

LG Professionals Tasmania 2021 Awards Submission Guidelines

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

Applications open: 12 April 2021

Applications close: 14 May 2021

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 an awards ceremony in June.

The National Awards will be presented at the 2021 Awards Dinner in Canberra in August 2021.

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.

The Innovative Management Initiative Award is proudly sponsored by JLT Public Sector.



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.

The Partnerships and Collaboration Award is proudly sponsored by RDA Tasmania.



3. How to Enter

Nominations should be [submitted online](#) by **5.00 pm, Friday 14 May 2021**. 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 2021 Dates

Nominations open	Monday 12 April
Nominations close	Friday 14 May
Judging Period	Tuesday 18 May – Thursday 27 May
Tas winners announced at awards ceremony	Thursday 3 June
Winners assisted to apply for National Awards, closing	Monday 21 June
National winners announced at the LG Professionals Australia Awards Dinner (Canberra)	Wednesday 25 August

5. Assessment Criteria

An independent judging panel will assess all submissions. Word limits must be strictly adhered to. 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
General information <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Award category – Local government area, – Team lead and members, contact details – Partner organisations – Project name
Overview (150-word limit) Provide a brief summary of the project or initiative outlining key information and achievements. This will be used in the award publication.
Why this project? (350-word limit) <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?
Project Delivery (350-word limit) <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?
Impact (350-word limit) <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?
Leading Practice (350-word limit) <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?
Other <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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