President’s Award: Information for Nominees
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1. Introduction
The Australia ICOMOS President’s Award was established in 2016 by the then immediate past President of Australia ICOMOS, Elizabeth Vines.

The Australia ICOMOS President’s Award recognises the important contribution made by the active engagement of younger and/or emerging career heritage practitioners. ICOMOS already acknowledges experienced heritage professionals with Honorary ICOMOS membership (both national and international). This initiative is designed to celebrate and encourage those in the early stages of their career in cultural heritage. Note that the term ‘professional’ is taken to mean anyone who is engaged in a cultural heritage field (or is training to be engaged) as a qualified person.

There are two categories for the President’s Award:

- A student / young / emerging heritage practitioner who has made an outstanding contribution to a heritage project; and
- A trainee / apprentice or emerging tradesperson who has made an outstanding contribution to a heritage project.

The inaugural Award was held in 2016 and from 2020, the Award will be held every 2 years.

2. Eligibility Criteria
In each category the Award is for a young / emerging career heritage professional (including students and trainees) who has demonstrated a strong understanding and contribution to the heritage sector through their education, experience and attitude. Nominees should demonstrate this via:

- Understanding of the articles of the Australia ICOMOS Burra Charter in planning and delivery.
- Contributing to the best practice conservation of a heritage place or item (or group of places or items), including (but not limited to) projects concerning conservation of built heritage, cultural collections, cultural landscapes, intangible heritage values and terrestrial or maritime archaeological sites.
- Appropriate qualifications or training (commenced or completed) in their chosen field.
- No more than 8 years’ experience in the heritage profession since completion of studies or apprenticeship.
- Enthusiasm and eagerness for their field, as demonstrated through attitude and endeavour and as supported by their supervisor.
- Volunteer experience or extra-curricular participation in the heritage sector.

Nominations can be received from both members and non-members of Australia ICOMOS. Nominations cannot be received from relatives or life partners of the nominee.

Nominations must include 2-3 work examples, which demonstrate the nominee’s active contribution to a cultural heritage project/s. These can include (but are not limited to):

- Measured drawings
- Written history
- Heritage Impact Statements
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- Conservation Management Plans
- Photographs of work completed (before/after)

Note: if the nominee has contributed to a project as part of a team, the nominee’s contribution should be clearly marked.

3. Judging Panel
The judging panel for the Award program will include:

- The President (or Vice-President) of Australia ICOMOS
- The immediate past president of Australia ICOMOS
- Elizabeth Vines as the founding past president of the Award
- A heritage professional with experience in the construction industry.

4. Nomination process
Nominations for either category in the Award should be made by the nominee; however, a supervisor can complete the nomination form with the nominee.

Nominations must include the following items - incomplete nominations will not be accepted:

- A completed nomination form, which includes a statement outlining how the nominee meets the Eligibility Criteria for the Award.
- 2-3 work examples that demonstrate the nominee’s active contribution to a cultural heritage project/s
- A separate statement from the nominee’s supervisor or other professional mentor that supports the nomination. The Awards judging panel may contact the supervisor to confirm details stated in the nomination.

5. Judging
All decisions and recommendations made by the panel are binding and final and no discussion or correspondence will be entered into.

6. Award Prizes
In each category, a President’s Award will be conferred on one nominee. Judges may also award a ‘judges commendation’ to remaining nominees.

The winners of the Award will receive:

- Award Certificate
- $1000 cash
- 1 year Associate membership of Australia ICOMOS for winners who are not already Australia ICOMOS members (not transferable; a Statement of Commitment form must be signed and submitted along with a CV prior to membership being processed)

Any nominees conferred a ‘judges commendation’ will receive:

- Award Certificate
- Gift voucher (max value $100)

7. Use of nominees’ information
The information contained in any nomination is considered confidential, including reports and photographs. No information will be used by Australia ICOMOS unless written permission is received by the nominee and/or their supervisor.