



RSL ANZAC AWARDS

In its desire to honour those who serve in peace as well as perpetuating the memory and gallantry of those who served in war, The Returned & Services League of Australia has established a series of national honours – the ANZAC Awards.

AWARD CRITERIA

The **RSL ANZAC Peace Prize**, announced annually, is awarded by the RSL to 'recognise any outstanding effort by an Australian citizen who has promoted the concept of international understanding and who, in so doing, has made a contribution to world peace.'

Eligibility: Any Australian citizen, or one who has made an application to become an Australian citizen. The Prize will recognise the efforts of ordinary people. Those recognised will be average Australians who in some special and dedicated manner have made a real contribution to international peace and goodwill. The Prize may also be granted to individuals and groups who collectively have achieved this aim.

The Award: The Prize itself is a silver medallion, struck by the Perth Mint, depicting the legendary 'Simpson' of Gallipoli and his donkey, presented in a specially designed presentation case. The Medallion is accompanied by a miniature silver lapel badge and a certificate setting out the nature of the Prize and the citation on which the award was given.

The **RSL ANZAC of the Year Awards** are made annually 'to recognise the efforts and achievements of up to seven Australians who have given service to their fellow Australians and to the community in a positive, selfless and compassionate manner.'

Eligibility: Nominations may be made on behalf of any Australian citizen, or one who has made an application to become an Australian citizen. The awards may be made to individuals or groups who have demonstrated the spirit of comradeship and selfless service embodied in the tradition of ANZAC.

The Award: The Awards are bronze medallions depicting 'Simpson' of Gallipoli and his donkey, and are presented in a specially designed presentation case. The Medallion is accompanied by a miniature bronze lapel badge for everyday wear and a certificate setting out the nature of the Award and the citation on which the award was given.

HOW AND WHEN TO NOMINATE

Nominations

Nominations may be made by any organisation or individual within the community. Nominations from organisations or individuals with citations/references giving full details of the nominees service and background should be forwarded to the Chairman of the Committee for the ANZAC Awards, care of Rosemary Kennedy via email to (rkennedy@rslvic.com.au) or post to ANZAC House, 4 Collins Street, Melbourne, Victoria, 3000.

Nominations close on **Friday 15 February 2025**.

JUDGING PANELS

Selection panels are established in each State Branch. Usually each Chairman is the President of the RSL State Branch who, with three other members, forms the state panel.

The State Branch nominations are referred to a National Committee comprising the National President and a senior member of the RSL National staff, the Official Secretary to the Governor-General of Australia, a senior representative of the Honours & Awards Branch of the Department of Prime Minister & Cabinet and two other leading members of the community appointed by RSL Australia, who bring to the task a wide ranging expertise in their own fields of endeavour.

FOR AUSTRALIANS BY AUSTRALIANS

With a membership around 160,000, and with additional membership within the Women's Auxiliary, the RSL occupies a unique position to reach into the community at large. With some 1200 Sub-Branches throughout Australia, many of which form a focal point of the community activity in their town or suburb, the League believes it can reach and honour those Australians whose work for others typifies so closely to the spirit and traditions of ANZAC yet who often go unrewarded. These awards are designed so that those men and women amongst us can be recognised and honoured at a national level based on the recognition and nomination both of members of the RSL and also those within the community at large of which the RSL is such a major and visible part.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF AWARDS

The names of the recipients of the ANZAC Peace Prize and the ANZAC of the Year Awards are announced immediately prior to ANZAC Day of each year.

