

The Janet Mackenzie Medal (the Mackenzie) – 2021



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This document outlines the framework for the Janet Mackenzie Medal (the Mackenzie) and gives details about the criteria and how they are evidenced, the nomination process, eligibility and the judging process.

The call for nominations for the Mackenzie Medal will open 17 August 2020.

The table below provides further detail about the Mackenzie Medal.

Factor	The Mackenzie Medal – IPed’s service award
What the award is for	For outstanding work as a professional editor as well as service to IPed and/or the profession of editing. ‘IPed’ includes service to branches. Further detail given in the criteria section below.
Frequency of award process	Annual nomination cycle; if no suitable recipient is nominated, the award will not be given. Further detail is given in the nomination process section below. The Mackenzie is given to one person only each nomination cycle.
What is conferred	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A die-cast medal• An electronic rendering of the medal for use in electronic signatures and on websites (see section below about the form of the award)• Honorary Life Membership (HLM) of IPed
Award presentation	Presented on behalf of the IPed Board. Presentation: At national events, such as the conference. It will be presented at IPed conferences; if two medals have been awarded before a given conference, both will be presented at that conference.
Award promotion	Acknowledgement in branch and national newsletters; media coverage; recipient’s name listed on IPed website with the names of previous HLM recipients and on the Wikipedia page for the award.
Who is eligible to receive the award	Any IPed member who has been an outstanding professional editor and lifted the standard of the profession of editing and/or provided exemplary service to IPed. This includes current recipients of HLM, who will not receive any financial prize in lieu of the HLM that they already have.

Award criteria and evidence

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 are 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
 - o *Australian Standards for Editing Practice* is the guiding document; clients or a supervisor need to agree that the editor meets these standards

- o formal qualifications and IPEd accreditation both contribute to proving but are not necessary to prove outstanding professional editor status
 - o professional roles held
 - o having strong performance in editing-related fields that contribute to editing as a profession
2. lifting the standard of the profession
 - o publishing about editing
 - o mentoring
 - o formal teaching about editing
 - o advocating for the profession
 3. contributing to IPEd
 - o in IPEd committee roles, including at branch level – these can be provided as a list showing which roles were filled, over which period
 - o detail can 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 and any 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 nomination timeline in 2020–21 is as follows:

- 17 August: call for nominations
- 5 October: close of nominations
- November: select judges
- December–February: judging period
- March: winner announced and presented at conference.

Eligibility

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

Judging

The judging panel for the award comprises one previous winner of the award, the Chair of the Standing Committee on Awards and Prizes (SCAP), and one Distinguished Editor (DE) or Accredited Editor (AE) with, as a rule of thumb, at least 10 years of editing experience. As AEs and DEs are likely to be potential recipients of the award, judges will be called for in a nomination process managed by SCAP.