Australia Day 2019 Honours List

The Order of Australia

Factsheet

- The Australia Day 2019 list is the largest in the history of the Order of Australia – recognising 1127 outstanding and inspirational Australians.

- Since 2014, His Excellency General the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC (Retd) has appointed or awarded almost 7,000 Australians in the General Division of the Order of Australia.

- The break-down of Order of Australia Honours in the Australia Day 2019 list is:
  - 19 appointed Companions of the Order (AC)
  - 71 appointed Officers of the Order (AO)
  - 282 appointed Members of the Order (AM)
  - 755 Medals (OAM) awarded.

- Women received 422 – or 37.4 per cent – of awards – the highest number and percentage ever. The number of nominations and awards for women are trending up.

- Almost 46 per cent of awards (516 in total) were for outstanding service or achievement in the community.

- The oldest recipient in the Australia Day 2019 list is 99 years old. The youngest recipient is 26 years old.

- The majority of medals are engraved at Government House in Canberra. Including service medals around 15,000 medals are engraved each year at Government House.

- In addition to being Australian, recipients identified with an ancestral heritage from 30 different countries. 213 recipients were born overseas.

- Awards in the tourism and hospitality sector are up as a proportion of all awards - 12 in this list, compared to an average of 3 per list in the last four years.

- More than half of all awards in the Conservation sector went to women and female recipients in the Education sector received three awards for every two to men. Female recipients in Local Government outnumber men in this list, first time this has occurred.