

Above and Beyond

The Order of Australia, for all Australians.

Nominate someone
inspiring

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Nominate someone you know



We acknowledge the traditional owners of the country throughout Australia and their continuing connection to land, sea and community. We pay our respects to them and their cultures and to the elders past and present.

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A message from the Governor-General

I would like to congratulate the outstanding Australians recognised in the Australia Day Honours List.

The calibre of the recipients reflects the strength of our communities.

Their stories and backgrounds are diverse. They are inspirational.



Empowering women and celebrating culture

Victorian Zeynep Yesilyurt OAM believes the greatest impact of her work has been improving the wellbeing of women and older multicultural community members.



Recognition provides motivation for diversity and inclusion champion

South Australia's Carmen Garcia AM says Order of Australia appointment gives her permission to double efforts in creating a more inclusive Australia.

There are many Australian citizens who deserve to be recognised within the Order of Australia?

Those above and below are but a few !

Consider the following questions ! On examination, you may realise that there are people who “fit the description” for a nomination !!

- Does a person – a colleague or friend, deserve to be recognised?
 - How have they made things better for others ?
 - Recall specific examples of their impact on others – on the community !!
 - Their contribution may be at the local, national or international level.
 - What are some of the roles they have served or worked in (as volunteers or professionally)? Think of how they have gone above and beyond or done more than someone else in the same situation.

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Aquaculture pioneer stunned by award

For 36 years, Queensland's Nicholas Moore AM has been at the forefront of prawn farming in Australia and, indeed, globally. It is his career and passion, and he has had a significant impact.



Community minded Tasmanian guides the way

Former Chief Commissioner of Girl Guides Australia, Helen Geard AM has been an integral part of the Girl Guide movement at a local, national and international level for more than three decades.



STEM leader credits teamwork for success

Chemistry research scientist Professor Elizabeth New OAM (NSW) says her recognition is shared with team, collaborators, and colleagues.



Victorian breaks down barriers for mental health awareness

Front-line mental health care champion Francis Acquah AM recognised for significant work in communities and beyond.