

A MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL

Patron of The Order of Australia Association

This year, we celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Australian honours system.

In its half century, almost 50,000 Australians have received an appointment in the Order of Australia.

We all know these people. We live and work with them every day.



Her Excellency the Honourable
Ms Sam Mostyn AC

Collectively, they represent our national story. Individually they are unfailingly inspirational.

To learn their stories is to be reminded that care, kindness, respect, and contribution to communities across the country, are what matter most to all Australians, in every sphere of life. In many cases, these are the unsung heroes whose lives of care for others across the country epitomise a core Australian value.

I encourage all Australians to nominate people for recognition – the honours belong to all of us, and we all have a role to play to ensure that selfless, hardworking, and extraordinary Australians are recognised.



Consider our wonderfully diverse and inclusive community when nominating.

Go ahead! Nominate someone today!

Further information:

It's An Honour: Dept. of Prime Minister & Cabinet www.pmc.gov.au/government/its-honour

Australian Honours and Awards
www.gg.gov.au/australian-honours-and-awards

The Order Of Australia Association
www.theorderofaustralia.asn.au



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INTRODUCING THE

Order of Australia

“Recognising outstanding service and exceptional achievement of citizens in our communities.”



THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA

The Order of Australia recognises Australians who have demonstrated outstanding service or exceptional achievement.

Recipients come from right across Australia and from all walks of life.

There are four levels of award. The Order of Australia also has a Military Division (awards in this division are recommended to the Governor-General by the Minister for Defence).

Anyone (individuals or groups) can nominate a member of the community for an award in the Order of Australia.

Do you know someone who goes the extra mile in your community, an outstanding citizen in their chosen field or vocation who deserves recognition?

Once a nomination has been submitted, the Australian Honours Secretariat at Government House in Canberra conducts further research.

Awards are publicly announced on Australia Day (26 January) and the King's Birthday public holiday (June).

Nominating someone is a chance to recognise a peer for their hard-work, service and dedication. It is an opportunity to celebrate those inspiring people who make our nation what it is.

NOMINATIONS

Any Australian who goes above and beyond and has made a significant impact in their community can be recognised in the Order of Australia. Recipients come from all over the country and while some are well known, the vast majority are unsung heroes.

Anyone can nominate

A nomination does not have to be perfect – it is a starting point for the Honours and Awards Secretariat to research. Ultimately it is the impact the nominee has had (not how well you fill in a nomination form) that the independent Council of the Order of Australia considers.

Nominees must be an Australian citizen or permanent resident and alive at the time of nomination. Consider our wonderfully diverse and inclusive community when nominating.

How to nominate

The online process is simple, accessible, and never closes.

You need to provide some general information about the person and explain why you think they should be honoured and the impact they've had. Provide up to 4 referees who can attest to their impact.

What happens next

Your nomination is the starting point. After a Case Officer has undertaken research, each nomination is considered by the Independent Council of the Order of Australia.



You can nominate someone by accessing the online form at:

www.gg.gov.au/australian-honours-and-awards

Please Note: Nominations are confidential. It is preferable that the nominee not be made aware of this nomination.

GRADES OF AWARD WITHIN THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA



Individuals are appointed a **Companion of the Order of Australia (AC)** for eminent achievement and merit of the highest degree in service to Australia or to humanity at large.



Individuals are appointed an **Officer of the Order of Australia (AO)** for distinguished service of a high degree to Australia or to humanity at large.



Individuals are appointed a **Member of the Order of Australia (AM)** for service in a particular locality or field of activity or to a particular group.



The **Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM)** is awarded for service worthy of particular recognition.

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