



# School Library Association OF NEW SOUTH WALES

## The John Hirst Award

The John Hirst Award honours the memory of the Association's founder, John Hirst, who had a vision and a passionate drive to establish the primary place of libraries in every NSW school. This award recognises excellence in professional leadership and/or service by an Association member who is either a teacher librarian or who supports school libraries in New South Wales.

### The successful candidate must:

- Clearly identify area/s, field/s, or aspect/s of practice (e.g., publications, service, advocacy, research) in which leadership has been demonstrated.
- Provide evidence of leadership in the identified areas.
- Demonstrate how excellence in practice meets one or more of the [Association's objectives](#) and has raised the profile of the profession.
- This award is peer or self-nominated.

### Submission of nominations

- The nominee must hold financial (personal or institutional) or life membership for at least 12 months prior to the closing date for applications.
- Self-nominated applicants need to provide a supporting statement of endorsement from a SLANSW member.
- Nomination forms with supporting documentation must be emailed to the Secretary [info@slansw.net.au](mailto:info@slansw.net.au) by 5.00pm, Friday 25th November 2022.
- Nominations will be considered by the SLANSW Awards Panel for recommendation to the SLANSW Committee.

### Announcement of Award

The John Hirst Award for 2022 will be announced and conferred at the SLANSW Conference in March 2023.

The SLANSW Committee reserves the right not to confer this award in any year.