# **2016 Wings Awards**

### Aero Club of the Year - Award Criteria

This award recognises the aero club that has contributed significantly to the advancement of flying in Australia over the past 12 months.

Nominations must set out clearly the measurable value and contribution of the club to the industry and to the achievement of high standards. Examples will be of significant value.

The decision will be based on a pragmatic review of the level of safety and value to the GA sector. Whilst references from peers in the industry will be of value these should be specific and set out measurable benefits the club has provided to the industry and to its members rather than simply broad statements of support.

#### **Submission:**

- Describe the organisation, including its history and scope.
- What contribution does it make to the wider Australian GA and to the industry?
- In what specific way has the club promoted general aviation in the past year?
- What contribution does it specifically make to aviation safety in Australia?
- How does the club promote safety and the achievement of high standards
- What makes this aero club different, special, and innovative?
- What value does it provide for members and for the wider community?
- Is it financially sound?
- Does its constitution and charter meet Australian best practice for associations?
- Are those organisational and management standards implemented at the highest standards?

## **Judging Criteria**

The Aero club will:

- Meet the highest standards of safety and innovation for the GA sector
- Provide consistent and innovative value to the sector and to the aviation industry in Australia
- Contribute to the growth and development of the sector in significant and identifiable ways.
- Have contributed in some specific way to the advancement of general aviation in the past 12 months
- Meet all aviation and corporate regulatory and operational requirements to the highest standards
- Evidence of successful operations is essential

#### **Process**

- There will be only one recipient each year.
- There is no obligation to grant an award each year and there may well be several years between awards.
- Nominations may only be made, and must be seconded, by individuals who personally know the aero club, or who are very familiar with the club's contribution to the GA sector.
- Self nomination is acceptable.
- Once agreed, *Australian Flying* will discuss the award with the candidate to ensure they are in agreement with the granting of the award. If so then it will be announced. If not the matter is closed.
- The award may be revoked should circumstances warrant.