



The Australasian Federation of  
Family History Organisations Inc.

## Nick Vine Hall Award 2025

### Conditions of Entry

#### Categories

The Nick Vine Hall Award is made annually in two categories:

Category A – for societies with less than 200 members

Category B – for societies with 200 or more members

#### Eligibility

All member societies of AFFHO are eligible to enter.

Only journals/newsletters dated 2024 year are eligible.

A first prize winner is not eligible to submit an entry for the next two years.

To avoid conflict of interest, an entry will not be accepted from any society which has a current Nick Vine Hall Award judge as a member of its Committee/Council.

#### Judging Criteria

The judges will be looking for a Society that submits a well-presented journal 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 to the following areas:

*Journal title and society name* - Easy to identify and read.

*Cover* - Should look attractive with date, volume and/or issue number clearly shown.

*Contents page/s* - Must be clear, concise and useful.

*Running headers or footers* - Must be clear on each page with the name of the society or journal, issue number and date.

*Organisation details* - Should include mailing address, office bearers' names and contact details, contribution deadlines and submission details.

*Page titling* - Should stand out from article or story text.

*Surnames* - Visual font and text selection are important.

*Articles should offer:*

- Contributions of various lengths
- Author's names
- A balance between new and experienced researchers
- Accurate captioning of inserts such as illustrations, photographs and other images

*Contents could cover:*

- Items of local, state or national interest
- Enriched coverage of a particular subject or specific regional perspective
- Record keeping, including computer programs
- Recommended books, journals and websites
- The importance of source citations

*Layout and production* - A good layout and attractive presentation of any journal/newsletter will not only enhance its contents but may also encourage members and others to read it. The journal/newsletter:

- Must be easy to read with clear photographs so people can be identified.
- Does not require professional publication; can be computer generated.
- Could include promotional and/or paid advertisements.
- Should use fewer rather than more fonts – use bold, italics and different sizes of those fonts for captions, subheadings. Readability is the guiding factor when using 'all caps'.
- Must have balanced use of white space.

## **Submissions**

Societies are required to submit a digital copy (PDF format is acceptable) of their selected journal, together with the completed entry form **before 31 March 2025**. No entries will be accepted after the closing date. Entries should be emailed to:

Shauna Hicks, Convenor, Nick Vine Hall Awards [shauhick@gmail.com](mailto:shauhick@gmail.com)

All entries will be acknowledged and if you do not receive a reply to your submission, please contact the Convenor in case there is an issue with e-delivery.

First prize winners and highly commended journals/newsletters in each category will be announced at the National Family History Month opening ceremony.