

Geological Society of Australia Inc

Standing Committee on Awards

## POLICY STATEMENT

### 1) PURPOSE

The goal of the Standing Committee is to identify and celebrate those who have made distinguished contributions to the earth sciences in Australia.

### 2) OBJECTIVES

The Standing Committee will:

- (i) Seek to enhance the standing of those who have made important contributions to the various facets of Australian earth sciences by
- (ii) encouraging existing and new awards within the Society for both members and non-members, and
- (iii) encouraging suitable nominations outside the Society for both professional and civil awards.
- (iv) Publicise the range of awards, call for and assist with nominations, and where appropriate, select and announce the recipients of the awards.
- (v) Monitor the granting of relevant awards at international, national and state levels.

### 3) STRATEGY

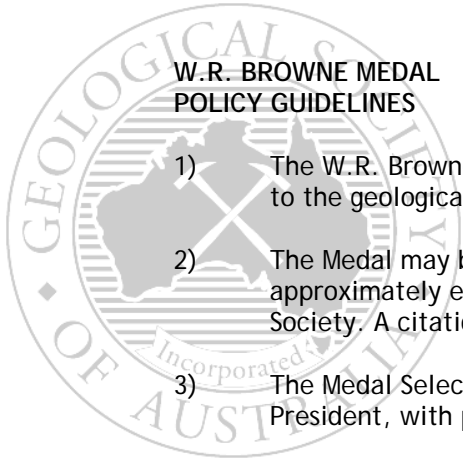
The Standing Committee will, where appropriate:

- (i) Encourage the creation of new awards at a national and divisional level. It will call for suggestions in various categories and develop selection criteria. It will develop and maintain the administrative procedures of the awards it creates.
- (ii) Encourage nominations for external awards.
- (iii) Institute and maintain procedures to record and publicise awards to geologists. The records will include a maintained database in the Central Office of the Society.

### 4) COMMITTEE

The Standing Committee will comprise a Chairman and at least four others who will be representative of a wide spread of activity (including academic, government, industry and educational professionals) and geographical diversity. Both sexes will be represented. All members must be members of the Society. The Chairman will be chosen by the Society's Executive Committee.

After consulting with the President of the Society, the Chairman will nominate new members to the Executive Committee. At least two members will be replaced during the term of each national Executive. No member shall serve more than two terms.

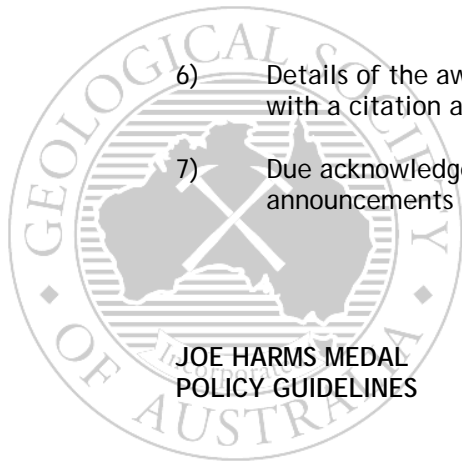


### **W.R. BROWNE MEDAL POLICY GUIDELINES**

- 1) The W.R. Browne Medal will be awarded to a person distinguished for contributions to the geological sciences in Australia.
- 2) The Medal may be presented at an Australian Geological Convention, which occurs approximately every two years, on an appropriate occasion by the President of the Society. A citation will be read at the presentation.
- 3) The Medal Selection Panel will comprise the President, Past President and Vice President, with power to co-opt.
- 4) Written nominations, including a citation, for the recipients of the W.R. Browne Medal will be called for by the Standing Committee for Awards at least eight months, with a closing date at least six months, before the Australian Geological Convention at which it is to be presented. Any member may nominate a person(s) for consideration by a written submission which may be used as a basis for citation. Nominations will remain under consideration for five years. The Medal will be decided and the successful recipient notified at least three months before presentation.
- 5) The Medal recipient will be invited to attend the Convention, free of basic registration charges and with a reasonable contribution from the Society to the cost of travel and two nights accommodation.
- 6) Details of the award will be published in one of the Society's publications together with a citation and photograph soon after the presentation.
- 7) Due acknowledgement of the contribution of Sponsors will be made in announcements and publications.

### **S.W. CAREY MEDAL POLICY GUIDELINES**

- 1) The S.W. Carey Medal will be awarded to a person distinguished in the field of tectonics (*sensu lato*).
- 2) The Medal may be presented at each Australian Geological Convention, which occurs approximately every two years, on an appropriate occasion by the Chairman of the Specialist Group in Tectonics and Structural Geology. A citation will be read at the presentation.
- 3) The Medal Selection Panel will comprise the President, Past President, Vice President and the Chairman of the Specialist Group in Tectonics and Structural Geology, with power to co-opt.
- 4) Written nominations, including a citation, for the recipients of the S.W. Carey Medal will be called for by the Standing Committee for Awards at least eight months, with a closing date at least six months, before the Australian Geological Convention at which it is to be presented. Any member may nominate a person(s) for consideration by a written submission which may be used as a basis for citation. Nominations will remain under consideration for five years. The Medal will be decided and the successful recipient notified at least three months before presentation.
- 5) The Medal recipient will be invited to attend the Convention, free of basic registration charges and with a reasonable contribution from the Society to the cost of travel and two nights accommodation.



- 6) Details of the award will be published in one of the Society's publications together with a citation and photograph soon after the presentation.
- 7) Due acknowledgement of the contribution of Sponsors will be made in announcements and publications.

- 1) The Joe Harms Medal will be awarded for excellence in mineral exploration and contribution to the discovery of ore deposits. It will usually be awarded to a member of the Geological Society of Australia although, under exceptional circumstances, the award may be granted to a person who is not a member. The Medal may be shared and if so by each of the recipients to a maximum of three. The recipient shall be of any age and status.
- 2) The Medal may be presented at each Australian Geological Convention, which occurs approximately every two years, on an appropriate occasion usually the General Meeting of the Society by either the outgoing President of the Society or, if unavailable, a person nominated by the Selection Panel. A citation will be read at the presentation.
- 3) The Medal Selection Panel will comprise the President of the Society, a nominee of the Standing Committee for Awards, an industry representative nominated by the sponsor or sponsor group, and a representative from the Specialist Group in Economic Geology, with power to co-opt. The Standing Committee for Awards will keep a record of proceedings.
- 4) The ledger account (Joe Harms Medal Asset Reserve) will be held in the Society's books of accounts to which sponsorship contributions or special allocations by the Society will be credited, for the purposes of commissioning the design and manufacture of the Joe Harms Medal and for the provision of assistance for the travel and accommodation of recipients. The Awards Committee will endeavour to seek sponsorship funds to ensure the account can sustain granting of the award at least two years in advance.

The funds will be under the administration of the Executive Committee.

- 5) Written nominations, including a citation, for the recipients of the Joe Harms Medal will be called for by the Chairman of the Standing Committee for Awards at least eight months, with a closing date at least six months, before the Australian Geological Convention at which it is to be presented. The award of the Medal will be decided and the successful recipient notified at least three months before presentation. Nominations will remain current for a period of six years.
- 6) The Medal recipient will be invited to attend the Convention, free of basic registration charges and with a reasonable contribution from the Society to the cost of travel and two nights accommodation.
- 7) Details of the award will be published in one of the Society's publications together with a citation and photograph soon after the presentation.
- 8) Due acknowledgement of the contribution of Sponsors will be made in announcements and publications.