

# VICTORIAN SPORT AWARDS

## 2020 Nominations Criteria

### Greetings

The Victorian Sport Awards is the night of nights for the Victorian sporting community. A night that recognises and celebrates the achievements of our home-grown sporting heroes and legends.

Each year, the Victorian Sport Awards honours those who have made an outstanding contribution to sport in Victoria as an individual or team athletes, coaches, administrators, and volunteers from both metropolitan and regional areas in Victoria. However, with sport on a lengthy hiatus through most of 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this year's Awards will be presented slightly differently. Eight awards will be honoured with a focus on initiatives and innovations while we also celebrate Victoria's return to sport.

### 2020 Awards:

- Victorian State Government Outstanding Contribution to Victorian Sport
- Stack Sports Administrator of the Year - Eunice Gill Award
- VRGF (Love the Game) Volunteer of the Year
- Bunnings Local Government Initiative of the Year
- VicHealth Active Recreation Initiative of the Year
- Sport Group Peter Norman Inclusion Award
- Involve Group Outstanding Media Coverage of Sport Award
- Sports Accounting Australia Sport Initiative of the Year - **NEW**

2020's inaugural award, the 'Victorian Sport Initiative of the Year' will specifically celebrate the innovative initiatives that sports produced during the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020.

The overarching definitions to assist with the below documentation:

### Eligibility Criteria – All Nominations

All nominees for the Victorian Sport Awards will be required to fulfil the following eligibility criteria.

All nomination forms will have a tick box to select that the nominee meets the following eligibility criteria.

- A. To be considered as a Victorian (must "tick" requirement one, plus either requirement two or three):

(1) Product of Victorian Sports System	Contribution or Participation in the Victorian sports system for a minimum of seven years (three years for juniors)
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(2) Resident in the state of Victoria	Identify their primary residence as a location geographically based in Victoria
(3) Born in the state of Victoria	

- B. All contributions/achievements must have been achieved in the current calendar year of January to December 2020 (except for the Outstanding Contribution to Sport Award).
- C. All nominees must meet the expectations of the Victorian Community Sport Code of Conduct:

Every person: spectator, player, club member, official, participant, administrator, coach, parent or member of the community involved with the sport, should work to ensure:

- inclusion of every person regardless of their age, gender or sexual orientation
- inclusion of every person regardless of their race, culture or religion
- opportunities for people of all abilities to participate in the sport and develop to their full potential
- respect is shown towards others, the club and the broader community
- a safe and inclusive environment for all
- elimination of violent and abusive behaviour
- protection from sexual harassment or intimidation.

This code applies to community sport, training and club sanctioned activities.

**Note: Eligibility requirements highlighted in yellow must be verified by the relevant SSA.**

## Stack Sports Administrator of the Year – Eunice Gill Award

### Context

Victorian sports administrators who have demonstrated an outstanding level of achievement during the 2020 year at the State Sporting Association, Regional Sports Assembly or National Sporting Organisation (Victorian based). The recipient's contribution will have provided benefit to, or had a positive impact upon, an individual sport or the industry as a whole, and their standards of excellence will have distinguished them from peers.

### Eligibility

To be eligible to be considered in this category, the nominee must:

- Be employed (in a paid position) at a State Sporting Association, Regional Sports Assembly, National Sporting Organisation (Victorian based), Associations, Leagues, Regional Academies of Sport or in a Professional Sporting Team.

## Selection Criteria

1.	Outstanding achievement in the development and delivery of projects/initiatives to enable <i>more Victorians to enjoy the benefits of sport</i>
2.	The impact of their contribution/initiative to the individual sport
3.	The extent to which the individual has delivered beyond expectations

## VRGF (Love the Game) Volunteer of the Year

### Context

This award recognises the exceptional contribution made by a volunteer to the Victorian sport and active recreation community in 2020.

### Eligibility

To be eligible to be considered in this category, the nominee must:

- Be recognised by the club, State or National Sporting body
- Not be paid for their volunteering activities (Note: reimbursement of expenses does not constitute payment)

### Selection Criteria

1.	Position held within the club/association/state sporting association/regional sports assembly
2.	The impact of the work completed within their organisation
3.	The impact of the work to the broader community

## Bunnings Local Government Initiative of the Year

### Context

This award recognises a Local Government Authority who has made a significant contribution to sport in 2020 through the development of a participation program or facility.

