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We do not accept applications submitted by mail.

## Professional Excellence in Housing Awards 2012

### Nomination Form

#### About the Awards

The Australasian Housing Institute Awards provide an opportunity to showcase social housing success stories. The Awards formally recognise and reward excellence in professional practice, from the grass roots to the most senior levels. They promote to our colleagues and the community at large the difference that social housing professionals make to people's lives.

#### Instructions

- Nominations must be submitted on this form only, attachments are not permitted.
- The person submitting the nomination must be a member of the AHI.
- The individual or team members nominated do not have to be members of the AHI; they only need to work/volunteer in the housing sector.
- All sections of this form must be completed for the nomination to be valid.
- Completed nominations should be sent to [admin@housinginstitute.org](mailto:admin@housinginstitute.org) or fax +61 2 6494 7588 by the closing dates which are:

**New Zealand** – Friday, 23 March 2012

**NSW & ACT** – Friday, 27 April 2012

**Western Australia and Queensland** – Friday, 25 May 2012

**Victoria** – Friday, 29 June 2012

**Northern Territory and Tasmania** – Friday, 27 July 2012

#### Section 1 – Nomination Category

##### Individual Awards

- Inspirational Colleague
- Outstanding Achievement
- Tenant Led Initiative

##### Team Awards

- Leading Innovation
- Leading Practice
- Leading Housing Solutions
- Tenant Led Initiative

Instruction: Mark the box corresponding to the category being nominated for.

Note: A description of the Awards categories can be found in the end of this document (Explanation of Award Categories).

**Section 2 – Jurisdiction**

- Australian Capital Territory
- New South Wales
- Northern Territory
- Queensland
- South Australia
- Tasmania
- Victoria
- Western Australia
- New Zealand
- Australasian (only)

Instruction: Mark the box corresponding to the jurisdictional awards you wish to nominate for.

Note: All nominations will automatically be entered into the Australasian Awards, only mark 'Australasian' if you do *not* want to be considered at a jurisdictional level.

**Section 3 – Details of the Individual or Team being nominated**

Name(s).....

Position/role.....

Organisation.....

Address.....

e-mail:.....

Phone: .....

Are you a member of the AHI? (Please circle)                      Yes                      No

Instruction: All fields must be completed.

**Section 4 – Summary of Achievement**

Please describe the individual's or team's achievement for which they are being nominated:

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Instruction: Write a short statement (no more than 20 words) explaining what was achieved.





**Criterion Five** – The achievement of excellence in practice through the application of strategic thinking, innovation, consistently high standards and/or continuous improvement

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**Criterion Six** – Make a significant difference to the standing and profile of our profession

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Instruction: Complete all six selection criteria, maximum of 200 words per criteria.





## Australian Housing Institute

# Professional Excellence in Housing Awards 2011

### Explanation of Award Categories

#### Individual Awards

##### **Inspirational Colleague**

The winning candidate will be a person who consistently shows a willingness to add value over and above their official role, and who motivates others by the approach they take to their work. They will demonstrate a commitment to developing the effectiveness of others and to building better futures through leadership, partnership and involvement. They will, either formally or informally, act as a mentor to others engaged in social housing.

##### **Outstanding Achievement**

The winning candidate will be a housing professional who has made a strong impact on social housing over a number of years of committed professional service. Their work will demonstrate the enormous difference one person can make to the profession, a place or an issue. They will uphold the highest standards in social housing delivery and management, and have an exceptional capacity to effect change, in policy directions and/or practice, to increase the wellbeing of clients and colleagues.

#### Team Awards

##### **Leading Innovation**

This Award is for groups or teams who have undertaken an initiative or project that has led to significant change in their own organisation or community, with lessons that could be applied more broadly to other housing.

##### **Leading Practice**

Appropriate, safe and affordable housing makes a quantifiable difference to people's lives. This award is for housing professionals, who have shown a particular commitment to developing and delivering real benefits for clients. They will work creatively and efficiently to achieve long-term positive results for people in housing need.

They will find practical housing (and support) solutions that ensure that tenancies for clients with special needs are readily available and no more likely to fail than any others. Their partnerships and housing practice will engage housing managers, asset managers, support workers and other professionals in a team approach to meeting needs and maximising the quality of the housing response.

### Leading Housing Solutions

Housing Practitioners contribute not only to direct client outcomes but also to outcomes for communities, including amenity, physical environment, social mix and sustainability.

The winning group or team will have undertaken or been a major participant in significant work to deliver positive and lasting outcomes for communities through a housing response. The scale of the work need not be large but the ideas behind it should be. The winning candidates will be able to demonstrate that they have made a difference for a whole community in one or more of the following areas: sustain or regenerate neighbourhoods; integrate communities; make neighbourhoods safer; build the capacity of the community; invigorate the community through the development of services and employment; environmentally sustainable development; and/or environmentally sensitive housing management.

### Individual or Team Award

#### Tenant Led Initiative

The winning candidate will be an individual or a group of residents or tenants who have undertaken a project or initiative to benefit others in their community. They will have involved others in identifying issues, making plans and taking action. Their project or initiative will have achieved real outcomes (such as creating networks, empowering and/or involving a community) and provide a model for other resident or tenant groups to learn from. They will be effective in finding an appropriate balance between the needs of individual clients, the needs of their community and the sustainability of their housing service.

#### 2011-2012 Awards Information

South Australian Award Presentation has opened the 2011-2012 AHI Awards Cycle on 3rd November 2011 in Adelaide. AHI Awards Presentations will be held in each Australian Jurisdiction and New Zealand during 2012 with the Australasian Awards presented during the Australian National Housing Conference in November.

**Nominations are open for all other jurisdictions.** Nominations for 2011-2012 Awards Cycle are accepted during the year and must be submitted by the closing dates which will be announced on the AHI web-site.

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