

Nominations Open for Order of Australia Medals

“So-and-so deserves a medal for what they are doing for youth through Scouts WA”

Just how many times have you thought that or heard others say it with true feeling?

Now is the opportunity for you to promote this idea to Scouts WA for action.

The Nominations Committee of the Board is keen to have your suggestions for nomination by Scouts WA of persons to the Order of Australia Medal for service worthy of particular recognition.

Nominations for an Order of Australia Medal can be lodged at any time by anyone except the nominee. The supervising Honours Secretariat for these prestigious awards receives and considers nominations throughout the year, and makes its recommendations to the Council for the Order of Australia. Awards supported by the Council and agreed by the Governor-General are announced on only two occasions each year, in the Australia Day (January) and the Queen's Birthday (June) Honours List. It is a particular condition of making a nomination that it is done without the knowledge of the nominee.

On receiving your suggestion as to a deserving nominee, the Nominations Committee will in confidence consider whether the nominee might meet the Order of Australia criteria. If this preliminary view is favourable, the Nominations Committee would then identify an appropriate member of the Nominations Committee to work with you with the intent of developing a nomination that could go forward from Scouts WA. At least four (4) referee statements will need to be assembled in support of the nomination.

Be aware that the Honours Secretariat and the Council for the Order of Australia may take as long as 18 to 24 months to consider a nomination before the Council determines whether an Order of Australia Medal is deserved or not. The general criteria for those giving volunteer service worthy of particular recognition are:

- Demonstrated achievement at a high level; and
- Degree and value of contribution to the community stands out from others who may have also made a valuable contribution.

For a confidential discussion or more details, contact the Chair of the Nominations Committee, Vice President Chris Williams [Chris.Williams@perth.buchan.com.au], or the Deputy Chair, Board Member Les Farrant [farrant@space.net.au].