

Information and nomination form

# 2019 VICTORIAN SENIOR OF THE YEAR AWARDS



Nominations close Friday 5 July 2019

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

Every day, senior Victorians share their skills, experience, time, and energy with our state.

The Victorian Senior of the Year Awards are one of the many ways we say thanks.

And by nominating a deserving person or organisation, you too can help make sure the outstanding contributions of our seniors are recognised.

Nominations for this year's awards are now open.

Use this form to nominate someone, or visit [www.seniorsonline.vic.gov.au/awards](http://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 37th 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

## 2018 award recipients

Last year's awards recognised advocates for social justice, our heritage and the environment; front line providers of support for carers, members of the Stolen Generation and refugees; people responding to community health needs; educators and cultural workers; people representing their communities and changing social attitudes; and long term volunteers driving local support and emergency response services.

The University of the Third Age Network Victoria received the Age-Friendly Victoria award for their commitment to engage with older people at all levels of the organisation. For 30 years they have shared their expertise, skills and passions to run courses, and volunteer on advisory groups with local businesses, community organisations and government to develop and support socially inclusive and age-friendly communities.

For more information visit [www.seniorsonline.vic.gov.au/awards](http://www.seniorsonline.vic.gov.au/awards)



Hamish Russell, recipient of the 2018 Premier's Award for Victorian Senior of the Year

### Front cover

Top: Robert Lowe Senior, recipient of a 2018 COTA Senior Achiever Award and Marin Ahmed Abdulle, recipient of the 2018 Promotion of Multiculturalism Award.  
Bottom: Robin Gale-Baker, recipient of the 2018 Healthy and Active Living Award with friends and family.

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This form is also available for download at [www.seniorsonline.vic.gov.au/awards](http://www.seniorsonline.vic.gov.au/awards)

### Disclaimer

The Department of Health and Human Services intends to produce publications to promote the 2019 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 Health and Human Services 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](http://www.seniorsonline.vic.gov.au/awards-screening)

## Nominate an individual or an organisation

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. Similarly if your organisation, or one you know, has an age-friendly approach to the way it operates and delivers programs and services consider nominating them for the Age-Friendly Victoria 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.

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

**Age-Friendly Victoria Award** recognising an organisation for creating age-friendly communities, promoting active ageing and improving quality of life and inclusion for older people.

## 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. Nominees will be assessed on their volunteer contribution and achievements since reaching the age of 60.

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.

The **Age-Friendly Victoria Award** is open to any organisation or business working with an age-friendly approach to programs and services in Victoria. Nominees must demonstrate achievements in each of these selection criteria:

1. engagement with older people – older people participate in planning and implementing the age-friendly activity or environment
2. age-friendliness – the activity or environment assists older people to achieve good health, and wellbeing and social and economic participation
3. attitudinal shift – the activity or environment promotes positive attitudes towards ageing and older people in the community
4. sustainability – the activity or environment is embedded within the community or organisation/business.

### 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](http://www.seniorsonline.vic.gov.au/awards)



Aunty Iris Bysouth, recipient of a 2018 COTA Senior Achiever Award



Brenda Appleton, recipient of a 2018 COTA Senior Achiever Award with the Honourable Linda Dessau AC, Governor of Victoria



# Nomination form for the 2019 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 an individual person or an organisation for

(please tick)

### Individual awards

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

### Organisation or business award

- Age-Friendly Victoria Award

## Step 3: Mandatory information for individual awards

### 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.

## Step 3: Mandatory information for organisations or businesses nominees for the Age-Friendly Victoria Award

### Nominated organisation or business details

Nominated organisation

ABN (if relevant)

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

1. Briefly describe your project and its relationship to your organisation's purpose and objectives.
2. How were older people involved in the development and planning of your project?
3. How did the project affect older people's health, social participation or personal security?
4. How has the project promoted positive attitudes towards ageing and older people in the community?
5. How is the project maintaining its sustainability in the community?

Then:

- Attach three written references from individuals, organisations or community groups involved in the project.

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

- Mail or email from Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)  
 Seniors Online or DHHS website  
 Seniors Information Victoria or COTA Victoria  
 Newspaper, radio or television article or advertisement  
 Social media  
 Word of mouth  
 Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

For simple tips on how to write a strong nomination visit [www.seniorsonline.vic.gov.au/awards](http://www.seniorsonline.vic.gov.au/awards)

## Submit your nomination

Mail: Victorian Senior of the Year Awards  
Department of Health and Human Services  
GPO Box 4057 MELBOURNE VIC 3001  
Email: [seniorsfestival@dhhs.vic.gov.au](mailto:seniorsfestival@dhhs.vic.gov.au)

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