



## 2012 Recfishing Awards

The 2012 Recfishing Awards will recognise the achievements of people and projects within the recreational fishing sector in Australia.

### About the awards

The awards will recognise exceptional individuals or projects that have made a significant contribution to the recreational fishing sector. Each category winner will receive an award acknowledging their achievement and category of their award. The awards will be presented at the 2012 National Recreational Fishing Conference on the Gold Coast, 17-19 August 2012.

The awards have a strong focus on individuals and projects and recognise performance that has occurred throughout the preceding year(s).

### Award Categories

1. Excellence in Innovation and Leadership
2. Excellence in Support for Research Outcomes
3. Excellence in Recreational Fishing Communication
4. Project of the Year
5. Volunteer of the Year
6. Best project or initiative encouraging women &/or young people's participation in fishing
7. Most successful future leader graduate
8. Mal Ramsay Lifetime Achievement Award

### Benefits to entrants

These awards have been designed to highlight and recognise the achievements of many hardworking people. You work hard, achieve much and mostly it goes unnoticed. By entering the 2012 Recfishing Awards, you can support and commend the hard work produced by individuals as well as group projects.

### Judging

A panel of judges will evaluate all applications. The judges decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

### Deadlines and dates to remember

**Entries must be received by Recfish Australia by 5.00pm Monday 30 July 2012.** Finalists will be advised by Monday 6 August 2012. Finalists are encouraged to attend the gala dinner at which the awards will be presented. This will be at the 2012 National Recreational Fishing Conference, on the evening of Saturday 18 August 2012 on the Gold Coast.

### Eligibility

People or projects entering the awards must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- The nominee must be an Australian citizen/ project.
- With the exception of category 8, the submission must relate to an action, activity, project, etc occurring in the past two years (1 July 2010 – 30 June 2012), although it may have been occurring for longer than the previous 24 months.
- Whichever category you are entering, your reason for recognising this person, project, or activity must work towards achieving your organisation/team's vision.
- Nominations must be received by 5.00pm Monday 30 July 2012
- There is no entry fee for nominations
- You are able to enter yourself or your own project, another person or another project.

### Privacy

Entries remain the property of Recfish Australia and will be viewed by judges and staff of Recfish Australia only. Your nomination excerpt may be used in promotional material. For category 8, only the winner of this category will be made public.

### How to Enter

- Download your nomination form from the conference website [www.recfishing2012.com.au](http://www.recfishing2012.com.au) or contact [russell.conway@justice.vic.gov.au](mailto:russell.conway@justice.vic.gov.au) for a copy.
- Complete and return the entry form and relevant cover sheets to Recfish Australia.
- Entries nominating another person or project must be completed in consultation with the nominee.
- Entries nominating another person or project must also be signed by the nominee
- All entries will be confirmed via email within 7 working days.

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### Nomination Form

NOMINATION FOR: .....

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NOMINEE.....

PROJECT NAME OR INDIVIDUAL

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**Please complete and return 3 copies plus supporting documentation to:  
Recfish Australia, 2012 Recfishing Awards, 24 York Street, South Melbourne Vic 3205**

Contact details for Individual / Project nominated			
<b>Name</b> of Individual/Project/Initiative/Research being nominated: (include name of contact person if the nomination is for a project/initiative/research)			
Address:			
Suburb:		State	Postcode
Tel (h)	(w)	(m)	
Fax	Email		
I certify that the information included in this entry is correct to the best of my knowledge			
Signature of nominee:			

Please tick if details are the same as above.

Nominated by (name):			
Organisation:			
Address:			
Suburb:		State:	Postcode:
Tel (h)	(w)	(m)	
Fax	Email		

**Submit nomination forms by 5.00pm Monday 30 July 2012 to Recfish Australia**

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### 1. Excellence in Innovation and Leadership

#### Award nomination information

On a separate sheet of A4 paper, in a maximum of 500 words, please describe why you think this nominee should win this award (please note that we need to be really strict on the word count to be fair to all, so only the first 500 words will be forwarded to the judges).

This category will recognise an individual's contribution to recreational fishing.

Please include:

- a focus on how the "leader" is driving the organisation's vision (e.g. specific projects or initiatives that have been implemented in the past 24 months), including managing projects, team and culture.

Please also include:

- up to three letters of support. Suggested supporters include colleagues, team members, board members, organisational volunteers, funding bodies, members or stakeholders.

#### Judging Criteria: Excellence in Innovation and Leadership

- 500 words or less should describe the nominee with reference to their leadership, contribution to the organisation, and contribution to the recreational fishing sector.
- Demonstrate and provide documentary evidence of:
  - commitment to own professional development through education, networking and other experiences
  - commitment to inspiring and encouraging junior staff /volunteers/others to develop themselves in the recreational fishing sector
  - commitment to leadership through sharing information and experiences, e.g. public speaking, published articles, mentoring roles, etc
  - involvement in the sector - current and previous memberships, participation in boards and committees, volunteer work, etc
  - improvements in the organisational sustainability under this leaders influence (e.g., diversification of income from a variety of sources, development of staff/board/committee, etc)
- Documentary Evidence:
  - Provide letters of support which include examples of why the candidate should receive this award
  - Provide relevant media coverage, publications, etc

The judges may at their absolute discretion, request additional information or verify information within each nomination, or form views based on what has been provided. The judges' decision shall be final and no correspondence shall be entered into.

