

# Creative Futures Recognition Awards

In recognition of service in the field of Autism Spectrum Disorder

To families and individuals with an Autism Spectrum Disorder:

- Has someone made a real difference to your family or a family that you know?
- Would you like to acknowledge this publicly?

...Then consider nominating them for an Autism Victoria Creative Futures Recognition Award.

To professionals and others working in the field of Autism Spectrum Disorders:

- Has someone inspired you with their expertise and dedication?
- Do you know someone working in this area that you feel should be publicly acknowledged for their contributions?

...Then consider nominating them for an Autism Victoria Creative Futures Recognition Award.

Nominating is easy - just read through these guidelines and prepare a nomination using the pro forma as a guide. Nominations can be lodged at any time. Awards are made once a year at an appropriate Autism Victoria function, such as a State Conference, Annual General Meeting or similar.

## **Intent of the Autism Victoria Creative Futures Recognition Award.**

- ◆ To acknowledge the contributions of individuals to the field of Autism Spectrum Disorder in the specific areas of professional and community service.
- ◆ To provide public recognition of the work of people in the field of Autism Spectrum Disorder.
- ◆ To inform the public of services and contributions made by individuals.

## **Eligibility**

The nominee and nominator must be members in good standing with the Autism Spectrum Disorder community.

## **Award Categories**

- ◆ Exemplary Service Award
- ◆ Individual Achievement Award
- ◆ Patronage Award

- ◆ Professional Achievement Award
- ◆ Business Partnership Award
- ◆ Parent/Carer Award

## **Award Criteria**

Individuals and programs that have contributed to services for people with an Autism Spectrum Disorder and their families and the autism profession in one or more of the following ways can be nominated:

- a. Promoted **awareness** of Autism Spectrum Disorders.
- b. Demonstrated **leadership** within the area of service delivery.
- c. Contributed to the **furtherance** of Autism Victoria and/or their Organisational Members goals, objectives and activities.
- d. Demonstrated **leadership** within their professional domain.
- e. Developed and/or implemented **innovative** programs.
- f. **Written** and published major papers, articles, books or pamphlets that benefit the Autism Spectrum Disorder community.
- g. Contributed in **other** areas deemed appropriate by nominator/seconded.

## **Application of Criteria**

- ◆ In appraising the qualifications of those nominated, priority shall be given to consistent and exemplary contributions made to benefit people with an Autism Spectrum Disorder, their families and associated services and/or professions.
- ◆ A Selection Committee consisting of three members (or nominees) of the Autism Victoria State Council shall make the selection of the recipient(s).

## **Presentation of Award**

The Autism Victoria Award(s) for Excellence shall be presented in conjunction with an activity organized by Autism Victoria. Recipients will receive a certificate and memento, and be profiled in Autism Victoria publications and in media releases.

## **Submission of Nominations**

Submissions are to be forwarded by post or email:

The President - IN CONFIDENCE  
Autism Victoria  
PO Box 235  
ASHBURTON VIC 3147

Or by email to

[admin@autismvictoria.org.au](mailto:admin@autismvictoria.org.au)

## **Format for Submissions**

Nominators must use the format on the attached page – submissions are not to exceed two pages in length and can be typed or hand written. Nominees do not have to be informed of your nomination – that is your decision. Autism Victoria will advise all nominators of the outcome, and will contact all successful award recipients and those nominating them.

## Autism Victoria Creative Futures Recognition Awards NOMINATION PRO FORMA

NOMINEE & NOMINATOR CONTACT DETAILS	
<p><b>Nominee</b></p> <p>or the person you wish to nominate for an award</p>	<p>Name.....</p> <p>Address .....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Contact Phone.....</p> <p>Email .....</p>
<p><b>Nominator</b></p> <p>your details</p>	<p>Name.....</p> <p>Address .....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Contact Phone.....</p> <p>Email .....</p>
NOMINATION DETAILS	
<p><b>Describe</b> how the nominee is engaged in serving the Autism Spectrum Disorder community (no more than 100 words)</p>	
<p>Which <b>criteria</b> (using the list above) do you believe best apply to your nominee? For each criteria describe in one or two sentences why they apply to your nominee</p>	
<p>Which <b>category</b> of Award are you nominating for?</p>	
<p><b>Why</b> do you believe your nominee is deserving of this Award – no more than 100 words</p>	

Signed – Nominator ..... Date / /