

# MAX GARDNER AWARD

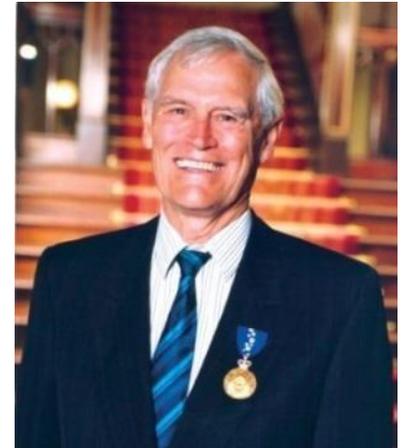
## Frequently Asked Questions

### What is the Max Gardner Award?

The Max Gardner Award for Distinguished Service is a prestigious award presented by Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia (PCFA). It is awarded to an individual member of the Network that has made an outstanding and significant contribution to reducing the impact of prostate cancer on Australian men, their partners and families, recognising the diversity of the Australian community.

### Who was Max Gardner?

Max was a passionate advocate for cancer support services. He was diagnosed with prostate cancer in 1995 and firmly believed that if his cancer had been diagnosed earlier he still might be around today. With this thought in mind, he became an advocate for early diagnosis and dedicated himself to ensuring that other men diagnosed with prostate cancer would have a better chance in life than he did. From diagnosis until his death in October 2004, Max worked tirelessly to raise the level of community awareness about prostate cancer, to promote research into this disease and to support men and women dealing with prostate cancer. He was instrumental in establishing the Network with other likeminded men and women. Max also published a newsletter for his own St Vincent's Hospital Prostate Cancer Support Group in Sydney and served on numerous educational, scientific and generic cancer committees and boards.



Max Gardner AM

### Who can be nominated?

This award is a peer-based form of recognition for PCFA Network members. Individuals nominated must have been or are currently an official Ambassador, in a Support Group Leader role or be an active member of an affiliated support group. Individuals cannot nominate themselves, partners or family members. As the award is presented by PCFA it is also expected that the nominee has upheld PCFA organisational values.

### How do you prepare a nomination?

PCFA have provided some guidance within the form to assist you. Simply follow the instructions on the nomination form and submit as indicated. Note the form can be printed and completed or you can type your responses in the fillable sections of the PDF file, the text will automatically adjust size to fit into the allocated space. When describing the individual's contribution, it is important to provide specific examples and dates wherever possible to show how the nominee's contribution stands out from other members of the Network. Following this, you must provide two referees and are welcome to attach any key supporting documents that support the nomination.

Members of an affiliated support group or members of the general community (who have been present in the audience for an Ambassador presentation) may submit a nomination on behalf of a group of people but please provide a single point of contact and your two referees.

### How are nominations assessed?

Through the nomination form and relevant attachments, nominees need to demonstrate an outstanding contribution that has required a substantial input over a significant period of time. This contribution should reflect Max's vision: to reduce the impact of prostate cancer on Australian men, their partners and families, recognising the diversity of the Australian community. These nominations are then presented to the National Support and Community Outreach Committee (NSCOC) who will provide a shortlist of recommendations to the National Board for final approval.

### **Are nominations confidential?**

Nominations need to be submitted in confidence without the nominee being informed. All nominees selected for the Max Gardner Award will be contacted with their acceptance of the award confirmed prior to announcement.

### **How does everyone find out the outcome?**

Max Gardner Awardees will receive a letter informing them of their successful nomination. All nominators will receive written confirmation of the Max Gardner Awardees, regardless of whether the person nominated received the award. An announcement email will subsequently be sent to the PCFA Network. Max Gardner Awardees will be recognised on PCFA's website, Facebook and in various publications. It is up to nominators to share the outcome directly with referees who provided additional support for the nominee.

### **Who else has won a Max Gardner Award?**

A list of previous winners is available via the PCFA website (<http://www.pcfa.org.au/about-us/awards/max-gardner-award/>). Additionally, the most recent winners have a brief synopsis of their contribution recorded under their names.

### **Where do I go for more information or help?**

Contact Network Support via email: [supportnetwork@pcfa.org.au](mailto:supportnetwork@pcfa.org.au) or **Network Helpline 1800 00 22 98**.