



## **Australian Education Union**

### **The Arthur Hamilton Award for Outstanding Contribution to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education**

#### **Background to the Award**

The Arthur Hamilton Award for Outstanding Contribution to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education is named in honour of Arthur Hamilton, a proud Palawa man, educator and union activist and is in recognition of the contribution that Arthur made to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander education, both in Tasmania and nationally. This award was previously known as the Arthur Hamilton Award for Reconciliation.

Arthur passed away in 2004 leaving behind a legacy of a strong consciousness for equity and social justice, cross-cultural awareness, recognition of Indigenous peoples and the elimination of racism within the Australian Education Union and in schools.

The AEU is proud to recognise the work of our comrade, colleague and friend through the naming of this award.

#### **Award Criteria**

The award will be presented to an educator or group of educators who demonstrate a commitment to the provision of high quality education to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in one or more of the following ways:

- a) Implementing a whole school/TAFE Institute approach to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education;
- b) Improving outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students;
- c) Improving the engagement of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander parents and members of the broader community in school decision-making processes; and
- d) Developing and implementing an innovative product or program relevant to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander education.

#### **Award Concept**

This Award is in recognition of AEU members who are committed to ensuring that all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students have the right to high quality education throughout their lives. The AEU is dedicated to ensuring that all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have local access to a free, publicly funded education system, which affirms cultural identity, and enables Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to contribute to, and participate in, their own, and broader society.

## **Eligibility**

Who is eligible to be nominated for an Award?

- (i) An individual educator who is a financial member of an AEU Branch or Associated Body, (Queensland Teachers' Union, New South Wales Teachers' Federation, State School Teachers' Union of Western Australia); or
- (ii) A school/TAFE or a group of educators who are AEU members as in (i) above.

## **Who can nominate?**

The nominators must be from one of the following three groups:

- (i) An AEU financial member of an AEU Branch or Associated Body;
- (ii) A state or territory Aboriginal Education Advisory or Consultative Group, eg AECG;
- (iii) A local Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander organisation
- (iv) An Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander education committee (or similar) based at a public school and/or TAFE Institute

## **Nomination Form**

Nomination form is attached. Applications should not exceed five (5) pages which includes supporting/supplementary documents or a maximum of ten (10) minutes if presentation is on video/DVD.

**Applicants are to supply three (3) copies of their application.**

## **Prize**

The winner of the award will receive a \$1000 prize. All nominees will receive a certificate from the AEU.

## **Closing date**

The closing date for nominations is **Friday, 27 November, 2009**. A nomination form is attached.

Nominations together with all relevant documentation and supporting material should be forwarded to:

Ms Susan Hopgood  
Federal Secretary  
Australian Education Union  
120 Clarendon Street  
Southbank VIC 3006

Should you require further information please contact Wayne Costelloe, Federal Aboriginal Education Officer on telephone: (03)96931800 or fax:(03)96931805 or Email: [samg@aeufederal.org.au](mailto:samg@aeufederal.org.au)



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**Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education**

**NOMINATION FORM**

I wish to nominate the following individual, group or project for the Arthur Hamilton Award for Outstanding Contribution to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education 2009.

Name/Project\*

Name/Project  
Contact details

Name/Project  
Address   
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Telephone  
 (h).....(w).....facsimile.....

They are eligible to be considered for an award under the following categories (tick which box applies)

Individual educator  School or group of educators

Is he/she or are they a member of any of the following? (tick appropriate box[ex])

AEU  SSTUWA  QTU  NSWTF  Other .....

Nominators name

Is nominator a member of any of the following? (tick appropriate box [ex])

AEU  SSTUWA  QTU  NSWTF  Other .....

Nominators title/position

Address   
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Telephone  
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\*Please include with your nomination any relevant documentation concerning the project and the individual/school/group involved. Applications should not exceed five (5) pages which includes supporting/supplementary documents or a maximum of ten (10) minutes if presentation is on video/DVD. Three (3) copies of documentation are to be provided.

**Where did you receive information or hear about this Award? .....**