

MEDIA RELEASE

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Finalist 2018 Human Rights Awards in the Community Organisation Award

Seniors Rights Service, Sydney Australia

Seniors Rights Service is delighted and humbled to announce it has been selected in the 2018 Human Rights Awards as a finalist for the Community Organisation Award. A link to the news story is available on the Commission website [here](#).

The Human Rights Awards are conferred by the Australian Human Rights Commission and embrace individual and group achievements in advancing human rights both in Australia and globally. Previous winners of the highest award, the Human Rights Medal, include Johnathan Thurston, Pat Anderson, Peter Greste, Ian Thorpe and the Rt Hon. Malcom Fraser. Previous Community Award winners include Bus Stop Films and Blind Citizens Australia.

Seniors Rights Service is privileged to stand with the other finalists, and is the only organisation selected that works on behalf of older people through our work providing aged-care advocacy, legal advice, social support and rights-based education. We provide phone advice, develop rights-based forums, seminars and meetings in all kinds of places for older people to find out more about their rights and how to exercise them.

At a time when the issues relating to the treatment of our older citizens have led to the creation of the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety, Seniors Rights Service continues supporting people to actively exercise and defend their rights, and to foster communities that respect and value older people.

This is an incredible achievement, particularly given a record number of nominations were received for the Community Organisation Award this year. Being selected as a finalist is a wonderful acknowledgement of the great work done by our staff, volunteers and pro bono solicitors. We look forward to the awards ceremony on December 14th. The winners of the Human Rights Awards will be announced at the Human Rights Awards ceremony on Friday 14 December 2018. The ceremony will be held at the Westin Sydney from 12pm to 3pm.

Seniors Rights Service is a leading agency in terms of Australia's response to the abuse of older people. We work with many partners – including aged care providers – to ensure abuse of older people in Australia is stopped. It is demeaning to all of us that people in the community, and some aged care providers and workers are guilty of this sort of abuse.

Every year we produce a number of important publications and around 25,000 people contact us every year for advice and assistance - averaging 800 daily. In the last financial year we provided **2,740** people with legal services, **1,640** people with legal advice. We provided **3,494** advocacy services to recipients of Commonwealth funded aged-care services. In the past year **28,285** people attended our **805** education sessions and community forums.

For more details regarding Seniors Rights Service visit our website – seniorsrightsservice.org.au
Find our leading final report here – [Abuse of Older People: A Community Response](#)

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