

LG Professionals Tasmania 2020 Awards Submission Guidelines

Environmental Leadership and Sustainability Award
Innovative Management Initiative Award
Community Service Delivery Award
Partnerships and Collaboration Award

Applications open: 1 June 2020
Applications close: 10 July 2020

1. About the Awards

Local Government Professionals Australia (LG Professionals Australia) is the national body representing local council executives and professionals that promote the interests of members through advocacy, networking, and thought leadership. The members are the state and territory-based local government professional organisations including LG Professionals Tasmania.

The LG Professionals Australia National Federation Awards is an annual celebration of outstanding achievements in local government. The Awards honour local governments for their efforts in making a difference in their communities, by showcasing innovative solutions that demonstrate leading practices, deliver quality services and better outcomes for communities, and have the potential to be replicated across the country.

Here in Tasmania, the Awards Program has been designed to support the national Awards with the state winners being entered into the national competition. Winners will be recognised in front of industry peers at our state conference at Orford in October.

The National Awards will be presented at the 2020 Awards Dinner in Canberra in November 2020.

The National winners will:

- Receive a trophy for their council and individual certificates for all team members;
- Feature in an awards publication to be circulated industry-wide; and
- Have the opportunity to self-promote through a publicity program with LG Professionals Australia which may include presenting at associated events.

2. Award Categories

Environmental Leadership and Sustainability Award

This award recognises dedication to environmental and sustainability excellence in projects that meet the needs of the present without compromising the future. This may include stand-out projects or initiatives, or apply to the improvement of corporate processes that demonstrate real or potential benefit to the environment. Sustainability may refer to both environmental considerations and wider sustainability impacts on people, resources, and communities.

Innovative Management Initiative Award

This award recognises projects or initiatives that demonstrate new approaches to leading, facilitating, or administering which result in positive changes to local government processes and practices, and ultimately bringing outstanding benefits for the council and/or the wider community.

Community Service Delivery Award

This award recognises excellence in community services as evidenced by way of corporate process improvements, outstanding project initiatives, management and leadership practices, or similar demonstration of practicality and resourcefulness. The award recognises councils that consider their responsibility in shaping community views and behaviours and actively engage with citizens.

Partnerships and Collaboration Award

This award recognises effective community and/or cross-council collaboration in achieving positive outcomes. This collaboration may include partnerships that either provide or improve upon existing services that enhance physical or social infrastructure or strengthen links to other levels of government.

3. How to Enter

Nominations should be submitted online [here](#) by **COB Friday 10 July 2020**. No late submissions will be accepted.

By submitting the nominations, councils and applicants consent to the written materials and photos provided to be used by LG Professionals Australia in any publications, brochures, internet site, or other promotional initiatives.

4. Key Dates

Nominations open	1 June 2020
Nominations close	10 July 2020
Judging Period	13 July – 24 July 2020
Tas Winner announced	Late July
Winner assisted to apply for National Awards, closing	25 September 2020
National winners announced at the LG Professionals Australia Awards Dinner	November 2020

5. Assessment Criteria

An independent judging panel will assess all submissions. Each application will be considered in the local council and community context. Larger funded projects will not necessarily be rated higher than smaller initiatives.

The panel's decision is final, and there will be no further correspondence in relation to their decision.

Selection Criteria
<p>A cover page indicating the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Award category – Team leader and members, contact details – Name of Council – Project name
<p>Overview (150-word limit)</p> <p>Provide a brief summary of the project or initiative outlining key information and achievements. This will be used in the award publication.</p>
<p>Why this project? (350-word limit)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – What is the rationale behind the project? – How does the project support local priorities or needs in line with the community context and long-term goals of the council? – How does the project address relevant issues and prioritise needs in the community?
<p>Project Delivery (350-word limit)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – How is your project carried out in a structured way with clearly defined objectives, scope, and outcomes? – How is the project financially sustainable? – How did project managers identify and engage relevant stakeholders? – Are there monitoring and evaluation processes in place to ensure the project continues to improve over time?
<p>Impact (350-word limit)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – How has your project demonstrated tangible, measurable outcomes? – Has the project achieved what it set out to deliver? – To what extent has this project add value to the council or the community?
<p>Leading Practice (350-word limit)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – To what extent is this project or initiative serve as leading practice in the sector? – Is your project scalable? Are there any growth opportunities? – Is your project replicable by other councils? How have you contributed to the knowledge base to the benefit of other councils?
<p>Other</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Provide four to five colour photos relating to the nomination. Photos must be at least 1 MB and in jpeg format. Please provide names and titles of people in each photograph along with a short description. – Attachments are welcomed (maximum 10-page). – Links to multimedia (i.e. videos and websites) may be included.

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