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ICOM Australia Award

ICOM Australia Award recognises and celebrates the outstanding work undertaken by Australian institutions and individuals that has strengthened international collaboration and contributed to the cultural richness of museums.

Australian museums enrich the cultural, social and intellectual lives of all Australians and in so doing contribute to the development of well-informed, tolerant and cohesive communities. This exchange of ideas and expertise is an important part of expanding these opportunities.

ICOM Australia encourages nominations for the 2016 ICOM Australia Award.

The Award

In 2016, ICOM Australia will again recognise Australian institutions and professionals for outstanding work in promoting international relations.

Two types of award are offered:

- a) Institutional Award: a discrete project realised in 2015/2016 or an ongoing initiative which has realised a major milestone in 2015/2016 that strengthens museum relations internationally, promotes information sharing across borders and distributes resources beyond Australia. Individuals or teams can be recognised.
- b) Individual Award: outstanding individual achievement recognising sustained international engagement over a long period.

Projects or initiatives can be from any area of museum practice (for example, collection management, exhibitions, museum management, audience development, marketing, research, sponsorship, education, training or professional development).

Eligibility

a) The Award is open to:

- Individuals who are members of ICOM Australia or individuals who are currently employed by institutions that are members of ICOM Australia, and
- Museums or partner organisations who are members of ICOM Australia – such as educational institutions or non-government organisations.

b) Nominations can come from industry peers; self-nominations will also be accepted. Current members of the ICOM Australia Executive Board are not eligible for nomination of an Individual Award. Nominations from members of the ICOM Australia Executive Board will not be accepted; this does not preclude their organisation from being nominated for an Institutional Award.

How to nominate a project, initiative or individual

Nominators should complete the application form at <http://icom.org.au/site/activitiesair.php>, including a written summary of no more than two (2) pages. The summary should include:

Institutional Award

Title of the project, date of commencement, date of completion or milestone reached in the award period.

The institutions and individuals involved.

The intent and outcome of the project or initiative.

You may include digital copies of published material relating to the project or initiative as supplementary information.

Individual Award

A summary of the nominee's engagement in fostering international relations within the museum sector.

A career biography.

An assessment by the nominator of the nominee's vision, influence, and legacy.

Nominations should clearly state:

- The nominator's name, position and institution (if relevant) and full contact details.
- The nominee's name, position and institution (if relevant) and full contact details.

The nomination form and any supporting documentation should be submitted digitally by **Friday 4 March 2016** to:

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Selection and Award Ceremony

An assessment panel including up to three members of the ICOM Australia Executive Board and one external ICOM member will assess the Individual and Institutional nominations received and recommend the award recipients to the Executive Board.

A conflict of interest may arise if a member of the assessment panel has an association with an institution nominated. In this case, the member must step aside from the selection process. An alternate Executive Board member can be invited to assess the applications if deemed necessary.

A serving Executive Board member cannot be nominated for the Individual Award.

The Executive Board has the right not to confer an award if they believe nominations are not of sufficient quality and relevance.

The Executive Board's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

The award will be presented during the Museums Australasia Joint Conference 2016, 15–19 May 2016, Auckland, New Zealand.

ICOM Australia may contribute to the cost of attendance at the ceremony if requested.

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Copyright remains with the nominee for all entries to the Award. By submitting a nomination, the nominator warrants that the nominee will grant ICOM Australia and the International Council of Museums a limited licence to reproduce material relating to the nominated project for the promotion of the Award and for archival purposes.

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