

Judges' Tip sheet

RM Advancer[®] 2019
AUSTRALIA'S PREMIER RISK MANAGEMENT AWARDS



This tip sheet is designed to help you complete your nomination for the RM Advancer awards. The tips have been compiled from the judges' feedback as well as our own experience of running the awards program.

Organisation overview: Brief organisation history

This can be copied from the "about us" section of the organisation's website and edited accordingly.

Reason for nominating (questions 1, 2 and 3 of the nomination form)

This is a three-part question and is the most important section as it explains what your nomination is all about. This can be your overall risk management journey or a specific project to solve an identified issue. Judges are looking to hear a well told story about your risk management journey, from "Once upon a time" to "Happily ever after" and what happened in-between. The skill is to be able to bring this to life and articulate it within the permitted word count.

How the story is told is equally as important as the substance of the story itself.

Use practical examples and evidence to bring your Risk Management journey to life. Examples may include: How a loss was prevented in your organisation, a major investment of time, money or effort in risk management or what you have learnt from the past.

Judges like to see a baseline with context and timelines if possible, so that they can clearly see progress. Be clear about how you measure value and demonstrate the success of your risk management work.

Four questions which provide supplementary information to allow your nomination to be judged (questions 4 to 7 of the nomination form):

An infographic from AS/NZS ISO 31000:2009 Risk Management standard is provided at the end of the nomination form. Reference these risk management principles, framework and process where possible in your answers.

Next steps:

Nomination forms	We will confirm receipt of your nomination form. Shortly after nominations close on 30 August 2019 we will let you know if your nomination is short listed as a finalist. It will then go forward to judging and winners will be announced at the awards evening. All unsuccessful finalists will be advised.
Judging	Your nomination form will be de-identified (names and obvious references to the organisation are removed) making it anonymous for judging. Nomination forms are designed so that judges can objectively compare very different organisations and choose a winner. The winner in each category is chosen by a panel of expert, independent judges and announced at the awards evening.
Support	The nomination process can be co-ordinated by Vero or GIO if necessary in collaboration with you and your insurance broker. Please ask us if you would like this support.

Good luck with your nomination!

What is your point of difference? What are you doing that is above and beyond what is expected? Demonstrate innovation and creative problem solving.

Judges can only judge based on the information provided. Knowing what to add in, what to leave out and how to tell your story is a real skill. Show your organisation's core values and risk management capabilities.

Ensure you read and understand the questions carefully and answer what is being asked. This may seem obvious, but some past answers have not been entirely relevant or applicable to the question being asked and therefore weakened the response.

General tips:

Review your nomination form with a critical eye as if you were a judge

Ask whether all of the information is relevant, does it add value and is it structured well? Write with clarity. There is a word limit based on characters in the box, so good, succinct articulation is the key to success. Proper sentence structure is not expected due to the formatting of the nomination form. Ensure the available word space is filled.

Each question is unique and requires a specific answer

Don't use 'refer to' to avoid answering a question and don't duplicate or repeat answers already referred to in another question.

Try not to use trade specific language

Ensure messages are clearly explained and use specific examples. Expand the first set of acronyms used.

Ensure your nomination form is reviewed by colleagues, your insurance broker and Vero

Please note: Attachments will not be reviewed or considered.