

Call for nominations for the year 2009 Christopher Taylor Award

Christopher Taylor was a Bureau of Meteorology analyst and forecaster from the mid-70s until his untimely death at age 35 in July 1988. He had a natural curiosity in, and an enthusiasm and energy for investigating observed weather phenomena and operational forecasting problems, which was largely carried out in his own time. The Award carries a prize of \$500 very generously provided by his former wife Jacqueline Healy, and is open to professional meteorologists for contributions of all kinds to operational forecasting and supporting activities. In the spirit of Christopher Taylor's efforts, the Awards Committee will give extra weight to nominations for operational meteorologists who have either commenced or performed a substantial part of their investigative work, or other contribution to operational forecasting, outside of normal duties. Meteorologists who's normal role is to support operations either through investigations or the development of operational tools may also be nominated, however a case should be made that the contribution has exceeded the normal expectations of a person working in that position. It should be noted that achievements of a more academic nature are recognised through other AMOS awards. There is also a perpetual plaque held for the year by the appropriate Regional or other office.

Nominations may be made by AMOS members or others, especially senior staff of the Bureau of Meteorology who will be familiar with the work of their regional operational staff. The Awards Committee now seeks nominations with supporting papers if possible by 30th September 2009. Please return completed nominations to Mark Williams, Victoria Regional Office, preferably in electronic format to mark.Williams@bom.gov.au.

The Awards Committee has limited ability to seek additional information to that given in the nomination papers and therefore depends on these papers to provide a full and fair account of each candidate. The Committee's preferred form of nomination comprises: a summary of the reasons for the nomination, a listing of the achievements of the candidate and a curriculum vitae.

The high quality of nominations in recent years has two implications: first that those unsuccessful in one year could succeed in a subsequent year, and second that competition is such that nominating papers should be prepared with care to ensure that members of the Awards Committee will be fully aware of the achievements of each candidate.