

LG Professionals Tasmania

2026 Awards

Submission Guidelines

Emerging Leader Award
Service Excellence Award
Sustainability & Resilience Award
Community Impact Award

Applications open: 22 June 2026
Applications close: 24 July 2026

1. About the Awards

Local Government Professionals (LGPro) Tasmania represents managers and aspiring managers working in local government, supporting members through advocacy, networking, and leadership.

The annual LGPro Awards recognise councils, individuals and emerging leaders in local government who make a positive impact in their communities through innovative solutions that enhance services, outcomes, sustainability and resilience.

Award winners will be announced on **17 September 2026** at the Conference Gala Dinner in Launceston, receiving a trophy, certificate and mention in an industry-wide publication.

2. Award Categories

- **Emerging Leader Award**

This award honours emerging leaders (35 or under with at least two years in local government) for outstanding achievement and demonstrated leadership, such as integrity, strategic vision and commitment to their council and community. Qualifying accomplishments may include improving processes, leading innovative projects, or advancing management practices.

- **Service Excellence Award**

This award honours individuals (with at least five years in local government) for contributions to the Local Government Sector, demonstrated through their personal drive and integrity, contributions and ongoing commitment to their council and community at large. These exemplary qualities can be evidenced through any demonstration of practicality and resourcefulness, including improved corporate processes, an outstanding project initiative, or innovation in management practices. As someone showing service excellence nominees must have been a member for at least 12 months and have at least five years of local government experience with a preference for more than that.

- **Sustainability & Resilience Award**

This award recognises outstanding organisational capability in building sustainability and resilience. It acknowledges the wide range of work undertaken by local government, demonstrated through excellence in project delivery, innovative practice, environmental and sustainability initiatives, strong community and cross-council collaboration, effective corporate processes, and a commitment to strengthening organisational culture in ways that support sustainability and resilience.

- **Community Impact Award**

This award recognises excellence in services to the community as evidenced by way of impact 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.

3. How to Enter

Nominations should be [submitted online](#) by **5.00 pm, Friday 24 July 2026**.
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 LGPro in any publications, brochures, internet site, or other promotional initiatives.

4. Key 2025 Dates

Nominations open	Monday 22 June 2026
Nominations close	Friday 24 July 2026
Judging Period	27 July – 21 August 2026
Tas winners announced at LGPro Conference awards ceremony	Thursday 17 September 2026 at Country Club Casino - Launceston

5. Assessment Criteria

An independent judging panel will evaluate all submissions. Word limits must be observed. Each application will be reviewed within the local council and community context. Project size does not determine assessment ranking, and both large and small initiatives will be considered equally.

The panel's decisions are conclusive, and no further correspondence will take place regarding the outcomes.

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)

- 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)

- 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)

- 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)

- 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

- 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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