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### 2. Excellence in Support for Research Outcomes

#### Award nomination information

On a separate sheet of A4 paper, in a maximum of 500 words, please describe why you think this project should win this award (please note that we need to be really strict on the word count to be fair to all, so only the first 500 words will be forwarded to the judges).

This category will recognise an individual or organisation's contribution to recreational fishing.

Please include:

- a focus on the objectives and outcomes being achieved through this project (please provide tangible examples, photos and data where appropriate).

Please also include:

- information on partners/supporters - why are they involved, and what part do they play

#### Judging Criteria: Excellence in Support for Research Outcomes

- 500 words or less should describe the research. It should provide brief information on what partners, sponsors or supporters are involved and the role they play.
- Describe
  - the aims of the research.
  - how the need for the research was identified and how it fulfills the organisation's vision
  - future developments/circumstances expected as a result of the research
- Provide documentary evidence
  - results of research, compared to aims. Expand on differences including unintended benefits that may have resulted
  - media coverage, journals/publications, etc

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### 3. Excellence in Recreational Fishing Communication

#### Award nomination information

On a separate sheet of A4 paper, in a maximum of 500 words, please describe why you think this nominee should win this award (please note that we need to be really strict on the word count to be fair to all, so only the first 500 words will be forwarded to the judges).

This category aims to promote and encourage the recreational sector's efforts towards effective communication with its members and stakeholders. It will recognise an individual or organisation that has demonstrated effectiveness and innovation in recreational fishing communication.

Please include:

- a focus on the objectives and outcomes being achieved through this initiative/strategy (please provide tangible examples, links to websites, media coverage or other support documentation).
- information on partners/supporters - why are they involved, and what part do they play

#### Judging Criteria: Excellence in Recreational Fishing Communication

- 500 words or less should describe your effective and/or innovative communication strategy/initiative. Include:
  - information on what partners, sponsors or supporters are involved and the role they play.
  - detail on any future developments/expectations
- Demonstrate:
  - the impact your communications have on the recreational fishing sector, how the objectives for your communication efforts have been achieved.
  - how communication has improved/developed and how it fulfills the organisation's vision. How it has contributed to improving /maintaining/building relationships.
  - knowledge, understanding and skills in the use of Information and Communication Technologies
  - Demonstrate enhancement of recreational sector learning/understanding of issues/subjects through your communications
- Documentary Evidence should include:
  - receipt of letters of support, media coverage, current awards/acknowledgments

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### 4. Project of the Year

#### Award nomination information

On a separate sheet of A4 paper, in a maximum of 500 words, please describe why you think this project should win this award (please note that we need to be really strict on the word count to be fair to all, so only the first 500 words will be forwarded to the judges).

This category will recognise a project that has contributed to recreational fishing in the past 24 months (1 July 2012 – 30 June 2012).

Please include:

- a focus on the objectives and outcomes being achieved through this project (please provide tangible examples and data where appropriate).

Please also include:

- information on partners/supporters - why are they involved, and what part do they play

#### Judging Criteria: **Project of the Year**

- 500 words or less should describe the project. Include:
  - aims of project
  - what partners, sponsors or supporters are involved and the role they play.
  - How the need for the project was identified and how it fulfills the organisation's vision
  - Provide detail on future developments/circumstances expected as a result of the project
- Documentary evidence:
  - Provide the results /outcomes of the project, compared to aims. Expand on differences including unintended benefits that may have resulted

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### 5. Volunteer of the Year

#### Award nomination information

On a separate sheet of A4 paper, in a maximum of 500 words, please describe why you think this nominee should win this award (please note that we need to be really strict on the word count to be fair to all, so only the first 500 words will be forwarded to the judges).

This category will recognise an individual's contribution to recreational fishing.

Please include:

- a focus on how the team member has shown creativity, innovation and/or dedication to achieving the organisation/team's vision

Please also include:

- up to three letters of support. Suggested supporters include colleagues, team members, managers, board members, organisational volunteers, funding bodies, members or other participants.

