

Information and nomination form

2017 VICTORIAN SENIOR OF THE YEAR AWARDS



Message from the Premier and the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing

A Neighbourhood House president, an army veteran, a quilter and a dragon boat racer.

What do they all have in common? They were all winners at last year's Victorian Senior of the Year Awards.

Held annually, the awards recognise the enormous contribution made by seniors across our state.

Whether in health, education or community development, these Victorians make a real difference and prove age is no barrier.

Nominations for the 2017 awards are now open, and we invite you to make a nomination.

You can nominate an older person for their individual efforts, or nominate an organisation for their work in improving the quality of life for Victorian seniors.

All nominees receive a certificate and award recipients will be honoured at Government House as part of the 35th Victorian Seniors Festival in October 2017.

Help us celebrate the efforts of inspiring Victorian seniors and the organisations that are improving the lives of older people.

Please visit www.seniorsonline.vic.gov.au and nominate someone today.



Daniel Andrews MP
Premier of Victoria



Martin Foley MP
Minister for Housing,
Disability and Ageing

2016 award recipients

In 2016, the 14 individual award recipients recognised for their work included the president of a Neighbourhood House and adult educator, the State Secretary of the War Widows and Widowed Mothers Association, a Hindu chaplain who volunteers at Wesley Mission, and the founder of a dragon boat club for breast cancer survivors.

Two organisations received awards for promoting age-friendly communities. Maroondah City Council's Active and Healthy Ageing Initiative provided a blueprint for an age-friendly Maroondah, while Peninsula Transport Assist provides community transport services on the Mornington Peninsula.

For more information visit www.seniorsonline.vic.gov.au



Patsy Blair, 2016 Healthy and Active Living Award recipient

Front cover: Gwen Smith, 2016 Premier's Award for Victorian Senior of the Year recipient; Vishnu Prasad, 2016 Promotion of Multiculturalism Award recipient; Maroondah City Council, 2016 Age-Friendly Victoria Award recipient

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Disclaimer

The Department of Health and Human Services intends to produce publications to promote the 2017 and future Victorian Senior of the Year Awards. You must ensure the person you are nominating has agreed to be nominated for an award, and agrees to their personal information contained in the nomination form being provided to and used by the Department of Health and Human Services.

Nominate someone you know

Nominate your organisation, or your colleagues, friends or family members, for the 2017 Victorian Senior of the Year Awards.

Categories

Premier's Award for Victorian Senior of the Year to an individual for an outstanding contribution to their local community and Victoria.

Promotion of Multiculturalism Award to an individual for a significant contribution to promoting the benefits of cultural diversity in their local community or in the broader community.

Healthy and Active Living Award to an individual for helping to create active and healthy communities through community involvement and as a role model.

Veteran Community Award to an individual for an exceptional contribution to the veteran community. The recipient of the award does not need to be a veteran.

Council on the Ageing (COTA) Victoria Senior Achiever Awards to up to 10 individuals for significant contributions to local communities and Victoria.

Age-Friendly Victoria Award recognising an organisation for creating age-friendly communities, promoting active ageing and improving quality of life and inclusion for older people.

Eligibility and selection criteria

Senior of the Year Awards nominees must be an Australian citizen, a resident of Victoria and aged 60 years or over. Nominees will be assessed on their volunteer contribution and achievements since reaching the age of 60.

Nominees are assessed on:

- how they make a difference to community wellbeing through volunteering
- their good standing in the community
- how their positive attitude to ageing inspires others.

The **Age-Friendly Victoria Award** is open to any organisation or business working with an age-friendly approach to programs and services in Victoria. Nominees must demonstrate achievements in each criterion:

- engagement with older people – older people participate in planning and implementing the age-friendly activity or environment
- age-friendliness – the activity or environment enables older people to achieve good health and wellbeing, social and economic participation, or personal security
- attitudinal shift – the activity or environment promotes positive attitudes towards ageing and older people in the community
- sustainability – the activity or environment is embedded within the community or organisation/business to ensure its ongoing viability.

How to use the nomination form

Use the form on p.4 of this guide for nominations in all categories.

Contact Seniors Information Victoria on 1300 135 090 or email askcota@cota.vic.au if you need more forms mailed to you or help with completing a nomination form.

Download additional nomination forms from www.seniorsonline.vic.gov.au



Verna Phillips, 2016 Veteran Community Award recipient



Peninsula Transport Assist, 2016 Age-Friendly Victoria Award recipient

Nomination form for the 2017 Victorian Senior of the Year Awards

Step 1: Mandatory information for all nominations

Your details. As the nominator, you will be the person we contact during the nomination and awards evaluation period. *(please print clearly)*

Ms / Mrs / Mr / Dr / Prof. _____

First name _____

Surname _____

Address _____

Post code _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

Do you consent to the Department inviting you to nominate again in future ?

Yes No

Step 2: Award(s) you are nominating for

(please tick)

Individual awards

- Premier's Award for Victorian Senior of the Year
- Promotion of Multiculturalism Award
- Healthy and Active Living Award
- Veteran Community Award
- COTA Victoria Senior Achiever Awards

Organisation or business award

- Age-Friendly Victoria Award

Step 3: You must complete Step 3a if you are nominating someone for an individual award or Step 3b if you are nominating an organisation or business for the Age-Friendly Victoria Award

Step 3a: Mandatory information for individual nominees

Nominee details. *(please print clearly)*

Ms / Mrs / Mr / Dr / Prof. _____

First name _____

Surname _____

Address _____

Post code _____

Using the eligibility and selection criteria on p.3 of this guide, answer the following questions as an attachment to this nomination form:

- How does your nominee make a difference to community wellbeing through their service to social, cultural or civic life?
- How does their positive attitude to ageing involve and inspire other people?

Then:

- Attach two letters supporting the nomination from colleagues or organisations.
- You can attach photocopies (not originals) of up to 10 pieces of supporting information about your nominee, such as awards and media articles.

Step 3b: Mandatory information for organisations or businesses

Nominated organisation _____

ABN (if relevant) _____

Using the eligibility and selection criteria on p.3 of this guide, answer the following questions as an attachment to the nomination form:

- Briefly describe your project and its relationship to your organisation's purpose and objectives.
- How were older people involved in the development of your project?
- How did the project affect older people's health, social participation or personal security?
- How has the project promoted positive attitudes towards ageing and older people?
- How is the project maintaining its viability?

Then:

- Attach three written references from individuals, organisations or community groups involved in the project.

Step 4: How you heard about the Victorian Senior of the Year Awards *(please tick)*

- Mail or email from the state government
- Seniors Online or the department's website
- Seniors Information Victoria or COTA Victoria
- Newspaper, online or TV advertisement
- Word of mouth
- Other (please specify)

Submit your nomination

**Mail: Victorian Senior of the Year Awards
Department of Health and Human Services
GPO Box 4057 MELBOURNE VIC 3001
Email: seniorsfestival@dhhs.vic.gov.au**

Closing date for nominations is **Friday, 23 June 2017**