2017 Victorian Disability Awards

Guide

Easy English
Hard Words

This information has some hard words.

The first time we write a hard word

- the word is in blue

- we will write what the hard word means.

This information is about the 2017 Victorian Disability Awards.
Victorian Disability Awards

The Victorian Disability Awards are awards which are given to people.

An award is a prize for doing something special.

When a person gets an award they know that other people like what they have done.

The Victorian Disability Awards are prizes for people who

- have a disability

- make life better for people with a disability

- live in Victoria.
2 organisations work together to give the awards

- National Disability Services
- Department of Health and Human Services.

The awards can be given to

- one person
- a small group of people
- a large group of people.

There are 7 different awards.

You need to **nominate** a person or group of people to win an award.

Nominate means you tell us who you want to win the award.
Important dates

Nominations

- start on Thursday 16 March 2017

- finish on Thursday 27 April at 5pm.

We will tell people who might win an award in May 2017.

People who might win an award need to

- fill in a police check consent form

- send us their finished police check consent form in 1 week.

A police check consent form means that you say yes to us doing a police check.

A police check is when the police look at your details.
Award winners

A **finalist** is someone who might win an award.

We will **announce** the finalists in the week that begins on **17 July**.

Announce means that we will tell everyone.

We will announce the award winners on **Wednesday 16 August** at a **ceremony**.

A ceremony is a special event.
The award for an emerging leader

An emerging leader is a person who is starting to

- show other people how to do things
- help other people to do things.

The award is for one person.

You may nominate a person who is starting

- to tell others what people with disability need or want
- a new program to make life better for people with a disability.
The award for excellence in creating inclusive communities

Your **community** is the people and places around you.

An **inclusive community** is a community where everyone is a part of that place.

To feel included in a community you need to feel that you belong and are important.

This award is for a person or group of people.

You may nominate a person or group of people who have

- helped people with a disability be part of the community
- made changes to include people with a disability in the community.
The award for excellence in employment outcomes

**Employment** is when you work in a job.

This award is for a person or group of people.

You may nominate a person or group of people that have helped people with a disability to

- start work

- keep their paid job.

You may also nominate a person or group of people that has

- made work places better for people with a disability.
The award for excellence in promoting health or housing or wellbeing

Your health is about

- being healthy
- **not** being sick.

Housing is where you live.
You need to be warm and comfortable where you live.

Wellbeing is how happy you are with your life.

This award is for a person or group of people.

You may nominate a person or group of people that helps people with disability to

- be healthy
- be happy
- get a better house.
The award for excellence in promoting rights or fairness or safety

Rights are things that everyone should be able to

- get
- have
- do.

When something is fair it is the same for everyone.
When you are safe you should not get hurt by

- people
- things around you.

This award is for a person or group of people.

You may nominate a person or group of people that helps people with disability to

- know their rights
- get their rights
- be safe.
Volunteer award

A volunteer

- works to help people
- is not paid money.

There are many volunteers who help people with disability.

This award is for a volunteer or group of volunteers who help people with disability.
Lifetime achievement honour roll

This award is for a person who has helped people with disability for a long time.

An honour roll is a list of names.

The new winner of the award is added to the honour roll every year.
How we choose the winners

The judges

- talk about the nominations
- choose who will win each award.

The judges think about 3 things when they choose the winners

- **achievement**
  What has been done to help people with a disability.

- **impact**
  How the achievement helps people with a disability.

- other information that will help them choose the winners.
How to nominate for the awards

There are rules for the awards.

You might need help to understand the rules.

1. Read this information

2. Choose who you want to nominate
   – if you want to nominate someone who works for a large group you need to tell their boss
   – their boss has to tell you it is ok to nominate the person or group of people

3. Your details
   You need to tell us
   – who you are
   – who you want to nominate.
4. Write about your nomination

You write about your nomination in a form on the internet.


You might need help to write about your nomination.

Tell us if you can **not** use the internet. We can help you.
When you write about your nomination you tell the judges about the person or group.

You should not write more than 900 words.

Your computer will tell you how many words you have written.

There are ideas for how many words you should write in each part of your nomination.

- achievement
  100 words or less

- impact
  650 words or less

- other information
  150 words or less
We can help you

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