

# The Janet Mackenzie Medal (the Mackenzie)

## Nomination guidelines, 2021 award

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The Mackenzie is IPEd's highest award. It is given to an outstanding professional editor who has lifted the standard of the editing profession and/or given exemplary service to IPEd. Any member of IPEd can nominate another member.

The award honours Janet Mackenzie DE (1947–2018). Janet was an Honorary Life Member (and founding member) of Editors Victoria and served IPEd in many capacities over many years, including as a member of the first Standards Working Group, 1998–2001, and most recently on the Style Manual 7th Edition Steering Group, a current working party of IPEd, from which she resigned only weeks before her death in September 2018.

Nominations will be called for and awarded annually. IPEd reserves the right to not award the medal if no suitable nominations are received. The award consists of a medal, an electronic rendering of the medal to be used by the recipient and Honorary Life Membership of IPEd (if the recipient is not already an HLM).

### Eligibility

Nominees must be IPEd members and must be nominated by IPEd members. Current members of the IPEd Board, IPEd employees and the administrators of and judges for the award are ineligible for nomination.

### Criteria

As the award is for 'being an outstanding professional editor and for lifting the standard of the profession and/or exemplary service to IPEd', there is a range of contributing criteria. A person who is eligible for the Mackenzie will have had a strong record over a period of some years as a professional editor (criterion 1) as well as in at least one of criteria 2 and 3. Note that, through the nomination process in each cycle, other kinds of possible evidence may be added to this list.

1. being an outstanding professional editor
  - *Australian Standards for Editing Practice* is the guiding document; clients or a supervisor need to agree that the editor meets these standards
  - formal qualifications and IPEd accreditation both contribute to proving but are not necessary to prove outstanding professional editor status
  - professional roles held
  - having strong performance in editing-related fields that contribute to editing as a profession
2. lifting the standard of the profession
  - publishing about editing
  - mentoring
  - formal teaching about editing
  - advocating for the profession
3. exemplary service to IPEd
  - in IPEd committee roles, including at branch level – these should be provided as a list showing which roles were filled, over which periods
  - detail could be provided specifically about the person's leadership.

## **Nomination process**

Nominators need to let their nominee know they intend to nominate them for the Mackenzie Medal. If the nominee agrees to be nominated, they should provide the nominator with their CV, IPEd membership number and the names and contact details of potential referees (see below) who could support the nomination. The nominee, referees or others contacted should keep their knowledge about the nomination confidential; IPEd may announce the nominees as part of the process once nominations have closed.

The nominating IPEd member will submit a letter in the provided template to IPEd, detailing how their nominee fulfils the criteria for the award. As a guide, the letter should be 600–1000 words. The nominator will supply the names of three referees who know the nominee so the judges can verify the content of the letter. One referee should be professional (e.g. an employment supervisor or a client) and one should be from IPEd. The third can be either work or IPEd related, or from another person within the publishing industry.

The call for nominations will open on 17 August.

Nominators should submit the completed template by 5 October 2020 to [secretary@iped-editors.org](mailto:secretary@iped-editors.org).

The winner will be announced in March 2021. HLM will be conferred on the winner from the due date of their next annual membership fees. The winner will receive the electronic rendering of the medal by April 2021. The medal will be formally presented during the IPEd Plenary session at the 10th IPEd Editors Conference in Tasmania in July 2021.

Please contact the IPEd Secretary at [secretary@iped-editors.org](mailto:secretary@iped-editors.org) with any queries about the nomination process.