



THE NICK VINE HALL AWARD FOR THE BEST JUDGED JOURNAL

AFFHO is introducing this award to promote family history journals / newsletters, and also to honour the memory of Nick Vine Hall, AM, who did so much to retain the census in Australia and to bring genealogy to the forefront through his radio broadcasts

The Nick Vine Hall Award will be judged and the award announced in National Family History Week.

There are two categories

A-For societies with less than 499 members

B- With more than 500 financial members

The winning societies will be presented with a trophy, a cheque for \$ 150 and the winning editor a 12 months subscription to a journal of their choice.

Runners up will receive a certificate

This award is sponsored by The Australasian Federation of Family History Organisations and is open to all member organizations

How to enter, rules, judging criteria are listed here

Closing date for entries **30 April of each year**

JUDGING CRITERIA

The judges will be looking for a Society that submits a well presented journal / newsletter with the best content, both in quality and range of articles, and for the quality and diversity of news items and information appropriate to that society's aims and objectives

When considering the entries, judges will assess each journal's contribution in the following areas-

Presentation-

- * Cover –attractively presented. Clearly indicate the date and number of the issue
- * Contents pages are useful
- * Headings should stand out, as should surnames on a page
- * Running footers /or headers on each page, with the name of the society or journal, the issue number and date ensure that if photocopies are made by readers the source is automatically included
- * Needs to be easy to read; photos are clear and people can be identified

* Can be computer generated and photocopied. Does not require professional publication

Articles-

- * a mixture of contributions of various lengths
- * a balance of interests for new and experienced researchers
- * articles on sources available
- * aspects of record keeping, including use of computer programs
- * suitable articles of local , state or national interest
- * lists of recommended websites, journals and books

Information-

- * society news; forthcoming events
- * projects being undertaken, progress with these projects
- * notices of meetings, speakers, trips being planned
- * help wanted
- * members interests
- * meeting reports, speakers heard
- * general news-conferences, seminars being held
- * library news-recent acquisitions
- * reports from other organisations
- * names and contact numbers of office bearers, mailing address of society, location and deadlines for contributions

RULES

All member societies of AFFHO are eligible to enter

The results of the award will be announced during National Family History Week in August

A winner is not eligible to send an entry for the two years immediately following their win. A society is not eligible to send an entry in any year when one of the judges is a member of that Society's Executive committee

Your journal / newsletter must have been published in the last 12 months

Societies should submit **three** identical copies of their entry, together with three copies of the completed entry form, including email address **by 30 April of each year**

To be posted and properly marked:

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