



## Awards Guidelines

*Rivers of Connection:*

Integrating research, practice & lived experience

AUSTRALIAN  
PSYCHOSIS CONFERENCE  
29th -30th July 2025

### Australian Psychosis Conference award guidelines

- The award is intended for an individual, and the focus must be on the nominee's impact and contributions to the broader movement and reform.
- Self-nominations and nominations by a third party are accepted.

### Entry Guidelines

- The cover letter must include:
  - A brief description of the nominee (maximum 150 words) summarising their exceptional contributions as if being introduced to an audience or journalist.
  - A background description of the nominee's work environment or area of focus (maximum 150 words), including key details such as the approaches and values to the work, scope and organisational partners involved.
- The body of the submission must include:
  - Summary of the nominee's contributions (1x A4 page), addressing the impact
  - The nominee's CV (maximum 2x A4 pages)
  - Evidence: Cite up to 10 of the most significant publications, articles, reports or outcomes evidencing the impact, with a brief description of the relevance of each (1x A4 page).
    - Attach the documentation separately, referring to the citation number in the filename. For long documents, attach the front page and only the relevant chapters or pages with evidence highlighted.
  - Two referees who can be readily contacted, including their name, organisation, role, email, and phone contact.

### Assessment criteria

Nominations will be reviewed by a panel of people with diverse experience in the mental health sector, using the following assessment criteria.

#### **Impact (50%)**

What was the *breadth* of impact (local, state, national or international levels)?

What was the *depth* of impact (guidelines and policy; sector reform and service changes; how these changes have impacted lives)?



## Awards Guidelines

*Rivers of Connection:*

Integrating research, practice & lived experience

AUSTRALIAN  
PSYCHOSIS CONFERENCE  
29th -30th July 2025

### **Contribution (50%)**

To what extent did the nominee's activities contribute to the impact? Consider:

*Leadership:* How they led initiatives to generate evidence and articulate priorities in partnership with lived experience and communities.

*Advocacy:* How they instigated change within existing systems and institutions.

*Activism:* How they challenged societal norms and systems.