

Celebrating AGED CARE AWARDS



2017 Celebrating Aged Care Awards

Celebrating Aged Care week recognises and celebrates those who care for our older Victorians. It also showcases the opportunities and rewards of working in Public Sector Residential Aged Care (PSRAC).

This year's celebration, from 14 to 18 August will include three awards which highlight the extraordinary contributions of the PSRAC workforce. The awards acknowledge workers committed to Victoria's aged care sector through their initiatives in leadership, passion for aged care and volunteering.

Shortlisted finalists will be invited to attend the Celebrating Aged Care event and cocktail function which will be held at the MCG on Thursday 17 August. Finalists will be presented with their awards and may be invited to speak on the day.

Eligibility

Nominees must be current employees or volunteers at a Victorian public sector residential aged care service.

Entries must reflect examples of tangible initiatives by the nominee, reflecting an apparent practice or approach within the last 12 months within residential aged care.

A nominee can enter multiple award categories; however for each nomination a new application must be completed.

Benefits of participation

Finalists will receive a complimentary ticket to the Celebrating Aged Care event on Thursday 17 August.

Finalists will receive an award which acknowledges state-wide PSRAC recognition, for the contribution they have made to aged care.

Ability to promote the opportunities and rewards of working in public sector aged care.

Recognition of the contributions made by public sector residential aged care services.

Nominations

Nominate for these awards by submitting a 100–200 word letter in support of your nominee, including a cover sheet. Email to Tayla Baumann, Aged Care Project Officer, at PSRACsecretariat@vha.org.au no later than COB Tuesday 1 August. Nominees will be shortlisted by an independent three person judging panel.

Judging

The Celebrating Aged Care Annual Awards will be judged by a panel of three stakeholders in residential aged care. They will favourably consider applications which best represent leadership, passion and innovation within the working and volunteer space.

Aged Care Leadership Award	Passion for Aged Care Award	Aged Care Volunteer Award
The 'Aged Care Leadership Award' celebrates an aged care worker who inspires the workforce around them with initiative and drive. The worker is a natural leader, with an innate commitment to making a difference to residents, while also happily extending encouragement and support to co-workers and colleagues along the way. The award recognises the efforts of a leader who is positively influencing and shaping residential aged care.	The 'Passion for Aged Care Award' acknowledges a PSRAC worker whose passion and commitment to residential aged care is outstanding. The award recognises a valuable worker who strives to improve the current practice of care, health and safety, lifestyle or wellbeing for staff and/or residents. Their innovative mindset and consumer-directed focus help to increase engagement and ignite this same passion for those around them.	This award acknowledges the untiring support of those volunteering their time to ensure quality care within residential aged care. The 'Aged Care Volunteer Award' recognises the powerful and lasting impact volunteers have to workers, residents and their families. It recognises exceptional volunteers who extend a helping hand, and go out of their way to care for and support the PSRAC workforce, as well as our most valuable senior Victorians.

Submission Guidelines

Applications need to demonstrate:

Specific details of the tangible and significant way/s the nominee's passion/project/drive has been evident within the past 12 months.

Details about how their passion and drive have improved current practice of care, health and safety and/or wellbeing within residential aged care.

Details about the noticeable influence and positive impact the nominee has made for workers and/or residents.

Also include:

The application coversheet and photos or graphics (where available).

The award entries must not exceed 200 words. A follow up phone call may be necessary if further details are required.

Key Dates

- Tuesday 1 August:** Submissions close (COB)
- Monday 7 August:** Three finalist of each category contacted, and invited to Aged Care Week event
- Friday 11 August:** Deadline for finalists to accept or decline invitation to Aged Care Week event
- Thursday 17 August:** Winners announced during the Aged Care event program

Further information

For more information, contact the Aged Care project officer Tayla Baumann on 03 9094 7132 or PSRACsecretariat@vha.org.au