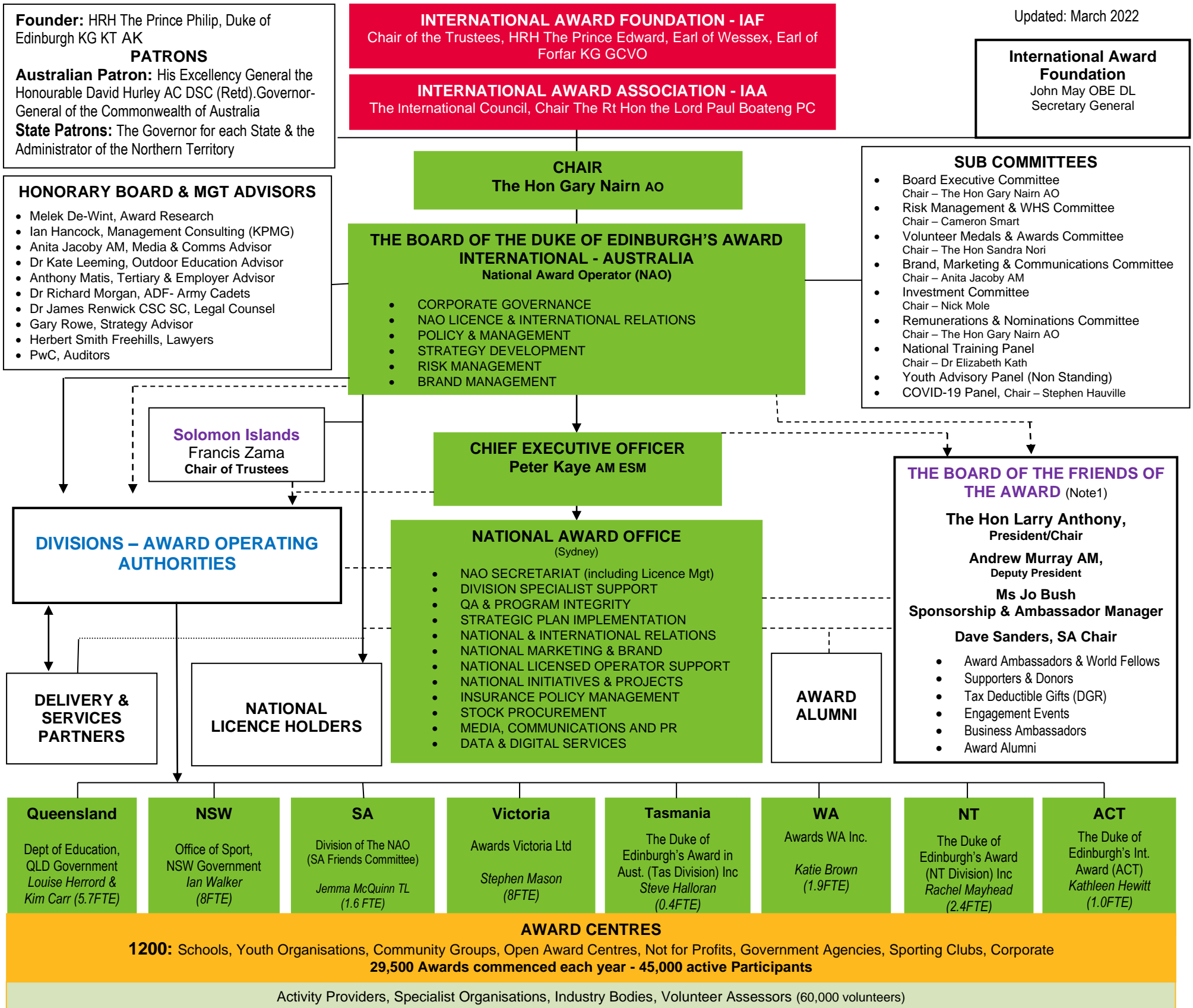


# THE STRUCTURE OF THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S INTERNATIONAL AWARD - AUSTRALIA

Established in 1959

Updated: March 2022



**NATIONAL BOARD:**  
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**KEY STAKEHOLDERS**  
 Federal Government – State/Territory Governments – Award Divisions – Participants – Award Centres – Youth Sector – Parents – Education & Community Organisations – Clubs – Corporate Sector – Sponsors – Not For Profit Sector – Awardees – Alumni – Ambassadors & Supporters

**Governance History**

- Introduced to Australia in 1958 when The Hon Sir Adrian Curlewis CBE CVO was appointed as National Coordinator by HRH Prince Philip. First schools commenced the Award in 1959-1960. Operated initially through the National Fitness Council in each State. The Award was established in the United Kingdom in 1956 by HRH Prince Philip, Lord Hunt and Dr Kurt Hahn. The current company (NFP) was established in October 2004. Prior to this, the Award nationally operated as a registered association called The Australian Coordinating Council, which first met in July 1962 following a £2000 grant from the Prime Minister. Initial not for profit charitable objects: "administer and promote the Award Program in Australia and coordinate at a national level the operation of the State/Territory Licence Holders".
- National Chair (appointed by the Australian National Patron, The Governor General, for a three-year term (2 terms max.) on the recommendation of the NAO);
- Maximum 15 directors. The directors of the company are also the only members of the company.
- Up to eight directors appointed or elected at the discretion of the respective Award Operating Authorities (one licence per State or Territory);
- Up to six Board appointed directors, who must reside in a minimum of three states, appointed to two-year terms (renewable)
- (Note 1) The Friends of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award in Australia is a separately incorporated association. It holds the DGR status for the Award in Australia.

**FORMER NATIONAL CHAIRS:** The Hon Sir Adrian Curlewis CBE CVO; Edward Booth; Major General John Broadbent CBE (Acting); Sir Robert Crichton-Brown KCMG CBE; The Hon Sir Eric Neal AC CVO; Sir Nicholas Shehadie AC OBE; The Hon John Pascoe AC CVO; Allan Sherlock OBE OAM; The Hon Larry Anthony; The Hon Shane Stone AC PGDK QC, Michael Crouch AC (Chair Elect)

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