

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST ARE CALLED FOR POSITIONS ON THE JUDGING PANEL FOR THE INTERPRETATION AUSTRALIA AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE

The IA Awards for Excellence (the Awards) were established in 2008 and are the legacy of Interpretation Australia Association Incorporated in recognising and rewarding excellence in the field of heritage interpretation.

Effective interpretation of our natural and cultural heritage makes a difference in our daily lives. It helps us understand and navigate our world and adds depth and insight to our experiences in museums, zoos, parks, the outdoors and commercial environments.

The continuation of the IA Awards for Excellence is a key strategic objective of the organisation. The Awards are a valued and prestigious platform for recognising the achievements of professionals, and emerging professionals, within the industry.

IA Awards for Excellence are intended to provide a comprehensive suite reflecting interpretation endeavours across Australia.

The Awards are conducted annually. Awards timing is:

- EOI for Award Judges – 6 July 2022
- Opening of Awards Submissions – 14 July 2022
- Closing of EOI for Award Judges – 31 July 2022
- Closing of Awards – 16 September 2022
- Award Judging Period – 19 Sep – 23 Oct 2022
- Award Finalisation Close – 30 October 2022
- Awards Presentation – 9 November 2022

Panellists will be required to sit in deliberations once annually. We are seeking 5-8 panellists from a range of disciplines and backgrounds to assist with the awards process. Panellists will be selected annually, determined by availability, conflicts of interest, and area of expertise.

The award categories for 2022 that will require judging are:

- Interpretation Projects – Outdoors
 - Level 1: Project budget less than \$75,000
 - Level 2: Project budget over \$75,000
- Interpretation Projects – Indoors
 - Level 1: Project budget less than \$75,000
 - Level 2: Project budget over \$75,000
- Temporary Interpretation Event or Display
- Digital Interpretation Project
- First Nations Interpretation Project
 - Level 1: Project budget less than \$75,000
 - Level 2: Project budget over \$75,000
- Interpretation Planning & Design Project

In addition, the following special awards will be considered if nominations are received:

- Interpretation Australia Medal – Inaugural Presentation
- Georgie Waterman Individual – Lifetime Achievement
- Young Achievers Individual – Emerging Professional

Panellists will be required to comply with a Terms of Reference to hold a position on the panel.

THE PANELLISTS WILL ALL HAVE THE FOLLOWING SKILLS AND ATTRIBUTES:

1. Be a professional interpretation practitioner (active, former or retired) with a minimum of 8 years of experience.
2. Ability to work in a timely, confidential, and professional manner.
3. Must be willing to declare any conflict and remove themselves from judging specific awards as necessary.
4. Not be related to, or have business associations with, the award nominees.