

# Award Guidelines

## Change-maker of the Year

The Victorian Museums and Galleries Awards recognise and celebrate excellence across the sector. They seek to reward presenting and collecting organisations and the individuals who support and strengthen Victoria's creative and cultural industries through outstanding work and a commitment to best practice.

### INTRODUCTION

The Change-maker of the Year Award recognises individuals who have made outstanding contributions towards advancing the sector over the past 12 months. This award provides a unique opportunity to celebrate the visionaries who are pushing boundaries, challenging norms, and creating new possibilities for museums and galleries in Victoria and beyond.

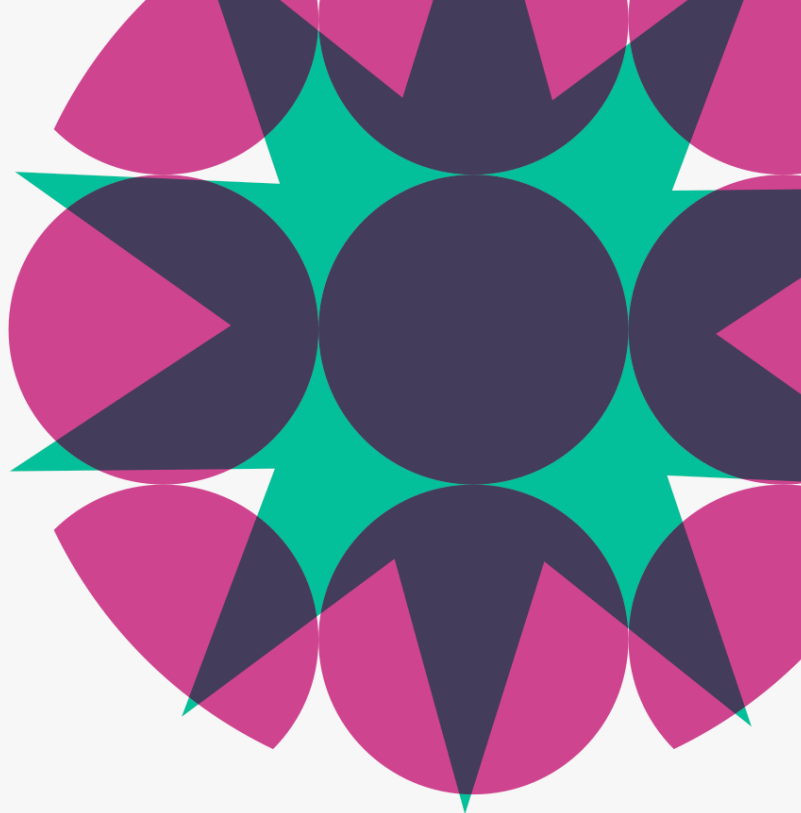
### ELIGIBILITY

All paid staff working in Victorian presenting and collecting organisations are eligible to be nominated in the 2023 Change-maker of the Year Award. This includes all public museums and galleries, archives, zoos, botanical gardens, historical societies, libraries, Keeping Places, science centres, and any other organisations that acquire, conserve and exhibit arts and cultural material. Nominations must address 3 assessment criteria from the list provided, and individuals must currently be a paid staff member of a presenting or collecting organisation, or have ended their employment within the past 12 months.

### ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

The following provides a comprehensive list of criteria against which a nominated individual will be assessed and scored. Submissions must respond to 3 of the assessment criteria listed:

- 1. Innovation:** The individual makes significant contributions to the field of museums and galleries through their innovative ideas and approaches. This could include innovative programs and/or new ways of exhibiting, managing collections, and engaging with audiences through including new technologies and practices.
- 2. Impact:** The individual's work has a measurable impact on the field of museums and galleries, and whose efforts have contributed to advancing the sector.
- 3. Sustainability:** The individual demonstrates a commitment to sustainable practices in the sector, whether through reducing waste, improving energy efficiency, or promoting ethical and responsible practices.
- 4. Inclusivity:** The individual champions inclusivity and diversity within the sector. This could include initiatives to engage with underrepresented communities, make collections more accessible, or improve the representation of diverse perspectives and experiences.
- 5. Collaboration:** The individual works collaboratively with other museums, galleries, or organisations to achieve common goals and advance the field.
- 6. Leadership:** The individual demonstrates exceptional leadership skills, whether through managing teams, leading by example, or inspiring others in the sector.
- 7. Creativity:** The individual shows exceptional creativity in their work, whether through designing new exhibitions, creating innovative programming, or finding new ways to engage audiences.



## SUBMISSION CRITERIA

Submissions must include:

- Nominee details:**  
Including name, position, and associated organisation
- Nominator details:**  
Including name, position and contact details
- Assessment criteria:**  
Outline individual achievements, addressing each assessment criteria (max 200 words each)
- Supporting documentation:**  
Three (3) high-resolution images (minimum)

## SUPPORT MATERIAL

The following is a list of both required and optional supporting material:

### Images (required):

Attach three (3) high-resolution (300dpi) digital images as separate files, which may be used for promotional use. Please ensure that permissions have been sought prior to uploading images, and be sure to provide:

- Credit details (photographer and, where relevant, artist details)
- Brief caption
- Requirements for cultural sensitivity warning, if applicable

### Other (optional):

Provide up to three (3) pages of material that supports the nomination. This can include press clippings, publications, letters of support, other industry awards, etc.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Individuals must currently be a paid staff member of a presenting or collecting organisation, or have ended their employment within 12 months prior to the closing date (3 July 2023).
- Individuals are permitted to self-nominate.
- In all matters relating to eligibility, the decision of the organisers is final.
- In all matters relating to assessment, the decision of the judges is final.

## HOW TO SUBMIT

All nomination forms and support material must be submitted online by 5pm on 3 July 2023. You will receive an email confirming that your nomination and support material has been received. If you DO NOT receive this after you have submitted your application, please contact either AMaGA Victoria or PGAV via the details provided below.

## QUESTIONS

We are here to help! For any general nomination or submission advice please contact:

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