



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 the area/s-of practice (e.g., publications, service, advocacy, research) in which leadership and/or service has been demonstrated.
- Provide evidence of leadership and/or service in the identified area/s.
- Demonstrate how excellence in practice meets one or more of the [Association's objectives](#) and has raised the profile of the profession.

Submission of nominations

- This award is peer or self-nominated.
- Nominees must have held a personal membership or have been a nominated representative of an institutional membership of SLANSW for a minimum of 12 months at the close of nominations.
- 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 Executive Officer at info@slansw.net.au by 5.00pm, Friday 24th November 2023.
- Nominations will be considered by the SLANSW Awards Panel for recommendation to the SLANSW Committee.

Announcement of Award

- The 2024 John Hirst Award will be announced and conferred at the March 2024 SLANSW Summit.
- The SLANSW Committee reserves the right not to confer this award in any year.