

## — THERSA NUNN FIRST NATIONS MEMBER AWARD —

The cultures, histories and achievements of First Nations People are an integral feature of the geographic and sociocultural landscape in which we all live and work. The IEUA-QNT recognises the fundamental importance of a formal commitment to reconciliation.

Our First Nations members are a strong and significant part of our membership and they share a desire to enhance the quality of life for teachers, school officers and services staff in non-government education institutions.

The IEUA-QNT has established an award for a First Nations member who has made an outstanding contribution to the work of our union.

This award provides the opportunity for all members of our union to recognise the outstanding efforts of First Nations members and the efforts of those who have helped organise their colleagues in pursuit of shared industrial, professional and reconciliation goals.

The award is named in honour of Aunty Thersa (Ther-esa) Nunn, a proud Noonuccal Woman, Quandamooka Elder and long-standing IEUA-QNT member.

Thersa's commitment to union is evident not only in her ongoing support for industrial and professional campaigns, but also her efforts to educate others on the benefits of union.

The quality of support and care that she provided to Indigenous students within that role is widely appreciated within the Indigenous community and it is this that makes her voice, as a union member, so influential.

If you know a First Nations member who has made an outstanding contribution as a unionist, we invite you to nominate your colleague for the 'Thersa Nunn First Nations Member Award'.

### **AWARD CRITERIA**

1. Has made an outstanding contribution to our union through activism in a specific area.
2. Works diligently and tirelessly to represent the interests of First Nations members.
3. Acts with honesty, integrity and courage in the conduct of our union's activities.

### **Examples of activist activities might include:**

- participation in union activities such as meetings, protests, rallies, campaigns, professional development and training;
- dissemination of union information;
- recruitment of colleagues;
- promoting awareness of Award conditions;
- participating in enterprise bargaining negotiations and the single bargaining unit (SBU);
- acting as a representative on the school consultative committee; or
- involvement in school workplace policy development e.g. health and safety issues such as anti-bullying and discrimination.

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### *In Confidence*

#### **Nominee's Details:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Position: \_\_\_\_\_  
Workplace \_\_\_\_\_  
Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone No: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Nominated by:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Position: \_\_\_\_\_  
Workplace \_\_\_\_\_  
Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone No: \_\_\_\_\_

What qualities does the above nominee demonstrate that make you feel they should receive the First Nations Member Award? (refer to criteria):

How has the nominee assisted First Nations members in addressing their issues in your Chapter or Branch?

Provide example/s illustrating how the nominee has promoted member action and networks and involvement of First Nations members:

Describe how the nominee has made an outstanding contribution through activism in a specific area:

**NOMINATIONS CLOSE: 5:00pm Wednesday, 13 October 2021**

***Please fill in the nomination form and return via email to:***

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