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THE PRIME MINISTER'S PRIZES FOR SCIENCE

Your guide to nominating for the Prime Minister's Prize for **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Knowledge Systems**

This prize celebrates Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander knowledge systems and the powerful contributions made to science, our nation and the world.

Nominations close 7 January 2027 at 5:00 pm AEDT.



Professor Michael Wear, recipient of the 2025 Prime Minister's Prize for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Knowledge Systems

1 Read the relevant **prize guidelines** before nominating

2 Submit your **Stage 1 nomination** via the online portal

- Provide details for yourself and the nominees, and confirm supporters and referees are available
- Address all eligibility and assessment criteria and provide attachments

3 An **independent committee** assesses your nomination

4 We notify you if your nomination **proceeds to Stage 2**

5 Submit your **Stage 2 nomination**

- Address all assessment criteria **in more detail** and provide attachments

6 An **independent committee** assesses your nomination

7 We notify nominators and recipients of **outcomes**

8 Recipients are **announced** at at a presentation event and online



You can find out more at | **industry**.gov.au/PMPrizes

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Who will you nominate?

Celebrate people you admire.



"Everything is connected when it comes to knowledge systems for Indigenous peoples. We use these systems as individuals and as a community. It's living knowledge and it is continuous.

"I'm very humbled to receive this prize. I might be the first, but I don't want to be the last."

Professor Michael Wear
CEO and Founder, Tidal Moon | Professor of Practice, Murdoch University
2025 Prime Minister's Prize for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Knowledge Systems

Scan the QR code to find out more at **industry.gov.au/PMPrizesNominate**

About the Prime Minister's Prizes for Science

The Prime Minister's Prizes for Science are Australia's most prestigious science prizes. They comprise of:

- **5 science prizes**, including **2 for innovation**, that span diverse career stages and disciplines across science, technology, engineering and mathematics
- the **knowledge systems prize** that recognises the practice and preservation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander knowledge systems
- **2 science teaching prizes** for primary and secondary school science teachers who inspire students to engage in STEM.

Recipients receive a medallion, prize money of $50,000 or $250,000, national recognition and exposure to new opportunities and networks.

Nominating someone acknowledges their achievements and encourages them to continue to excel in their work.

Check out the other side of this leaflet for your guide to nominating. Nominations close 7 January 2027 at 5:00 pm AEDT.

The Prizes are funded through the Australian Government's *Inspiring Australia – Science Engagement Program*.