations**

AI Honorary Membership is coordinated by the Membership Secretary (or other nominated EC member) on behalf of the Australia ICOMOS Executive Committee. Members of the Executive Committee may nominate people for AI Honorary Membership to the Membership Secretary/other nominated EC member at any time. These nominations may also come from any Australia ICOMOS member via the Executive Committee.

In May of every year, members will also be invited to submit nominations for AI Honorary Membership. The Call for nominations will be via the e-news and/or via a direct email to members, and the nominations will be submitted to the Secretariat. Any and all nominations received will be treated as confidential.

The Membership Secretary/other nominated EC member and the Secretariat will retain a confidential list of nominations and contacts for people to provide supporting statements. No official paperwork will document the process.

Once the call for nominations period has ended, the nominations will be collected and presented to the August EC meeting for discussion, with the view to subsequently making an out-of-session decision as to whether or not to confer AI Honorary Membership for the year in question. If Honorary Membership is conferred, the individual will be notified, and the official announcement will be made at the AGM in the year in question.

### **Assessment**

The Selection Committee will be made up of three members of the Australia ICOMOS Executive Committee, including the Membership Secretary, Vice President and one other person. The discussions of the Selection Committee will remain confidential. The Selection Committee will make a recommendation to the Executive Committee in support of any person being put forward for AI Honorary Membership. No other potential candidates will be discussed but the recommendation of the Selection Committee can be accepted, rejected or deferred by the Executive Committee.

### **Timing & Announcement**

The Selection Committee will make a recommendation at the Executive Committee meeting that is two meetings (usually August) before the Annual General Meeting (AGM). The Executive Committee will act on this recommendation at the same meeting. This allows time between the decision and the AGM to prepare a statement and to try to ensure that the recipient is present at the AGM. The announcement by the Membership Secretary of AI Honorary Membership to be bestowed will take place at the AGM. After the announcement, the Membership Secretary will invite an Australia ICOMOS Full Member with detailed knowledge about the contribution made by the new AI Honorary Member to address the AGM. The recipient will also be given the opportunity to address the AGM.

### **Publication of Honorary Member's contributions**

Where a member has been awarded AI Honorary Membership, this will be outlined in the Annual Report. The Australia ICOMOS website has a section on Honorary Members, including a brief synopsis of the outstanding contributions made to the organisation (where this information is available). The statement made at the AGM when the Honorary Membership is conferred will form the basis of the website information.

### **Benefits of AI Honorary Membership**

The beneficiary receives a letter of congratulations, public acknowledgement of their contribution and the ongoing exemption from membership fees whilst still retaining Full International Membership rights from ICOMOS.

### **Other Considerations**

#### **Celebrating Australia ICOMOS members**

The conferring of AI Honorary Membership is one method of acknowledgement of the contributions made by individuals to this professional organisation. It can inspire other members and lead to potential mentoring opportunities.

#### **Costs to Australia ICOMOS**

Honorary Membership conferred by Australia ICOMOS results in Australia ICOMOS paying that person's fees to International ICOMOS and not getting that person's contribution to local costs covered by membership dues, such as *Historic Environment* costs and subsidised events. Hence it is a small ongoing cost to Australia ICOMOS.

## **Honorary Membership of ICOMOS & the Gazzola Prize**

### **Honorary International ICOMOS Membership and the Gazzola Prize**

International ICOMOS Honorary Memberships are announced at the ICOMOS General Assembly every three years. Applications are made by National Committees and are for people who have made a substantial contribution to the international sphere. Because Australia ICOMOS nominates these people, they are also considered to be Australia ICOMOS Honorary Members. For International ICOMOS Honorary Members, Australia ICOMOS does not need to pay that person's fees to Paris.

Within the Call for nominations for AI Honorary membership (described above), Australia ICOMOS members will be reminded that they are welcome to nominate a member for ICOMOS Honorary Membership at any time; this reminder will also note that the conferring of Honorary Membership of ICOMOS only occurs at Triennial General Assemblies.

The prestigious Gazzola Prize is also awarded every three years at the ICOMOS General Assembly to an individual or a group of people who have worked together and contributed, with distinction, to the aims and objectives of ICOMOS. This award, which includes prize money, has an extremely high threshold and so far, despite nominations, no Australians have been successful in being awarded the prize.

### **Current Honorary Members**

The up-to-date list of both Australia ICOMOS Honorary members, and Australia ICOMOS members who are International ICOMOS Honorary members, is available on the Australia ICOMOS website at <http://australia.icomos.org/about-us/australia-icomos/honours-and-awards/>.

*Prepared by Helen Lardner. Adopted 31 May 2008*

*Revised by Helen Wilson August 2012 to accord with AI website information*

*Updated by Georgia Meros May 2016: 1) referral to AI website for up-to-date lists of Honorary Members, 2) various other minor changes that reflect current processes; approved by Office Bearers June 2016.*

*Updated by Georgia Meros July 2017 to include a call for nomination process that involves input from members.*