NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN

20 Year Anniversary

Celebrating two decades of honouring outstanding contributions to art.

THE ANNUAL ELLIOTT AWARD RECOGNISES INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE MADE AN OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO THE ARTS IN OUR COMMUNITY, PARTICULARLY WHERE THAT CONTRIBUTION HAS NOT PREVIOUSLY BEEN FORMALLY ACKNOWLEDGED.

The Award was founded by the Mildura Arts and Culture Board in 2004. In 2014, the Mildura Arts and Culture Advisory Committee continued this commitment to acknowledging those whose passion, commitment, dedication and contributions to arts and culture in our community may otherwise go unrecognised.

Past recipients of the Elliott Award have been recognised for their length of service to the arts and breadth of their contribution throughout the term of their involvement in the arts; the encouragement and nurturing of children and youth in arts practice; the championing of arts involvement to the broader community; and the creation of a significant positive community legacy in the development of the arts in our community.

IMPORTANT MILESTONES

Submit your nomination: By 4pm, Friday 16 October 2026
Elliott Award Presentation: November/December 2026

Please note: Where possible, the Elliott Award will be presented to the recipient in the year for which it has been awarded.

PAST ELLIOTT AWARD RECIPIENTS

2025	Morrison Polkinghorne
2024	Terry 'Moose' McGowan
2023	Mary Briggs
2022	Libby Kennedy
2021	Willie Hannah-Rodgers
2020	Megan Sullivan
2019	David Searle
2018	Mavis Francis
2017	Henry Tankard
2016	Yvonne Hedley
2015	Leonard (Len) Krause
2014	Peta Lynne Buchanan and Janine Kerr
2013	Kay Sylvester
2012	Neil Fettling
2011	Shirley Bowie
2010	Mollie Kalms
2009	Neil Noyce
2008	Vaughn Stirrat
2007	Tom McCullough
2006	Des Tobin

MORE INFORMATION

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HOW TO COMPLETE YOUR NOMINATION

TO NOMINATE SOMEONE FOR THE ELLIOTT AWARD

Complete the Nomination Form and submit it along with any supporting documentation by the closing date.

Additional information may be provided as a separate document detailing reasons why you are nominating this individual. Such submissions should be around 1000 to 2000 words maximum.

You may also

- Enclose clear copies of newspaper or magazine articles about the nominee and their achievements
- List other awards they may have received

SUBMISSION

Completed nomination forms and supporting documentation must be submitted by 4pm, Friday 16 October to:

Post
Elliott Award
Mildura Arts Centre
PO Box 105,
Mildura VIC 3502

Email
Elliott Award
Mildura Arts Centre
arts_centre@mildura.vic.gov.au

How did you hear about the Elliott Award?

☐ Newspaper ☐ Word of mouth ☐ Website ☐ Radio ☐ Social media ☐ Other PLEASE SPECIFY

NOMINATOR DETAILS [Your contact details]

Title	
First Name	
Surname	
Organisation	IF APPLICABLE
Address	
Contact Phone	
Email	
Signed	Date

NOMINATION FORM

NOMINEE DETAILS [Person you are Nominating]

Title	
First Name	
Surname	
Organisation	IF APPLICABLE
Address	
Contact Phone	
Email	

Is the nominee aware of this nomination? ☐ Yes ☐ No

SELECTION CRITERIA

Why do you believe this person should receive the Elliott Award?

What impact did the actions of the nominee have on the community in relation to arts and culture?
e.g. ongoing benefit to the community?

Any other significant contributions and achievements?

Please provide two referees to support this nomination
Excluding yourself

Referee #1		**Referee #2**	
Full Name		Full Name	
Contact Phone		Contact Phone	

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By 4 pm, Friday 16 October 2026
via Post or Email arts_centre@mildura.vic.gov.au

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