

Australian Wool Industry Medal

The Australian Wool Industry Medal (AWIM) recognises men and women who have made an exceptional and sustained contribution to the Australian wool industry.

INFORMATION ON HOW TO NOMINATE SOMEONE



Further information and a nomination form can be downloaded from
www.woolindustries.au

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Categories and Guidance Notes

Nominations are open to all men and women who have;

- Worked in / or represented the Australian wool industry,
- Made an exceptional and sustained contribution in the Australian wool industry in one or more of the following categories:



Producing

Shearing

Wool Classing

Testing

Brokering

Market Reporting and Analysis

Administration / Regulation Service

Exporting

Processing

Education

Science

Promotion

Fashion

Other



Information on how to nominate

Who can be nominated?

Any living person who has been active in the Australian wool industry since 1991 and has made an exceptional contribution can be nominated.

Note: Contributions prior to 1991 may also be taken into consideration.

Any individual, community organisation, professional body or similar group can nominate someone for the Medal.

How do you prepare a nomination?

When filling out the nomination form, it is important to provide specific examples of how the nominee's contribution(s) has been outstanding.

In addition to providing a list of appointments or positions held by the nominee, it is helpful to include examples that best show how the nominee has gone above and beyond what could be reasonably expected of someone in a similar position. In preparing the nomination, time should be devoted to considering why **you** think the nominee's service and achievements are outstanding and worthy of recognition for an Australian Wool Industry Medal.

The nomination form must be completed in English.

How are nominations assessed?

The Wool Industries Australia is an independent wool industry body which will appoint a panel to consider **ALL** eligible nominations and recommend candidates to be considered by the WIA Executive Committee.

The Panel consists of up to 5 members from a range of wool sectors across Australia.

In considering nominations, the Panel seeks to satisfy itself that the person concerned has:

- demonstrated achievement at a high level;
- made a contribution over and above what might be reasonably expected through paid employment; or
- whose voluntary contribution to the wool industry stands out from others who may have also made a valuable contribution.

The degree and value of the contribution, rather than merely length of service, is the primary focus of the Panel's consideration. After assessing the nominations, the Panel recommends a list of recipients to the WIA Executive Committee for approval.

Is it necessary to provide referees?

Yes, the names and address of individuals who would be in a position to comment directly on the nominee's service should be provided. Three referees are required for each nomination.

Are nominations confidential?

All nominations are strictly confidential and the information provided will be used only to assist the Panel in considering the merits of the nomination. The person being nominated should **not** be approached for information or advised of his or her nomination at any stage.

How long does it take for nominations to be considered?

All nominations are processed in order of receipt by the Wool Industries Australia. Each year there will be a closing date for nominations. Following receipt, each nomination is thoroughly researched and referees are contacted. When all Relevant information has been obtained, the nomination is submitted to the WIA Executive Committee for consideration. This process can take 18 months to 2 years.

How are recipients told of their award?

Recipients are advised in writing that they are a recipient of the Australian Wool Industry Medal and will be invited to attend a Presentation.

Are nominators advised?

The WIA Secretary will send an email to the Nominator to acknowledge receipt of the Nomination Form.

Announcement of Medal Recipients

This will be done at the Annual Wool Week Dinner.

More information or help

If you have any further questions, or require guidance in the preparation of the nomination, please call the WIA Secretary (03) 9311 0103.

You may also visit the website at

www.woolindustries.au

to obtain a nomination form.