

Terms and Conditions

The Peter Nicol Russell Memorial Medal

Career Achievement Award in Engineering



The Peter Nicol Russell Memorial Medal – Career Achievement Award in Engineering perpetuates the memory of Sir Peter Nicol Russell, a Sydney industrialist during the latter half of the 19th century, who made major donations to the cause of engineering in Australia.

The PNR Memorial Medal is Engineers Australia's highest award and can only be conferred by the Board on recommendation of the Honours and Awards Committee. Recipients of the PNR Memorial Medal represent to both the engineering profession and the community the highest technical, professional and community service standards of the profession of engineering.

In light of this, the term “notable contribution” to the science and/or practice of engineering needs to be interpreted broadly, rather than as a narrow reflection of achievements only. This ensures the award truly reflects the broad nature and impacts of the profession of engineering within the general community.

Eligibility Criteria

- Only Honorary Fellows of Engineers Australia are eligible to be nominated. Incoming, current and immediate past national or divisional office-bearers do not automatically join the PNR Register.
- An Honorary Fellow is not eligible to be entered onto the PNR Register in the year they are awarded Honorary Fellow.

Nomination Criteria

Nominations for the PNR Memorial Medal will be judged against the following criteria:

- Contribution to community welfare
- Contribution to the profession
- Technical expertise/business

As further expressed by:

- Contribution to the community's welfare through engineering works
- Contribution to the knowledge-base of the profession through research and development activities
- Contributions to education through teaching and/or education support
- Contributions to the community outside of engineering practice
- Contributions to the profession through professional society activities
- Contributions to the profession through leadership and management

NOTE: Nominees do not need to pass every area of the above sub-sets, however these are provided as a guide for nominators. Nominators will be asked to address the sub-set areas where relevant to the nominee and their career.

The nomination must also contain a supplementary 200-word citation on the nominee and their career achievements.

Citation Requirements

The additional citation must demonstrate the nominee's distinction and pre-eminence in the field, capture their entire body of work within the profession, as well outline notable/long term achievements.

Nominators will be asked to demonstrate the nominee's:

- Technical expertise extending to business, research and/or education;
- Strong leadership in the field;
- World expertise;
- Currency; and
- Entire body of work and the way in which it is a notable contribution that has impacted the profession/community.

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1. The PNR Memorial Medal will be awarded annually.
2. Only Honorary Fellows of Engineers Australia are eligible for nomination. Incoming, current and immediate past national or divisional office-bearers do not automatically join the Register.
3. New Honorary Fellows awarded in a particular year are not eligible recipients for the PNR Memorial Medal until the following year. The timing of judging and awarding of the PNR Memorial Medal will not be disrupted.
4. Any nomination for the PNR Memorial Medal must be accompanied by a 200-word citation of the nominee's notable contributions and achievements.
5. Each year, the Honours & Awards Committee will consider new nominations, add those suitable to the Register and review the nominations already recorded on the Register, in order to recommend three names to the Board for consideration.
6. Cognisant of any advice from the Honours & Awards Committee, the Board will select the PNR Memorial Medal recipient.
7. Nominations for this award may be made by:
 - Any three members of National Congress;
 - A Division Committee, College Board or Technical Society;
 - Any five Corporate Members of Engineers Australia; or
 - The National President.
8. The Register of nominees for the PNR Memorial Medal is maintained for a period of three years and kept confidential.
9. At the conclusion of three years, names will be removed from the Register if not selected as the PNR Memorial Medal recipient.
10. Contact details of the nominator will be kept on file for the three-year period. No feedback will be given to nominators as to whether the nominee was added to the Register.

The closing date for nominations for any given year is advertised on the corporate website within the PNR section.

Presentation of the PNR memorial medal

The National President or representative will contact the PNR Memorial Medal winner to advise of their selection. A presentation of the Medal will be made by the National President at a suitable occasion. The award consists of a framed certificate and medal prescribed by the Board.