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## AIDC CALLS FOR NOMINATIONS FOR \$5,000 2020 STANLEY HAWES AWARD

The Australian International Documentary Conference (AIDC) - Australia's leading event for the documentary, factual and unscripted screen industry - is now seeking nominations for the **2020 Stanley Hawes Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Documentary Sector**.

The \$5,000 award will be presented at AIDC 2020, which takes place 1 - 4 March 2020 at State Library Victoria in Melbourne. The recipient will also be invited to give an address to AIDC delegates.

Nominees must have made an outstanding contribution to the Australian documentary, factual and / or unscripted screen sector for at least 10 years and are sought from all corners of the industry from anywhere in Australia. Eligibility includes (but is not limited to) producers, directors, broadcasters, distributors, educators, editors, archivists, cinematographers, impact producers, sound recordists, and other craftspersons and technical specialists.

The award was established in 1997 to honour documentary producer and director Stanley Hawes – Producer-in-Chief of the Australian National Film Board and Commonwealth Film Unit from 1946-1969 – and recognises the significant support he gave independent filmmakers in the documentary sector.

Past winners have included Sonya Pemberton (*Immortal, Jabbed*), Bob Connolly (*Mrs Carey's Concert, Rats in the Ranks*), Chris Hilton (*Afghanistan: Inside Australia's War; Australia: The Story of Us*), Rachel Perkins (*First Australians*), and Tom Zubrycki (*The Diplomat, Molly & Mobarak*), with the most recent recipient in 2019 being editor and filmmaker James Bradley (*50 Years of Silence, Ochre and Ink*).

"Australian documentaries are vital for telling our stories, recording our history and bringing important issues to light. The people responsible work tirelessly to enrich our understanding of the world, but all too often go unacknowledged", said AIDC CEO & Conference Director Alice Burgin.

"Which is why the Stanley Hawes Award is open to all members of the documentary community, be they in the front line making work, or behind the scenes bringing stories to audiences - or even mentoring the next generation of practitioners. All contributions are important."

Current [AIDC members](#), which includes anyone who attended AIDC 2019, may nominate someone for the Stanley Hawes Award. Nominations must be emailed in the form of a written statement (up to 200 words) to [aidc@aidc.com.au](mailto:aidc@aidc.com.au) by Friday 13 December 2019. More information can be found at <https://www.aidc.com.au>.

**AIDC 2020 will take place 1 - 4 March at State Library Victoria in Melbourne. Early Bird passes go on sale 15 October 2019.**

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