

Order of Australia Fact Sheet

Do you know someone who goes above and beyond, making your community a better place?

Nominate them today for an Order of Australia – our nation's highest honour.

Every year, hundreds of Australians are celebrated through the Order of Australia. People from all backgrounds, all parts of Australia, and who do all kinds of work are honoured through the Order. It belongs to all Australians, and it's uniquely ours.

By nominating, we have a say in who is celebrated, and the types of service and achievement that matter to us.

Anyone can nominate and nominations can be submitted at any time

Your nomination is the first critical step.

1. Nominate

1. The name and contact details of the person you are nominating
2. Your name and contact details
3. An outline of your nominee's contribution
4. Names and contact details of referees

Don't leave it to someone else – have your say by nominating an inspiring person you know.

Who will you nominate?

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2. Research



Your nominee is independently and carefully researched by the Honours and Awards Secretariat, including confirming information with referees.

3. Review



Nominations are reviewed by the independent Council for the Order of Australia, which decides how nominees progress.

4. Recommendation



Selected nominees are asked if they would accept an award if offered one. Those who say yes are recommended by the Council for an appointment or award to the Governor-General.

5. Approval



The Governor-General considers and approves the final list of recipients, which are announced on 26 January and in June.

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