#### Judging Criteria: Volunteer of the Year

- 500 words or less should describe key projects/initiatives the nominee is involved with, their role and their contribution. Include also:
  - how they have shown creativity, innovation and/or dedication to achieving the organisation's vision.
- Demonstrate involvement in the sector(e.g., current and previous memberships, participation on boards and committees, volunteer work , etc)
- Documentary evidence should be included:
  - to highlight how the nominee has gone beyond what is expected and how they inspire others to perform within a team environment
  - letters of support which include examples of leadership/team work, passion and commitment
  - to demonstrate commitment to leadership and/or team work through sharing information, e.g. public speaking, published articles, workshops, training clinics, etc (e.g., newsletters, media coverage, letters of support for work achieved/undertaken, etc)

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### 6. Best project/ initiative encouraging women & young people's participation in fishing

#### Award nomination information

On a separate sheet of A4 paper, in a maximum of 500 words, please describe why you think this project should win this award (please note that we need to be really strict on the word count to be fair to all, so only the first 500 words will be forwarded to the judges).

This category will recognise a project or initiative that has contributed to recreational fishing with a focus on women and young people's participation in recreational fishing..

Please include:

- a focus on the objectives and outcomes being achieved through this project (please provide tangible examples, photos and data where appropriate).

Please also include:

- information on partners/supporters - why are they involved, and what part do they play

#### Judging Criteria: Best project/initiative encouraging women & young people's participation in fishing

- 500 words or less should describe the project. Include:
  - the aims of the project/initiative, how the need for the project/initiative was identified and how it fulfills the organisation's vision
  - what partners, sponsors or supporters are involved and the role they play.
  - results of the project/initiative, compared to aims. Expand on differences including unintended benefits that may have resulted
  - detail on future developments/circumstances expected as a result of the project
- Provide documentary evidence:
  - photos, media coverage, data where possible

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### 7. Most Successful Future Leader Graduate

#### Award nomination information

On a separate sheet of A4 paper, in a maximum of 500 words, please describe why you think this individual should win this award (please note that we need to be really strict on the word count to be fair to all, so only the first 500 words will be forwarded to the judges).

This category will recognise a person that has contributed greatly to recreational fishing with a focus on a future leader graduate.

Please include:

- a focus on the objectives and outcomes achieved by this individual (please provide tangible examples, photos and data where appropriate).

Please also include:

up to three letters of support. Suggested supporters include colleagues, team members, managers, board members, organisational volunteers, funding bodies, members or other participants.

Please also include:

- information on partners/supporters - why they were involved, and what part they played

#### Judging Criteria: Most Successful Future Graduate

- 500 words or less should describe the project. Include:
  - the aims of the individual, how the individual identified and fulfilled their vision
  - what partners, sponsors or supporters were involved and the role they played.
  - results of projects or initiatives they delivered. Expand on differences including unintended benefits that may have resulted
  - detail on future developments/circumstances expected as a result of this individuals contribution
- Provide documentary evidence:
  - photos, media coverage, data where possible

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### 8. Mal Ramsay Lifetime Achievement Award

#### The Award

Malcolm Donald 'Mal' Ramsay (1930-2006) was a stalwart supporter of recreational and sport fishing in Australia. Mal dedicated thousands of hours over many years to help further the interests of recreational fishers. He was a passionate fisher and a fervent supporter of and advocate for Recfish Australia (The Australian Recreational and Sport Fishing Industry Confederation). He was actively involved with Recfish from its inception in 1983 until he retired as President in 1996 having served seven years in that position. He was also a Past- President of the Game Fishing Association of Australia and was a life member of that organization.

Mal was deeply involved in establishing the current National Policy on Recreational Fishing to which all Australian governments are signatories. He was also a driving force behind the development of the National Code of Practice for Recreational and Sport Fishing in Australia.

As a tribute to Mal, Recfish Australia may, from time to time, confer the Mal Ramsay Lifetime Achievement Award in recognition of exceptional contributions in the field of recreational fishing administration and development in Australia.

The Award recognises outstanding contribution by an individual Australian to the development and/or administration of recreational fishing over a substantial period of time. Recipients of the Award must have set excellent examples for others involved in recreational fishing administration and development to follow. They will have demonstrated a high level of dedication to our sport and made substantial contributions to its development. Institutions and organisations are not eligible for this award.

#### Award nomination information

On a separate sheet of A4 paper, in a maximum of 500 words, please describe why you think this nominee should win this award (please note that we need to be really strict on the word count to be fair to all, so only the first 500 words will be forwarded to the judges).

This category will recognise an Individuals contribution to recreational fishing administration and development.

Please include:

- a focus on how the "nominee" during their lifetime, has made contributions of outstanding significance to the field of recreational fishing.

Please also include:

- up to three letters of support. Suggested supporters include colleagues, team members, board members, organisational volunteers, funding bodies, members or stakeholders.

#### Judging Criteria:

#### Mal Ramsay Lifetime Achievement Award

In assessing nominations for the Award the Judges will consider the following although they may consider other issues thought by the judges to be relevant:

In 500 words or less describe and demonstrate:

- The significance of the contribution the nominee has made to the administration and development of recreational fishing at regional, state or national level.
- The degree to which the nominee has inspired others to achieve in and contribute to the administration and development of recreational fishing.
- The degree to which the nominee has demonstrated leadership in recreational fishing.
- The span of years over which the nominee has demonstrated a commitment to the administration and development of recreational fishing.

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