



# John Harber Phillips Award

2025 NOMINATION FORM AND TERMS & CONDITIONS

**ANZPAA**  
Australia New Zealand  
Policing Advisory Agency



### About ANZPAA NIFS

The Australia New Zealand Policing Advisory Agency (ANZPAA) is dedicated to actively supporting and fostering excellence in the forensic sciences.

The ANZPAA National Institute of Forensic Science (ANZPAA NIFS) has been operational since 1992 and became a directorate of ANZPAA in 2008. ANZPAA NIFS has several core functions, including:

- Providing advice on emerging trends, technology and risks to prepare forensic services for future challenges.
- Co-ordinating and sponsoring operationally relevant research to enhance forensic science service delivery.
- Managing a network of cross-jurisdictional specialist advisory groups to share information and innovations.
- Co-ordinating and sponsoring workshops to support cross-jurisdictional collaborative training initiatives.
- Delivering proficiency tests and practitioner certification programs to support quality assurance.
- Establishing guidelines and training resources to inform and guide forensic science practices.

### John Harber Phillips Award

The Honourable Professor John Harber Phillips AC QC was the Chair of the NIFS Board of Control and later the ANZPAA NIFS Forum from 1992 until his passing on 7 August 2009. His distinguished career in law, coupled with his unwavering support for the forensic sciences, led to lasting contributions that benefited the community.

In recognition of his achievements, ANZPAA NIFS established the John Harber Phillips Award to recognise the exceptional contributions of an individual to the advancement of forensic sciences in Australia and New Zealand.

### Nominations for the Award

- The nominee must be a current or past professional in the forensic sciences in Australia or New Zealand who has demonstrated significant contributions to the advancement of the field.
- Any individual peer or peer group within the forensic sciences, law enforcement, or legal communities may submit a nomination for this award.
- The nominee does not need to consent or be informed of the nomination, as ANZPAA NIFS will verify acceptance of the Award before proceeding.
- The nominee cannot self-nominate for the Award.
- The peer must not be a relative of the nominee.

#### 2025 DATES

**27 March 2025**  
Open for nomination

**20 June 2025**  
Closing date for nominations

## Judging the Award

The John Harber Phillips Award will be judged by the Award Committee, which includes:

- A Police Commissioner
- A representative from the legal community
- Two representatives from the ANZPAA NIFS Australia New Zealand Forensic Executive Committee
- ANZPAA Chief Executive Officer
- ANZPAA NIFS Director (Chair)

The Committee will recommend a recipient for final confirmation through the appropriate ANZPAA governance advised by the ANZPAA CEO.

Only one award will be issued if a candidate meets the merit criteria.

The Award Committee Chair reserves the right to conduct a preliminary assessment of nominations. If insufficient nominations meet the merit criteria, the Chair may consider postponing the award or including previously submitted nominations before presenting the final selection to the Committee for review.

Committee members cannot be a nominator but may contribute information for nominations, including as referee, and declare when they have done so. The Committee Chair will manage any conflicts of interest as they believe appropriate.

The Chair may request clarification from nominators and referees to assist the Committee's decisions. The Committee's decisions are final, and no further correspondence will be considered.

The candidate must make themselves available for Award publicity purposes and assist in the promotion of the Award.

## Receiving the Award

Receiving the John Harbor Phillips Award is a significant achievement that highlights the recognition of colleagues in the field of forensic sciences.

The winner will be presented with an ornate medal and a certificate, symbolising their accomplishment.

In accepting the Award, the winner agrees to make themselves available for Award publicity and assist in the promotion of the Award.

Recognition for this prestigious award will take place through various channels and may include:

- A formal presentation ceremony at a significant event
- Announcements made at important forensic forums
- A feature in the ANZPAA and ANZPAA NIFS newsletters
- Announcements published on the ANZPAA and ANZPAA NIFS websites and social media.

The winner will be notified at least two weeks before the presentation. Additionally, travel and accommodation expenses for the presentation will be covered by ANZPAA NIFS.

## Submitting Nominations

Please return your nomination form by email to [secretariat.nifs@anzpaa.org.au](mailto:secretariat.nifs@anzpaa.org.au) by COB Friday, 20 June 2025, using the subject line: "John Harber Phillips Award Nomination – Nominator: [insert nominator name]." Do not enter nominee name in the subject.

For questions or guidance regarding the nomination process, please contact the ANZPAA NIFS Secretariat via email at [secretariat.nifs@anzpaa.org.au](mailto:secretariat.nifs@anzpaa.org.au)

- ANZPAA NIFS will not accept responsibility for late, lost, or misdirected entries.
- Nominations are considered received upon arrival at ANZPAA NIFS, not at the time of transmission.
- All nominations become the property of ANZPAA NIFS.
- The provided information will be used for promotional purposes related to the Award.
- ANZPAA NIFS may share nominee information with contractors and agents for promotion.

## THE NOMINATION

The John Harber Phillips Award recognises individuals who have made substantial contributions to the field of forensic sciences.

Nominations should address the following criteria:

- Specific features of the nominee's contributions that are exceptional.
- The impact of these contributions on the field of forensic sciences.
- The nominee's reputation and standing within the forensic science community.
- The effects of the contributions on the end-users of forensic science.

When filling out the nomination, please provide a detailed description of the nominee's achievements rather than just a copy of their curriculum vitae or biography. Any materials provided to support the nomination will also be taken into consideration.



