

## **THE ASPIRE AWARDS**

The Aspire Awards are a national award program recognising the professional and advocacy contribution that people who identify with a disability have given to the Australian people.

Past awards have been presented in a live ceremony, but this year The Awards Committee have organised for each nominee to be presented with a Recognition Medal at 130 ceremonies that are being held throughout Australia. These will be compiled into an audio-visual presentation that can be viewed and shared by all participants, colleagues, family, and friends.

The winners in each award category will publicised at the end of October 2020 and a national awareness program to recognise all the winners and nominees will occur from December 1<sup>st</sup> to December 7<sup>th</sup> 2020.

We ask where possible that you follow the guidelines including the opening speech when you hold your ceremony, and that you make an audio/video recording of the proceedings and speech by the nominee.

You can download the video of past award ceremonies:

### **DOWNLOAD LINK**

[https://c.streamhoster.com/link/http/WXsBdN/qwZ0DvOsOLX/StJ4grsAM6x\\_1?dl=1&secVer=css1&secPolicy=%7B%22expires%22%3A1607054418%7D&signature=4a8c813089476f718b6505aae4e9420c0c993beca6c8fc39ad5752eb6418938c](https://c.streamhoster.com/link/http/WXsBdN/qwZ0DvOsOLX/StJ4grsAM6x_1?dl=1&secVer=css1&secPolicy=%7B%22expires%22%3A1607054418%7D&signature=4a8c813089476f718b6505aae4e9420c0c993beca6c8fc39ad5752eb6418938c)

## **SUGGESTED OPENING SPEECH**

The Aspire Awards are supported by Funds in Court: <https://fundsincourt.vic.gov.au/> a division of the Supreme Court of Victoria. Funds are paid into Funds in Court by a court order usually because a person is under a 'legal disability'. This might be because they: have had an accident, injury or illness; have an intellectual or physical disability (or both) and are under 18.

The awards are held in memory of Kevin Mahony AM , the former Senior Master of Funds in Court. They have been held since 2016. Professor Rhonda Galbally AC and Associate Justice John Efthim, the current Senior Master, are the 2020 Patrons of the Awards.

“The Aspire Awards founded by Miranda Bain in 2015 provide an important opportunity to raise awareness about disability issues more broadly across the community and, ultimately, to support the development of an inclusive Australian society.”

## **INTRODUCING NOMINEE**

In these times, a special kind of courage and resilience is needed. The nominees and recipients of The Aspire Award can lead the way and teach others in the community where obstacles can be overturned, goals achieved, and dreams realised.

The awards celebrate people who identify with a disability in any chosen field of work- volunteering, sport, hobby, advocacy, health, law, arts, writing. They celebrate opportunity, dreams, and achievements of an inclusive society.

The nominees for The Aspire Awards are who are well respected in their community, who have been active in their own endeavours, but also have given of themselves to help others. They come from all walks of life.

We all owe a debt to these remarkable people. Colleagues, friends and families should be proud. We are honouring amazing talent and wonderful achievements with this award, a symbol of recognition and hope that is shared with others around the country.

(PRESENT THE MEDAL TO THE NOMINEE, AND ASK THEM TO SAY A FEW WORDS ABOUT WHAT THIS AWARD MEANS TO THEM)

#### **What we need from you:**

1. The contact name, address and post code for delivery of the medal.
1. A record of the event In particular, we will be asking each nominee to provide a short video or audio segment about what it means for them to be nominated for an award and to receive the medal.

For example, you can make a film or audio recording using a mobile phone, ipad or laptop and provide a link for us to download the material – This can be dropbox, google drive, icloud or youtube. (\*Note: We will be providing more information and support for this process in the coming weeks) This will be made available to the video production company, who will be editing all the footage.

2. Please send the link to the video and a summary of the ceremony to [miranda.bain@fundsincourt.vic.gov.au](mailto:miranda.bain@fundsincourt.vic.gov.au)

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