



## **The 2009 Deaf Australian of the Year Award**

*In memory of Dorothy E. Shaw, OAM*

1. The Deaf Australian of the Year Award is open to any Deaf person residing anywhere in Australia.
2. Only individual Deaf people may be nominated.
3. The Award is one-off – ie an individual Deaf person can win the Award once only. An individual can be nominated many times but once they have won the Award they cannot be considered again for the Award in any subsequent year.
4. A nominee must be recognised for his/her dedication, services and contribution towards the Australian Deaf Community.
5. The nominee must be a person who is aged 25 years or over, and who makes exceptional contributions in one or more of the following areas:
  - Supports Deaf people in social and cultural activities
  - Presents a positive image of Deaf people
  - Undertakes research programs to promote better understanding of the Deaf community, its language and culture
  - Establishes successful co-ordination of affirmative action aimed at Deaf people
  - Provides high quality services enabling Deaf people to participate in community activities
  - Provides programs to increase options and opportunities for Deaf employees and clients
  - Improves access to technology
  - In any other way has benefited Deaf people or the Deaf community.
6. Nominations may be made by:
  - Any person who is an Ordinary member of Deaf Australia Inc.
  - Any Organisation which is a National Ordinary Corporate member of Deaf Australia Inc.
  - State branches of Deaf Australia.
7. A completed nomination form for each nomination must explain the reasons why the Deaf person is being nominated. This nomination is necessary to allow the Award panel to make their decision.
8. The nomination must have a colour passport size photograph of the nominee attached to the form. Please attach the photograph in .jpg format if sending via email or without staples if sending via post.
9. Nominations can be submitted in written English or in Auslan.

10. The nomination must be in a sealed envelope stating "Nomination for the Deaf Australian of the Year award" on the front of the envelope. This sealed envelope is to be addressed to the Convenor, Deaf Australian of the Year Award Panel.
11. The Board Deaf Australia will appoint a Convenor to form the Deaf Australian of the Year Award panel. This panel will consist of:
  - The Convenor, who will be a member of the Board of the Deaf Australia;
  - 1 member of the Deaf Culture and Arts Sub-committee of Deaf Australia;
  - 2 ordinary individual members of Deaf Australia, who are not currently on the Board, and who have not submitted a nomination.
12. The panel will review nominations and select the best nominee for the Award.
13. The closing date for nominations is **Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> October 2009**. Entries must be received at the Deaf Australia office by 5.00pm on that day.
14. Nominations received after the closing date will not be considered.
15. Nominations may be faxed to the office of Deaf Australia. However, the original nomination must also be sent by mail. A faxed nomination received by the closing date will only be considered if the original is also received within one week after the closing date.
16. Nominations may be sent by email to Deaf Australia at [info@deafau.org.au](mailto:info@deafau.org.au)
17. The decision of the Award panel will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.
18. The announcement of the Award winner will be made by the President of Deaf Australia, or the Convenor of the Award panel, or some other person as determined by the Board of Deaf Australia.
19. The Award will be presented during Deaf Australia's Annual General Meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2009 in Brisbane Qld.

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Nomination forms are to be sent to:

The Convenor  
Deaf Australian of the Year Award Panel  
Deaf Australia Inc.  
PO Box 1083  
Stafford QLD 4053

Fax: 07 3357 8377

Email: [info@deafau.org.au](mailto:info@deafau.org.au)