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ICOM Australia Awards recognise and celebrate outstanding work undertaken by Australian individuals and institutions that has strengthened international relations and contributed to the cultural richness of museums and galleries.

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

ICOM Australia encourages nominations for the 2017 ICOM Australia Awards.

Individual Award - for impact on an international level

This Award is for an outstanding individual achievement recognising significant international engagement and inspirational contribution to Australia's cultural life.

The Individual Award is open to any professional individual who has contributed significantly to the museum and/or gallery sector.

Assessment of nominations will focus on how the individual has demonstrated:

- excellence in a particular project or body of work
- innovation and vision
- international impact
- influence on and contribution to museum/gallery practice.

Institution Award - for an innovative project

This Award is for an innovative project completed in the last twelve months (January to December 2016) or an ongoing initiative that has realised a major milestone in 2016. Projects or initiatives can be from any area of museum and gallery practice (including curatorial, collection management, exhibitions and display, museum management, audience engagement, public programs, digital content, marketing, research, sponsorship, education, training or professional development).

The Institution Award is open to museums and galleries or partner organisations including educational institutions or non-government organisations. Individuals and/or teams can be recognised by this Award.

Assessment of nominations will focus on how the project or initiative has:

- demonstrated excellence in the museum/gallery project
- strengthened international relations between collecting institutions
- promoted collaboration between institutions
- contributed significantly to the evolving role of museums and galleries.

Guidelines for nominations

Nominations are open to ICOM and non-ICOM members for both the Individual and Institution Awards and the nominations are to be made by ICOM members.

Nominations can come from industry peers or self-nominations will 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 but this does not preclude their organisation from being nominated for an Institutional Award.

How to nominate an individual or institution project or initiative:

Nominators should complete the application form at:

<http://icom.org.au/site/activitiesair.php>, including a written summary of no more than two (2) A4 pages. The summary should include:

Individual Award:

- summary of nominee's excellence in a particular project or body of work
- demonstration of innovation and excellence
- international impact
- influence on and contribution to museum/gallery practice.

InstitutionAward:

- title of the project, date of commencement and completion or milestone reached in the Award period in 2016
- institutions and individuals involved
- intent and outcome of the project or initiative noting assessment criteria.

Digital copies of published material relating to Award nominations maybe included as supplementary information (10 pages maximum plus URL).

Nominations should clearly state:

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

Nominations should be sent to:

Post: Lee Scott
ICOM Australia
PO Box 266
CIVIC SQUARE ACT2608

Email: awards@icom.org.au

All nominations must be postmarked/e-tagged: **by 5.00pm AEDT Friday 10 March 2017.**

Selection and assessment process

An assessment panel, including up to three members of the ICOM Australia Executive Board and one external ICOM member, will assess the Individual and Institution 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 Board member can be invited to assess the applications if deemed necessary.

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

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

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

Awards ceremony

The Awards will be presented during the 2017 Museums Galleries Australia Conference in May 2017, to be held in Brisbane.

ICOM Australia may contribute attendance costs at the ceremony if requested.

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Copyright remains with the nominee for all entries to the Awards. 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 Awards and for archival purposes.

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