



FORESTRY AUSTRALIA PRINCE OF WALES AWARD FOR SUSTAINABLE FORESTRY RULES

PURPOSE OF THE AWARD

1. The Prince of Wales Award for Sustainable Forestry is to recognise the achievement of an outstanding young to mid-career forest professional.
2. The award is to encourage engagement in and dedication to, the principles of sustainable forest management including policy, planning and practice and sound science-based land stewardship.
3. The award has been established with the support and patronage of His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales with related awards being made in New Zealand, Canada and the United Kingdom. An objective for awardees is to engage with other awardees around the world to create career long relationships to promote sustainable forest management and be an ambassador for the award.

WHO CAN BE NOMINATED?

4. Eligible recipients must be early to mid-career forest professionals and up to 40 years of age and have made outstanding contributions to forest professionalism in general, within their community.
5. Recipients must be members in good standing of Forestry Australia, thus demonstrating their personal commitment to lifelong continuing education and professional development, and their support of forest professionalism.
6. The recipient must be a citizen of Australia.
7. The recipient can only receive the award once.
8. Current Board members of Forestry Australia, or the Merit Awards Committee are not eligible for the award.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Consideration is given to the individual's personal engagement and activity with respect to sustainable forest management as it relates to their current career achievement in, volunteerism, leadership, citizenship, academics, extra-curricular activities, and other personal and professional accomplishments. The selection criteria is as follows:

9. Dedication to Sustainable Forest Management principles through: Career achievement: demonstrated application of and adherence to good forest management policy, planning and practice, and observance of and dedication to professional ethics in a work-related capacity.
10. Public outreach and knowledge exchange: leadership and involvement in volunteer community activities related to sustainable forest management and promoting



understanding of good forestry practices – i.e. tree planting, eco-oriented youth groups, habitat rehabilitation and restoration projects, nature trail maintenance, etc.

11. Academics: demonstrated effort and engagement throughout post-secondary career, specifically in forest management, ecology and conservation related courses.
12. Memberships and affiliations: Forestry Australia membership, environmental organizations, charities, etc.
13. Involvement with Forestry Australia: participation in programs, activities and events i.e. conferences, workshops, science seminars, field tours, socials, section council meetings.

NOMINATION PROCESS

14. Generally, nominations for this award are to be called no later than six months preceding each Biennial Conference of Forestry Australia.
15. Any financial Voting Member may nominate a person for the Award. The nomination should be seconded by another financial Voting Member and endorsed by the appropriate Branch or Special Interest Committee Chair.
16. Nominations shall be forwarded to the Forestry Australia's National Office.
17. Forestry Australia's National Office shall check the membership status of each of the persons making and seconding a nomination.
18. Each nomination must be accompanied by a one-page citation in support of the nomination.
19. The nominator may seek information from the person being nominated however once a nomination is made the nominators should not discuss the nomination.
20. Forestry Australia's National Office shall submit all confirmed nominations, to the Merits Award Committee, including the names of the nominator and seconder.
21. Unsuccessful nominations received in one biennial round may be reconsidered at the next round.

MERIT AWARDS COMMITTEE

22. The Merit Awards Committee shall assess the nominations against award criteria as established under these rules and recommend a person for the award to the Board of Forestry Australia and Clarence House, the official head office of His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales. Noting that His Royal Highness has an interest in the range of nominees and so a short list of finalists has traditionally been sent along with the recommended winner. The Merit Awards Committee may determine, in exceptional circumstances, that no nominations meet the necessary criteria and recommend accordingly.
23. The recommendation shall be accompanied by a citation of no more than one page from the Merit Awards Committee, based on the consideration of the nomination and any other enquiries it has made.
24. Subject to Clause 21 above, one award will be made in each biennium.



25. The decision of the Merit Awards Committee is final, subject only to approval by the Board and Clarence House.
26. Following Board approval, the Forestry Australia's National Office shall convey the decision to the successful nominee(s) and seek acceptance thereof.
27. In the event of non-acceptance by the nominee the Forestry Australia's National Office shall advise the Merit Awards Committee and request a new recommendation. In the event that there be no other nominees eligible no award shall be made.
28. Nominations and related committee papers, with respect to each successive award may be retained for consideration at a subsequent biennial round, but thereafter shall be destroyed when each award is announced. The documentation supporting the Medal awardee(s) will form part of the historical record of this Award.

ANNOUNCEMENT AND PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

29. The President shall normally announce the award at the Forestry Australia Biennial Conference, or otherwise in such manner as he/she deems fit.
30. The Award shall include the presentation of the Prince of Wales Perpetual Trophy, a certificate signed by the President and supporting Citation.

Approved
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