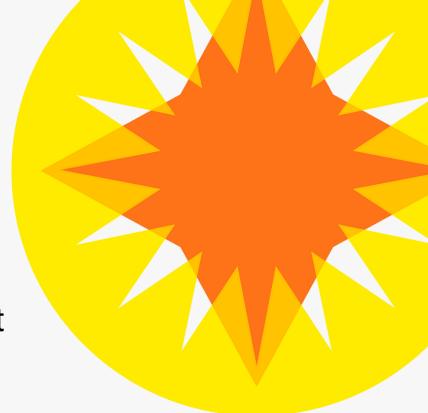Victorian Museums
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Award Guidelines
Lifetime Achievement Award

INTRODUCTION

The Lifetime Achievement Award recognises individuals who have made a significant and lasting impact on the museum and gallery sector over the course of their career. This award celebrates exceptional individual accomplishments and contributions demonstrated through diverse pathways, such as leadership, management, advocacy, infrastructure, exhibitions and programs, collection care and development, and education. Recipients of this award serve as role models for the museum and gallery community and exemplify the best of the sector.

ELIGIBILITY

Individuals who have served the Victorian museum and gallery sector and made a lasting impact are eligible to be nominated for the Lifetime Achievement Award. Relevant sector organisations include 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 all assessment criteria.

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

The following are the criteria against which a nominated individual will be assessed and scored:

1. **INNOVATION:** The individual demonstrates innovation in their approach to museum and gallery practice. This could include the introduction of new technologies, creative programming, or unique spaces.

2. **IMPACT:** The individual's work in the museum and gallery sector has made a lasting impact. The candidate should have demonstrated a commitment to the sector over the course of their career, and their contributions should have significantly advanced the sector's goals and objectives.

3. **LEADERSHIP:** The individual demonstrates exceptional leadership skills, such as by mentoring and inspiring colleagues, advocating for the sector, or serving as a role model for others.

Be advised that nominations will also be assessed on **application quality**. Judges will consider accuracy and clarity of writing, relevance of support materials, as well as effectively demonstrated outcomes.

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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 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 via the online form by **5:00 PM on Friday 27 February 2026**. You will receive an email confirming that your nomination and support material have 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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