



**AUTISM SA**

# **Autism SA Recognition Awards 2008**

Autism SA recognises that there are many individuals and organisations that make significant contributions to the organisation as well as for people and families living with Autism Spectrum Disorders in South Australia.

Autism SA wishes to recognise outstanding contributions and achievement through our Recognition Awards Program. These awards will be presented during Autism Month - May 2008. Autism SA will present awards in seven categories:

## **1. Autism SA Professional Achievement Award**

**Criteria:** This award recognises excellence by an individual professional working in the field of Autism Spectrum Disorders. The Award Recipient(s) will have a demonstrable track record of professional excellence in their chosen discipline within the field of Autism Spectrum Disorders.

**Special Commendations:** From the nominations, the judging panel may award any number of special commendations. Framed certificates will be presented.

**Recognition:** The Award Recipient(s) and Special Commendations will be acknowledged on the Autism SA website and in the 'Autiser' newsletter.

**Nominations:** Nominations must be received on the official nomination form only. Anybody may nominate a person who they feel has made a significant contribution in the field of Autism Spectrum Disorders through their professional activities. Staff of Autism SA may **not** be nominated.

## **2. Autism SA Exemplary Service Award**

**Criteria:** This award recognises any individual who has given exemplary service to Autism SA. These could include employees, volunteers or private individuals. In particular, the judging panel will highly regard the nominee's synergy with the Vision of Autism SA – 'Leading the way through knowledge understanding & acceptance'.

**Special Commendations:** From the nominations, the judging panel may award any number of special commendations. Framed certificates will be presented.

**Recognition:** The Award Recipient(s) and Special Commendations will be acknowledged on the Autism SA website and in the 'Autiser' newsletter.

**Nominations:** Nominations must be received on the official nomination form only. Anybody may nominate a staff member, volunteer or board Autism SA as a member of staff, volunteer or Board Member (current or past) who they feel has made a significant contribution to the organisation.

### **3. Autism SA Business Partnership Award**

**Criteria:** This award will go to a business entity, *school, university or other organisation* that has made an exceptional contribution to Autism SA's ability to better deliver or increase services to people with an Autism Spectrum Disorder and their families in South Australia.

**Special Commendations:** From the nominations, the judging panel may award any number of special commendations. Framed certificates will be presented.

**Recognition:** The Award Recipient(s) and Special Commendations will be acknowledged on the Autism SA website and in the 'Autiser' newsletter.

**Nominations:** Autism SA will take a lead role in making nominations in this category. Nominations must be received on the official nomination form only. Anybody may nominate an organisation who they feel has made a significant contribution to Autism SA's ability to deliver services through their professional activities.

### **4. The Autism SA Patronage Award**

**Criteria:** This award acknowledges outstanding Patronage and/or Philanthropic support of Autism SA. The award may be presented to an individual or business entity.

**Special Commendations:** From the nominations, the judging panel may award any number of special commendations. Framed certificates will be presented.

**Recognition:** The Award Recipient(s) and Special Commendations will be acknowledged on the Autism SA website and in the 'Autiser' newsletter.

**Nominations:** Autism SA will take a lead role in making nominations in this category. Nominations must be received on the official nomination form only. Anybody may nominate an individual or organisation who they feel has made a significant philanthropic contribution, provided major sponsorship or goods in kind to Autism SA.

### **5. Autism SA Parent / Carer Award**

**Criteria:** This award will be presented to an individual who is a parent or carer of a person with an Autism Spectrum Disorder. It is important to recognise the valued contributions of parents and carers. The role that they play in supporting individuals across the autism spectrum is essential.

**Special Commendations:** From the nominations, the judging panel may award any number of special commendations. Framed certificates will be presented.

**Recognition:** The Award Recipient(s) and Special Commendations will be acknowledged on the Autism SA website and in the 'Autiser' newsletter.

**Nominations:** Nominations must be received on the official nomination form only. Anybody may nominate an individual parent or carer of a person with an Autism Spectrum Disorder.

We encourage nominations from family members and service providers in the field.

## **6. Autism SA Individual Achievement Award**

**Criteria:** This feature Award will be presented to an individual (or individuals) with an Autism Spectrum Disorder, ***in two age brackets***, to recognise personal achievement. ***The first age bracket is for children 12 years and younger and the second is 13 years and older.***

**Special Commendations:** From the nominations, the judging panel may award any number of special commendations. Framed certificates will be presented.

**Recognition:** The Award Recipient(s) and Special Commendations will be acknowledged on the Autism SA website and in the 'Autiser' newsletter.

**Nominations:** Nominations must be received on the official nomination form only. Anybody may nominate an individual person with an Autism Spectrum Disorder for recent achievements.

We encourage nominations from family members and service providers in the field.

## **7. Autism SA Ambassador Award**

**Criteria:** This ***NEW*** Award will be presented to an individual who is an outstanding ambassador and advocate for Autism SA and for people with Autism Spectrum Disorders and their families in South Australia.

**Special Commendations:** From the nominations, the judging panel may award any number of special commendations. Framed certificates will be presented.

**Recognition:** The Award Recipient(s) and Special Commendations will be acknowledged on the Autism SA website and in the 'Autiser' newsletter.

**Nominations:** Nominations must be received on the official nomination form only. Anybody may be nominated be they an individual person with an Autism Spectrum Disorder, staff member of Autism SA, volunteer of private individual.

We encourage nominations from family members and service providers in the field.

**Please Note:** ***Please refer to "Recognition Awards – Important Information" before making a nomination.***





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# Recognition Awards 2008 - Nomination Form

**Details of person / organisation making the nomination:**

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_  
*First Name* *Surname*

Organisation (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Postal address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Post Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Details of person / organisation you are nominating:**

Nominee's name: \_\_\_\_\_  
*First Name* *Surname*

Organisation (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's postal address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Post code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominee Award Category (please tick one only – a separate form is required if you are nominating the person / organisation in more than one category):**

- Professional Achievement Award  (Individuals only)
- Autism SA Exemplary Service Award  (Autism SA Board, Staff, Volunteers or private individuals only)
- Autism SA Business Partnership Award  (Organisations only)
- Patronage Award  (Individuals or Business Entities)
- Parent / Carer Award  (Individuals only)
- Individual Achievement Award  (Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder only)
- Autism Ambassador Award (**NEW**)  (Individuals only)

**Brief General Description of Nominee's Involvement with People with Autism Spectrum Disorders and / or their families (word limit of 50 please):**

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