

Information and nomination form

2021 VICTORIAN SENIOR OF THE YEAR AWARDS



Nominations close Friday 9 July 2021

Message from the Premier and the Minister for Disability, Ageing and Carers

Every day, Victorian Seniors do so much for their community and 2020 was no exception.

Despite devastating bushfires and an isolating pandemic, stories of seniors going above and beyond for their loved ones and their communities were constantly being told.

The Victorian Senior of the Year Awards are our chance to say thanks - to the many senior Victorians, who have given and shared their skills, experience, time, and energy with our state.

By nominating a deserving person, you can help make sure the outstanding contributions of our seniors are recognised.

After a year in which Victorians put so much on hold including these awards, these important awards are now open for nominations.

Use this form to nominate someone now or visit www.seniorsonline.vic.gov.au/awards to learn more.

Every nominee will receive a certificate acknowledging their contributions, while award recipients will be honoured at Government House at the Victorian Seniors Festival this October.

Help us celebrate those Victorians whose kindness and generosity make our state stronger and fairer.



Daniel Andrews MP
Premier of Victoria



Luke Donnellan MP
Minister for Disability,
Ageing and Carers

2019 award recipients

We were unable to present these awards in 2020.

In 2019 the awards recognised volunteers for their very practical and necessary work in palliative care, in migrant and refugee centres, the running of important local events, and in the provision of community transport; as leaders and service providers with Vietnam war veterans and older veterans and with members of the University of the Third Age and Neighbourhood House participants; as advocates for those for whom English is not their language of choice, for social justice, for local arts and culture, for the advancement of their local community, for gambling reform, for services to older people and for those chronically ill; and as passionate participants in the sharing of knowledge and experiences across generations.

For more information visit

www.seniorsonline.vic.gov.au/awards



Man da Li Hromin, recipient of a 2019 COTA
Senior Achiever Award

Front cover

Top: Souria Youssef, recipient of the 2019 Promotion of Multiculturalism Award and Graham Townsend, recipient of a 2019 COTA Senior Achiever Award. Bottom: Margaret Young the 2019 Victorian Senior of the Year with family members.

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Disclaimer

The Department of Families, Fairness, and Housing intends to produce publications to promote the 2021 and future Victorian Senior of the Year Awards. You must ensure the person you are nominating has agreed to be nominated for an award, and agrees to their personal information contained in the nomination form being provided to and used by the Department of Health and Human Services.

Police check

The Department of Families, Fairness, and Housing uses a screening service provided by Victoria Police prior to confirming each year's award recipients. For more information about the screening process undertaken for the Victorian Senior of the Year Awards visit www.seniorsonline.vic.gov.au/awards-screening

Nominate someone for an award

If you know an older Victorian worthy of recognition – for example an Elder in your community, a member of a club you attend, a volunteer in your organisation – nominate them for an award.

Award categories

Premier's Award for Victorian Senior of the Year for an outstanding contribution by an individual to their local community and Victoria.

Promotion of Multiculturalism Award to an individual for a significant contribution to promoting the benefits of cultural diversity in their local community or in the broader community.

Healthy and Active Living Award to an individual for helping to create active and healthy communities through community involvement and as a role model.

Veteran Community Award to an individual for an exceptional contribution to the veteran community. The recipient of the award does not need to be a veteran.

Ageing Well Award to an individual who has worked to combat ageism, promote social justice and engaged with their community to support ageing well initiatives.

COTA (Council on the Ageing) Victoria Senior Achiever Awards to up to 10 individuals for significant contributions to local communities and Victoria.

Eligibility and selection criteria

Senior of the Year Awards nominees must be an Australian citizen, a resident of Victoria and aged 60 years or over. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Victorians aged 50+ are eligible to be nominated. Nominees will be assessed on their volunteer contribution and achievements since reaching the age qualifying them for nomination. Nominees are assessed on these selection criteria:

1. how they make a difference to community wellbeing through volunteering
2. their good standing in the community
3. how their positive attitude to ageing inspires others.

How to use the nomination form

Use the nomination form on page 4 to make a nomination for all categories. Remember to attach the additional material as requested.

Contact Victorian Seniors Card on 1300 797 210 if you need more forms mailed to you or help with completing a nomination form.

You can download additional nomination forms from www.seniorsonline.vic.gov.au/awards



Alan Moore, recipient of a 2019 COTA Senior Achiever Award with the Governor of Victoria, the Hon Linda Dessau.



Hazel Radley, recipient of a 2019 COTA Senior Achiever Award

Nomination form for the 2021 Victorian Senior of the Year Awards

Please print clearly.

Step 1: Mandatory for all nominations – information about you the nominator

Your details. You will be the person we contact during the nomination and awards evaluation period.

Ms / Mrs / Mr / Dr / Prof.

First name and surname

Position (if representing an organisation)

Name of organisation (if relevant)

Address

Post code

Telephone

Email

Do you consent to us retaining your name and contact details so we can advise you in future years of the Victorian Senior of the Year Awards nomination period?

Step 2: Award(s) you are nominating someone for:

(please tick)

Individual awards

- Premier's Award for Victorian Senior of the Year
- Promotion of Multiculturalism Award
- Healthy and Active Living Award
- Veteran Community Award
- Ageing Well Award
- COTA Victoria Senior Achiever Awards

Note: If you prefer, you don't need to identify a particular award or awards as the Selection Panel will review all nominations with all potential awards in mind.

Step 3: Mandatory for all nominations – information about your nominee for an award

Nominee details:

Ms / Mrs / Mr / Dr / Prof.

First name and surname

Age

Address

Post code

Using the eligibility and selection criteria on page 3 of this guide, answer the following questions **as attachments to this nomination form**:

1. How does your nominee make a difference to community wellbeing through their service to social, cultural, or civic life? Demonstrate how your nominee is held in good standing in their community.
2. Attach at least two letters supporting the nomination from colleagues or individuals in the community.
3. You can attach photocopies (not originals) of up to 10 pieces of supporting information about your nominee, such as awards and media articles.

For simple tips on how to write a strong nomination visit www.seniorsonline.vic.gov.au/awards

Step 4: How you heard about the Victorian Senior of the Year Awards (please tick)

- Mail or email from Department of Families, Fairness and Housing
- Seniors Online or DFFH website
- Seniors Information Victoria or COTA Victoria
- Newspaper, radio or television article or advertisement
- Social media
- Word of mouth
- Other (please specify) _____

Step 5: Submit your nomination

Mail:

Victorian Senior of the Year Awards,
Department of Families, Fairness and Housing
GPO Box 1774 Melbourne
Victoria 3001

Email:

Scan and email to
seniorsfestival@dhhs.vic.gov.au

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