

Information and nomination form

# 2018 VICTORIAN SENIOR OF THE YEAR AWARDS



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

All over Victoria seniors are making our state a kinder, better, more generous place to live.

The Victorian Senior of the Year Awards recognise these outstanding contributions.

You can too.

If you know a person or organisation whose achievements deserve wider attention, nominate them for a *Senior of the Year Award*.

Nominations for this year's awards are now open.

Each nominee receives a certificate acknowledging their contribution, and award recipients will be honoured at Government House at the 36th Victorian Seniors Festival this October.

To nominate someone, or for more information, visit [www.seniorsonline.vic.gov.au](http://www.seniorsonline.vic.gov.au)

Help us celebrate the organisations and senior Victorians who make our great state even better.



Daniel Andrews MP  
Premier of Victoria



Martin Foley MP  
Minister for Housing,  
Disability and Ageing

## 2017 award recipients

In 2017 we received many nominations representing our diverse society here in Victoria. People who were recognised included a cancer awareness ambassador, a musician, a Vietnam veteran, a day club coordinator, a CWA volunteer, a refugees support group founder, a keeping fit mentor, a WWII prisoner of war, a Justice of the Peace, an age-friendly activist, a seniors golf legend, a Community Shed coordinator, and a Polish veteran and social club coordinator.

The organisation awarded the Age-Friendly award was Travellers Aid Australia for promoting age-friendly communities through its free, volunteer provided services that support people to navigate the public transport system and assist with other needs including attendance at medical and legal appointments, social activities, and education and training programs.

So if you know an older Victorian whom you think should be acknowledged – for example an Elder in your community, a member of a club you attend, a volunteer in your organisation – nominate them for consideration in this year's awards. Additionally, if your organisation works with an age-friendly approach to programs and services you can nominate for the Age-Friendly Award.

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



Marcello D'Amico, recipient of 2017 Promotion of Multiculturalism Award

**Front cover:** Zhaoran Li, 2016 COTA Senior Achiever Award recipient; Uncle Murray Harrison Wotjobaluk elder; and Roy Francis, recipient of the 2017 Premier's Award for Victorian Senior of the Year with Campbell Francis and Chidi Francis  
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### Disclaimer

The Department of Health and Human Services intends to produce publications to promote the 2018 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.

## Nominate someone you know

Nominate your organisation, or your colleagues, friends or family members for the 2018 Victorian Senior of the Year Awards.

### 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 the following 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 the following selection criterion:

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 enables older people to achieve good health and wellbeing, social and economic participation, or personal security
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 to ensure its ongoing viability.

### How to use the nomination form

Use the form on page 4 of this guide for making a nomination in all categories.

Contact Seniors Information Victoria on 1300 135 090 or email [askcota@cota.vic.au](mailto:askcota@cota.vic.au) if you need more forms mailed to you or help with completing a nomination form.

Download additional nomination forms from [www.seniorsonline.vic.gov.au](http://www.seniorsonline.vic.gov.au)



Anne Fairhall, recipient of 2016 COTA Senior Achiever Award



Roger Boness, recipient of 2017 Veteran Community Award

# Nomination form for the 2018 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 an **attachment 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 an attachment 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) \_\_\_\_\_

## 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

Closing date for nominations is Friday, 20 July 2018