

ANZRSAI PRACTITIONER AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE IN REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT 2006



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GUIDELINES

The Australia and New Zealand Regional Science Association International (ANZRSAI) invites applications for the **2006 ANZRSAI PRACTITIONER AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE IN REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT**. The Awards this year, will be as follows:

- ANZRSAI Regional Development Practitioner Award
- ANZRSAI Highly Commended Award (Runner up)
- ANZRSAI Practitioner Incentive Award

1. Objectives

The objectives of the award are:

- (1) To raise awareness of policies and practices for regional development.
- (2) To identify and reward achievements and good practices in regional development.
- (3) To encourage dissemination of information about the work and achievements of agencies and individuals working for regional development.

2. Eligibility

Open to not-for-profit organisations that include regional development as a substantial part of their charter and to individual persons working in regional development in Australia. Those eligible are invited to put forward their own achievements for award consideration. An organisation or individual's specified achievements may also be nominated by another organisation or outside person.

The activity or project must be one substantially developed and/or implemented with demonstrable outcomes over the 2004-2006 period. Nominations must be supported by a description and details of the achievement in the required form. The nominee must agree to the publication by (excluding anything that is commercially confidential) and be willing to attend the **ANZRSAI ANNUAL CONFERENCE AT BEECHWORTH, VIC. 26TH – 29TH SEPTEMBER 2006** to receive the award and make a presentation outlining the achievement, at their own cost.

3. Definition of Region

For the purposes of these awards, “**region**” means any spatially defined unit or aggregate of units in Australia.

4. The Award

The award consists of three prizes:

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| • ANZRS AI Regional Development Practitioner Award | \$5,000 |
| • ANZRS AI Highly Commended Award (Runner up) | \$2,500 |
| • ANZRS AI Practitioner Incentive Award | \$2,500 |

5. Criteria for Judging Nominations

Nominations will be assessed according to how well they address the following criteria.

IMPORTANT: Nominations which do not specifically address these criteria will not be assessed.

The application must show how the Achievement:

1. is the outcome of deliberative thought and action within the region;
2. is part of an overall development strategy for the region(s) involved;
3. incorporates co-operative planning and implementation;
4. uses creative thinking and innovative approaches in achieving outcomes, solving problems and utilising resources; and
5. has resulted in quantifiable significant outcomes eg. regionally rejuvenating and/or reinvigorating effects.

The Assessment Panel will also assess each application for its relevance to regional development theory, models and/or best practice.

6. Judging Panel

The awards will be made by the Council of ANZRS AI Inc on the recommendation of a panel comprising:

at least two persons nominated by the ANZRS AI Council of whom at least one shall be a current member of Council.

Decisions by ANZRS AI Council on the awards will be final.

7. Procedures for Nomination of an Achievement

Nominations must be lodged electronically on the prescribed form attached.
The forms can also be obtained from:

Hazel Jones
Executive Officer ANZRS AI
E-mail: anzrsai@anzrsai.org
Fax: (02) 4221 3725

Organisations experiencing exceptional circumstances that precludes them from submitting an electronic nomination are encouraged to contact Mrs Jones on Tel. (02) 4221 3666 or by email or facsimile to discuss this issue.

Nominations should be received by ANZRS AI by close of business 18th August, 2006

ANZRS AI Council may extend this deadline at its discretion.

8. Notification of Awards

Council will endeavour to advise all nominated organisations and individuals of the 2006 Award decisions before the conference. Council aims to advise award winners of their success by early September 2006 to enable them to arrange attendance at the Beechworth Conference. The main Award winners will be expected to pay their own travel and accommodation expenses associated with attendance at the Conference.

Office Use Only:

*Nomination No._____ Date
Received_____*

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Nomination Form

(Please read the 2006 Award Guidelines carefully before completing the two pages of this nomination form.)

NOMINATION DETAILS

- **Name and Address of Nominated organisation or individual:**

Tel:

Fax:

E-mail:

- **Contact Person (if an organisation):**

- **Nominator's name and contact details**
(if different from above):

- **Brief Title or Nominated Achievement**
(up to 8 words)

- **Overview of Achievement:**
(Give a succinct outline in not more than 80 words. This overview may be used in published reports of the 2004 award nominations.)

- **Description of Achievement:**
Please attach, in electronic form, a description of the nominated achievement. **This must be no more than four pages long.** It must be explicit how well the activity/achievement exhibits the characteristics listed under **Section 5 "Criteria for Judging Nominations"** in the Guidelines.

- **Referees:**

Please give the names and contact details (address, telephone, fax, e-mail) of **two** people external to your organisation who are aware of the substance and outcomes of the nominated achievement and may be asked for informed, qualitative comment.

Referee 1:

Referee 2:

- **Formal Agreement:**

This organisation/individual nominated for an award agrees to the nomination and agrees to abide by the procedures and requirements for the awards as set out in the guidelines.

Signed:

Date:

Send this completed nomination form and attachments to:

Hazel Jones

Executive Officer, ANZRS AI Inc.

E-mail: anzrsai@anzrsai.org

Fax: (02) 4221 3725

Nominations must be emailed unless prior arrangements have been made and must be received by close of business

Friday, 18th August 2006 .

CHECKLIST FOR APPLICANTS

Please ensure you have:

1. Read the guidelines for nominations.
2. Completed all sections of this form.
3. Attached a document up to 4 pages long describing the achievement and which specifically addresses all selection criteria in Section 5.

Applications must indicate what outcomes have been achieved and how they have been measured.