### Eligibility

To be eligible to be considered in this category, the nominee must:

- Be a *Local Government Authority* within the state of Victoria

The initiatives be related to (but not limited to):

- Research
- Participation recruitment and retention programs
- Facility re-development, development or design

- Sport competitions
- COVID survival and recovery

### Selection Criteria

1.	The impact of the initiative to the Local Government Authority's community
2.	The impact to participation within the Local Government Authority
3.	Innovative approaches to the initiative

## VicHealth Active Recreation Initiative of the Year

### Context

This award recognises the work of individuals, clubs, teams, groups or organisations (including SSAs) who have succeeded in enabling more people to participate in active recreation. This could be through a single initiative, event or longer-term initiative (i.e. program, project or campaign) implemented within the past 2-3 years which has provided significant benefit to Victorian sport during 2020.

### Eligibility

To be eligible to be considered in this category, the nominee must:

- Be a community and/or active recreation club/group or individual within Victoria, or
- Be a State Sporting Association, Regional Sports Assembly or Vicsport Associate Member

The initiatives be related (but not limited) to:

- Participation recruitment and retention programs
- Research
- COVID survival and recovery

### Selection Criteria

1.	The impact of the initiative to encourage Victorians to participate in active recreation initiatives and/or to the sport
2.	Innovative approaches to the initiative and inclusive practices
3.	The number of participants
4.	The impact to participation within the sport

## Sports Accounting Australia Sport Initiative of the Year

### Context

This award recognises the work of individuals, clubs, teams, groups or organisations (including SSAs) who have succeeded in enabling more people to participate in sport activities during the COVID-19 pandemic. This new Award for 2020 will highlight the innovative work that sport has promoted to keep people active and connect with members during the COVID-19 pandemic.

## Eligibility

To be eligible to be considered in this category, the nominee must:

- Be a State Sporting Association, Regional Sports Assembly or Vicsport Associate Member

The initiatives be related (but not limited) to:

- Participation recruitment and retention programs
- Research
- COVID survival and recovery

## Selection Criteria

1.	The impact of the initiative to encourage Victorians to participate in active recreation initiatives and/or to the sport
2.	Innovative approaches to the initiative and inclusive practices
3.	The number of participants
4.	The impact to participation within the sport

## Sport Group Peter Norman Inclusion Award

### Context

The Peter Norman Inclusion Award recognises an individual or organisation that has made a significant contribution to safe, fair and inclusive sport. Winners of the Peter Norman Inclusion Award are nominated by Victorian Sport and determined by a specially selected Judging Panel. This award highlights those who have pushed the boundaries to prove that real, genuine change can be made through sport.

### Eligibility

To be eligible to be considered in this category, the nominee must:

- Be a considered as a Victorian

### Consideration will be considered to:

1.	Evidence the individual or organisation prioritises diversity and inclusion within the sports industry through internal and/or public facing programs and projects
2.	Demonstration of how the individual or organisation has supported diversity and inclusion either internally, externally or both
3.	Evidence the individual or organisation has had a positive impact on the wider sports community
4.	A consistent key message highlighting the importance of inclusion and diversity in sport either internally, externally or both
5.	Efforts to benefit the wider community through sport
6.	Displayed values of fairness and integrity

## Outstanding Media Coverage of Sport

### Context

This award recognises the coverage of elite and community sport to the wider public via various online, digital, broadcast and/or print media platforms in 2020. Through positive and inspiring media coverage, the sport has benefited from an improved public-facing image, increased participation, inclusivity and/or greater exposure.

### Eligibility

To be eligible to be considered in this category, the nominee must:

- Work for or on behalf of mainstream media covering sport
- Work for or on behalf of a community and/or active recreation club/group or individual within Victoria, or
- Work for or on behalf of a State Sporting Association, Regional Sports Assembly or Vicsport Associate Member
- Nominations are open to organisation and/or individuals in both paid and unpaid media positions

### Selection Criteria

1.	Exceptional media coverage
2.	The impact to have altered or maintain a positive image in the community as a result of the coverage
3.	The impact to participation in the community as a result of the coverage
4.	Demonstrated achievement to showcase the sport as welcoming, safe and inclusive

## Victorian State Government Outstanding Contribution to Victorian Sport

### Context

The Victorian Outstanding Contribution to Sport Award is presented to an individual or organisation in recognition of outstanding achievement in, or contribution to, sport in Victoria. Winners of the Outstanding Contribution to Sport Award are nominated by the Victorian Sport Awards Committee and selected by the Vicsport Board based on their significant role in the Victorian sport and active recreation sector.

### Eligibility

To be eligible to be considered in this category, the nominee must:

- Be a considered as a Victorian (as per criteria on page 2)

### Consideration will be considered to:

1.	Length of service
2.	Level and standard of achievement

3.	Number of people and organisations that this person has had an influence
4.	Impact on sport in Victoria – <i>More Victorians enjoying the benefits of sport</i>
5.	Efforts to benefit the wider community through sport
6.	Recognition and respect of peers
7.	Displayed values of fairness and integrity
8.	Demonstrated leadership