# NOMINATION FORM

## PRIMARY NOMINATOR

Title  Given Name  Surname

Contact Number  (work)  (mobile)

Email

Address

State  Postcode

Name of employee organisation

Position/Title

Relationship to nominee

## ADDITIONAL NOMINATORS

Title  Given Name  Surname

Title  Given Name  Surname

Title  Given Name  Surname

## NOMINEE (to be filled in by the nominator)

Title  Given Name  Surname

Contact Number  (work)  (mobile)

Email

Address

State  Postcode

Name of employee organisation

Australia/New Zealand citizen  Has the nominee been informed about the nomination

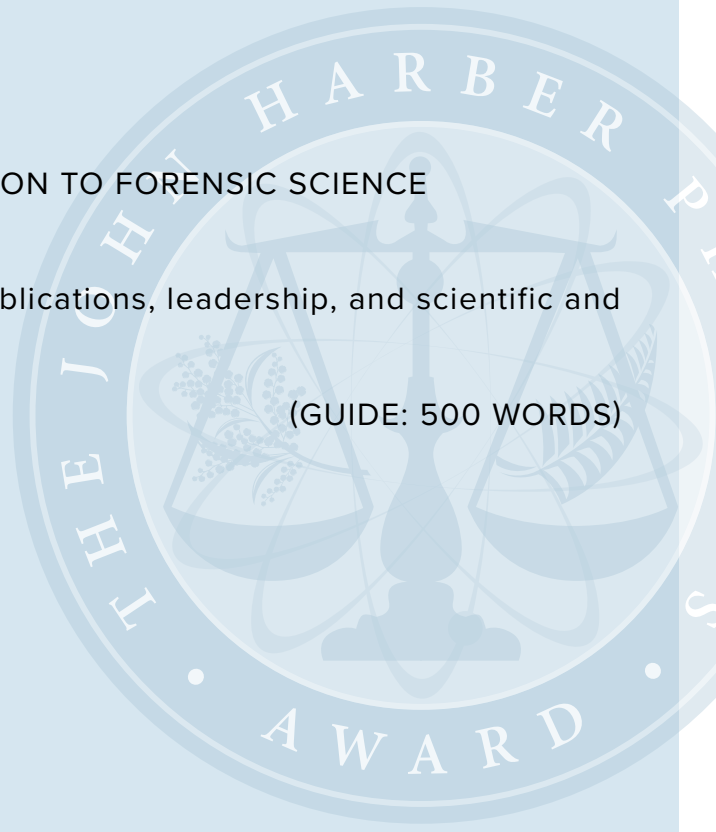
## CONTACT DETAILS OF TWO REFEREES FOR THE NOMINEE

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1. WHAT MAKES THIS INDIVIDUAL'S CONTRIBUTION TO FORENSIC SCIENCE OUTSTANDING?

Include their impact on forensic knowledge, publications, leadership, and scientific and technical expertise.

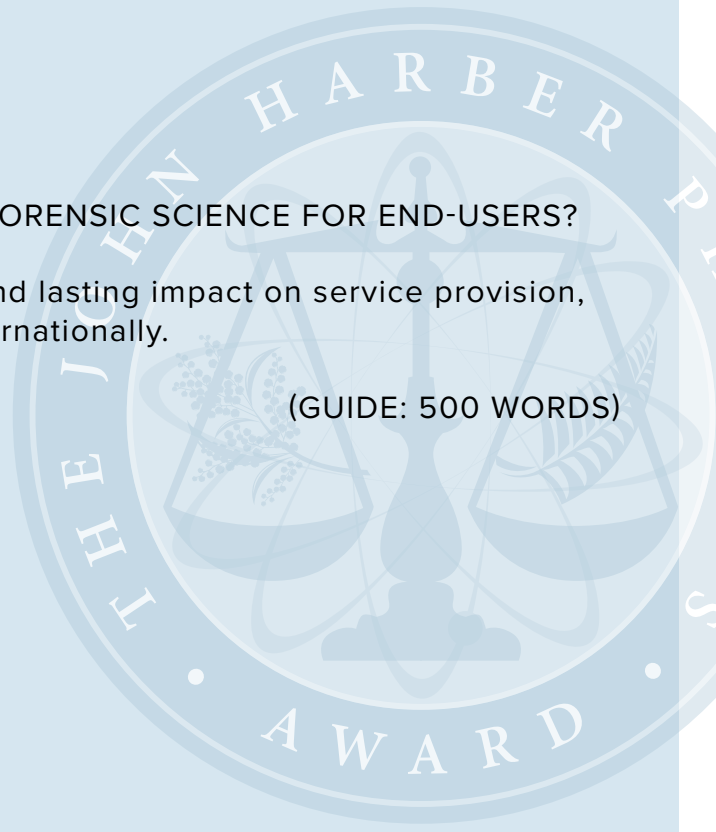
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2. HOW HAS THEIR CONTRIBUTION IMPROVED FORENSIC SCIENCE FOR END-USERS?

Discuss effectiveness, efficiency, innovation, and lasting impact on service provision, including across disciplines, nationally and internationally.

(GUIDE: 500 WORDS)



3. WHAT IS THEIR REPUTATION WITHIN THE FORENSIC SCIENCE COMMUNITY?

Highlight their role as a mentor, volunteer work, knowledge-sharing efforts, and overall recognition.

(GUIDE: 500 WORDS)

