

LiFE
AWARDS



2027 LiFE Awards Nomination Guidelines





For over two decades, the Suicide Prevention Australia Living is For Everyone (LiFE) Awards have recognised outstanding contributions to suicide prevention.

The LiFE Awards aim to showcase the important work being done in states and territories across Australia by individuals and organisations to prevent suicide and support those in need.



Suicide Prevention Australia's LiFE Awards are part of our commitment to shining a light on the dedication and passion exhibited by so many who work tirelessly towards our shared vision of a world without suicide.

There are six LiFE Award categories which recognise the diverse and innovative efforts being undertaken to help save lives by individuals and organisations at a state and territory level. We encourage everyone who believes that they fulfill these criteria to nominate for the 2027 LiFE Awards. Every year, we are deeply moved by the high quality of submissions from across Australia.

The 2027 LiFE Awards for each state/territory will be presented by Suicide Prevention Australia at ceremonies across the country. These presentations are an opportunity for individuals and organisations to showcase the important work they are doing in our communities to help prevent suicide. Final dates for these presentations will be provided to all nominees.

State and Territory LiFE Awards recipients will be automatically eligible for the National LiFE Awards in their nominated category. National LiFE Awards recipients will be announced at the National Suicide Prevention Conference (NSPC27) at Princes Wharf No 1 in Hobart on Wednesday, 19 May 2027.

2027 LiFE Awards key dates

-  **14 September 2026**
Nominations open
-  **26 October 2026**
Nominations close
-  **9 November - 14 December 2026**
State/territory judging
-  **February - March 2027**
State/territory presentations
-  **February - March 2027**
National judging
-  **19 May 2027**
National LiFE Awards Dinner @ NSPC27 - Hobart

Nominations close 26 October 2026

State and territory award ceremonies will be held in their respective areas during February and March 2027.

The National
**Suicide
Prevention
Conference
2027**

**Build Hope.
Drive Change.**

National Suicide Prevention Conference 2027

Hosted by Suicide Prevention Australia, the national conference presents a unique opportunity to bring the sector together and share the latest thinking to promote best practice and innovation in suicide prevention.

The 2027 conference theme '**Build Hope. Drive Change.**' reflects the belief that hope is not inactive - it is something we create together through connection, compassion, evidence and action.

NSPC27 brings together lived experience, research, policy and practice to help shape a more hopeful future for suicide prevention in Australia.

Held in Hobart from 18-20 May 2027 at the Hotel Grand Chancellor Hobart, the conference will enable delegates to hear from leading keynote speakers, participate in workshops and networking, and collaborate with their peers. Suicide Prevention Australia looks forward to announcing the 2027 National LiFE Awards recipients at a gala dinner event on 19 May during the conference.

Register today and book your accommodation at:
www.conference.suicidepreventionaust.org



LiFE Awards categories

If you or someone you know has demonstrated an outstanding commitment to suicide prevention, we encourage you to nominate for a LiFE Award for one of the following categories. Help us shine a light on the lifesaving work that is being done around Australia to help save lives.

Individuals and organisations are eligible to nominate for up to three of the six LiFE Awards categories.



Communities in Action

The Communities in Action category honours the vital role that individuals and organisations play at the local level in driving suicide prevention efforts.

This award recognises grassroots leadership and community-led initiatives that foster connection, build resilience, and create safe spaces for conversations about mental health and suicide prevention. Examples may include the development of a local suicide prevention or mental wellbeing plan, or community-based activities that strengthen social ties and support help-seeking. At its core, this category celebrates the power of communities working together—because lasting change in suicide prevention starts with action at the local level.



Outstanding Contribution (Individual or Organisation)

Separate award categories for Individuals and Organisations

In recognition of the unique and powerful contributions made by both individuals and organisations, we will be accepting separate nominations for each in the Outstanding Contribution category.

We encourage nominations from individuals and organisations who work to reduce the rate and impact of suicide, and who have tremendous heart, skills and experience. Whether they are volunteers or working in paid positions or an organisation, it is through their efforts, insight and initiative that our communities become stronger and more resilient. They support individuals and communities and stand up for better services in suicide prevention, intervention and postvention.



LiFE Awards categories



Priority Populations

This award celebrates innovative service delivery by an individual or organisation that demonstrates cultural responsiveness, breaks down barriers, promotes inclusion, and delivers improved outcomes for those at risk.

The category recognises initiatives that make a meaningful difference by:

- Addressing, preventing, or responding to suicidal behaviours in populations and communities disproportionately impacted by suicide; and/or
- Identifying critical service gaps and embedding creative, evidence-informed solutions that better support people in need.

These efforts drive equitable access, foster community trust, and contribute to lasting, positive change in suicide prevention.



