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NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR 2026 FRANK LOWY FELLOWSHIP

The Shopping Centre Council of Australia (SCCA) is calling on the industry to nominate its emerging leaders for the 2026 Frank Lowy Fellowship, with the prestigious initiative entering its tenth year.

Proudly supported by Scentre Group, the Fellowship recognises talented individuals who have demonstrated excellence, leadership, innovation and a commitment to the continued advancement of Australia's shopping centre industry.

Established in recognition of the significant contribution made by Sir Frank Lowy AC to the Australian shopping centre industry, the Fellowship seeks to identify, foster and celebrate the next generation of industry leaders, collaborators and innovative thinkers.

Elliott Rusanow, SCCA Chairman and Scentre Group CEO said: "The Australian shopping centre industry is fortunate to have an enormous depth of talent, from centre management and operations through to development, technology, sustainability, marketing and customer experience."

"The Frank Lowy Fellowship is about identifying and investing in people who are already making a difference and who have the potential to make an even greater contribution to our industry in the years ahead."

"Scentre Group is proud to support the Fellowship and its focus on developing the next generation of industry leaders. We encourage organisations across the sector to put forward their best and brightest and give them the opportunity to be recognised and to further their professional development," Mr Rusanow said.

The 2025 Frank Lowy Fellow, Shelly Norgard, was recognised for pioneering Australia's first shopping centre-hosted speed interview recruitment program to help retailers address staffing shortages.

Ms Norgard's initiative delivered a 93 per cent employment success rate and a 100 per cent retailer return rate, while creating a scalable model now being implemented across the Mirvac portfolio.

Angus Nardi, SCCA Chief Executive said: "Shelly's work is a great example of the impact individuals can have when they identify a challenge, think differently and develop a practical solution that delivers results for retailers and the broader industry."

"There is tremendous talent across Australia's shopping centre industry, and the Frank Lowy Fellowship gives us an opportunity to shine a light on that talent while helping the successful recipient take the next step in their professional development.

"I strongly encourage CEOs and senior executives across the industry to consider who in their organisation has demonstrated excellence, leadership and innovative thinking and put them forward for this year's Fellowship," Mr Nardi said.

The 2026 Fellow will receive funding of up to \$20,000 to undertake a professional development opportunity, educational pursuit or industry event of their choice.

Nominees will be asked to demonstrate excellence in their field and identify the attributes of a future leader they have demonstrated. They will also be asked to consider the next phase of change in the Australian shopping centre industry, what will drive that change and how the industry should prepare.

The Fellowship is open to Australian residents employed by a company which owns, manages and/or develops shopping centres in Australia. Nominees may work across any field relevant to the ownership, management or development of shopping centres, including leasing, development, design and construction, centre management, facilities management, sustainability, operations, marketing and research.

All nominees will be formally recognised and celebrated at the 2026 Frank Lowy Fellowship Award Ceremony on Thursday, 26 November 2026.

The 2026 Fellowship will be judged by a panel comprising SCCA Chairman Elliott Rusanow; Ric O'Connell, Arkadia; Ramesh Subramanian, MA Financial Group; Michelle McNally, Vicinity Centres; and Kirrily Lord, Dexus.

Nominations close at 5.00pm on Monday, 12 October 2026.

For further information, including eligibility criteria and nomination requirements, visit scca.org.au/franklowyfellowship.

The SCCA is the national industry group for major shopping centre owner and operators.

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