**QHTA**



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**The Dr Russell Cowie ‘Excellence in History Education’ Award**

*During four decades, Dr Hamilton (Russell) Cowie (1931-2015) was the most influential force in history education in Queensland. His impact was multi-faceted. He was a brilliant and innovative teacher at both secondary and tertiary levels, led the development of inquiry-based syllabuses, pioneered a new era in history textbooks, helped found the state and national history teacher associations and presented countless lectures and workshops at conferences. Known affectionately to all as ‘Russ’, he was a towering and legendary figure in teacher education, admired by the legions of university students whom he nurtured into their professional lives. Russ was the inaugural patron and life member of the Queensland History Teachers’ Association, was promoted to Associate Professor by the University of Queensland and in 2013 was honoured by the nation with the Medal of the Order of Australia.*

**Eligibility**  
To be eligible for the award an applicant must be a:

* Current individual or institutional member of QHTA;
* Current or past teacher of history in a primary, secondary or tertiary institution in Queensland.

**Selection Criteria**

* Teaching, which is characterised by deep knowledge, passion and pedagogical skill, widely recognised as inspiring student interest and learning within the discipline of history *and/or*
* Innovation in the design and presentation of particular units of work, courses or history texts *and/or*
* Sustained an outstanding contribution to the professional learning of those in QHTA, its student programs or publications.

**Applications**

* All applications/nominations must be in writing and must include a statement detailing the nature of the nominee’s contribution to the Queensland History Teachers’ Association and/or the profession of history teaching. This statement should respond to one or more of the selection criteria. The contribution must be judged as exemplary.
* The application/nomination should be accompanied by a letter of support/recommendation from the teacher’s principal or equivalent.
* All applications/nominations will be reviewed by the QHTA Awards Committee. The award will only be presented if this committee believes that the selection criteria have been met at an appropriate standard with the result that the award may not be conferred every year.
* The award will be presented at the 2025 QHTA State Conference.
* Applications/nominations must be received **by 2nd May 2025**. Please email all nominations, including supporting documentation, to: [qhta@qhta.com.au](mailto:qhta@qhta.com.au)

**I wish to nominate the following educator for The Dr Russell Cowie ‘Excellence in History Education’ Award:**

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| Nominee |  | | |
| Position/ Institution |  | | |
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**Brief account of reasons for nomination addressing the Selection Criteria:**

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## **Person nominating**

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| Position/ Institution |  | | |
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**Submission and accompanying documents**

This form should be accompanied by the following and emailed to QHTA [qhta@qhta.com.au](mailto:qhta@qhta.com.au)

* **Nominee’s CV** A brief CV, indicating the extent and significance of the nominee’s contribution to HistoryEducation
* **Reference letter** A letter of support/recommendation from the educator’s principal or equivalent.
* **Citation Draft** A draft of what the person nominating suggests would be appropriate wording for inclusion in the award citation.
* **Other Evidence:** Any other evidence which might support the nomination. This might include well written commendations by students and/or other staff etc.

**Winner’s Prize: $500 cash prize, framed certificate for the winner, complimentary registration to a conference organised by QHTA.**