Innovative Practice & Research

This category recognises innovative research and practical initiatives — led by individuals or organisations — that enhance our understanding and effectiveness in suicide prevention, intervention and postvention.

The award highlights forward-thinking approaches that may respond to emerging challenges or strengthen best practice in suicide prevention.

This includes:

- Research that delivers new insights or advances knowledge in the field.
- Innovations that improve how we address, prevent, or respond to suicidal behaviours.
- Practical actions that make a measurable impact within communities.

These contributions help shape a more informed, effective and responsive suicide prevention sector — one that is equipped to meet both current and future challenges.



Best Practice in Workplace (Organisations only)

This award recognises an organisation that demonstrates exceptional commitment to suicide prevention and mental wellbeing in the workplace.

The award appreciates workplaces that go above and beyond to support the health, safety and sustainability of their workforce by embedding effective structures, policies, and practices that:

- Promote mental health and wellbeing.
- Prevent suicide.
- Provide compassionate support for those impacted by suicide.

These workplaces lead by example, reflecting best practice in employee wellbeing and creating supportive, inclusive environments where people feel safe, valued and connected.

Nomination Guidelines



Eligibility

Nominations are open to any individual or organisation in Australia that has showcased tangible outcomes through their involvement with suicide prevention initiatives and activities. You can nominate yourself or an individual or organisation on their behalf within the state/territory they operate. Please note, that you **do not** have to be a member or subscriber of Suicide Prevention Australia to apply.

Current staff or Board members of Suicide Prevention Australia are ineligible to nominate or be nominated.

Please note that nominees are permitted to nominate for no more than three categories.

LiFE Awards recipients can reapply after one year has elapsed (i.e. if you received a LiFE Award in 2026, you can only reapply in 2028). You may nominate a different campaign, event or initiative on the condition that there is a significant difference from the previous successful LiFE Awards nomination.

The Suicide Prevention Australia team and State/Territory Committee members are available to assist you throughout the nomination process. For further information or clarification, please contact the team at Suicide Prevention Australia by calling 02 9262 1130 or emailing: membership@suicidepreventionaust.org



Judging

The State/Territory Awards judging panel will comprise of three independent judges, who will adhere to strict confidentiality and conflict of interest agreements. The panel will include a representative with lived experience, along with State/Territory Committee member.

The National Awards are judged by independent third parties under the guidance of our National LiFE Awards Chair.

State and National Awards judging panels will assess nominations against the following criteria:

- Full completion of the nomination form
- Clear description of the nominee's role or the initiative nominated and how it aligns with their values
- Reasoning for the initiative nominated or the nominee's engagement in the initiative
- Evidence of best practice with consideration to improvement practices showing sustainability
- Engagement with a lived experience of suicide
- Evidence of collaboration with other stakeholders
- What personal values and skills do they bring to suicide prevention (if individual)?
- What are the benefits/impacts of the nominee's contribution to the sector?



Submitting a nomination

Nominations must be received by 11:59pm AEDT Monday 26 October 2026.

All applications must address the questions outlined in the [Nomination Form](#).

The Nomination Form can be submitted via the following options:

- **Online:** [Click here](#) to fill out the form online.
- **Email:** Download the form and return via email to membership@suicidepreventionaust.org
- **Post:** Download and print the form. Please post your application to Suicide Prevention Australia, GPO Box 219 Sydney NSW 2001.

The nomination form must be signed and dated acknowledging the declaration statement:

"I declare the information submitted in the nomination are true and correct to the best of my knowledge."

Please note that unsigned forms can not be accepted.

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Confidentiality and Privacy Disclaimer

All information submitted as part of the award nomination process will be treated with the utmost confidentiality and in accordance with applicable privacy laws. Suicide Prevention Australia is committed to protecting the privacy and personal information of all nominees and nominators.

Details provided in nominations will only be used for the purpose of administering the awards, including assessment by the judging panel. Information will not be shared publicly without the prior consent of the nominee or nominator.

By submitting a nomination, you confirm that you have the necessary authority or consent to share the information included, and that all details provided are accurate to the best of your knowledge.





Get in touch:

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www.suicidepreventionaust.org

There are crisis services available 24/7 if you or someone you know is in distress.

Lifeline: 13 11 14
www.lifeline.org.au

Suicide Call Back Service: 1300 659 467
www.suicidecallbackservice.org.au

Acknowledgements

Suicide Prevention Australia would like to acknowledge the Traditional Owners of all Country throughout Australia. We recognise their continuing connection to land, water and culture and pay our respects to Elders, past and present, for they hold the memories, traditions, culture and hopes of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples of Australia.

Suicide Prevention Australia would like to acknowledge the importance of lived experience and all those lost to suicide. We remember those we have lost to suicide and acknowledge the suffering suicide brings when it touches our lives. We are brought together by experience and unified by hope.