

2019

Tasmanian Local Government

# Awards for Excellence

Introduction and Guidelines

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## INTRODUCTION

Councils strive to create viable and vibrant communities by continually improving services. The annual Tasmanian Local Government Awards for Excellence celebrates outstanding achievements and leading practice by Tasmanian Councils in delivering these services.

Councils provide a broad range of economic and community services that are essential to the livelihood of local residents, communities and industry participants. In response to emerging and increasing demands from communities, councils are continually developing innovative and adaptable solutions to a range of issues. The Awards for Excellence spotlights innovative and resourceful solutions that councils have implemented to make a positive difference within their communities.

## AWARD CATEGORIES

The Awards for Excellence are divided into two categories:

**Delivering Excellence Smaller Councils (populations up to 15,000);** and

**Delivering Excellence Larger Councils (populations over 15,000).**

Despite the challenges they may be faced with, councils in our smallest communities are taking big and innovative steps to achieve positive outcomes. Large councils continue to make their mark by contributing to building a stronger more productive Tasmanian economy and leading better service delivery at a local community level.

The division of Awards categories provides the opportunity for all Tasmanian councils to showcase innovation and achievement, large and small, across all areas of council operations.

## WHY ENTER?

The Awards for Excellence recognize and reward councils for their hard work benefiting local communities. The Awards for Excellence celebrate and raise awareness of successful Local Government projects and promote networks and collaboration between Local Government organisations.

## PRESENTATIONS

Winners will be announced at the Awards for Excellence presentation, to be held the 107<sup>th</sup> LGAT Annual Conference in Hobart on Friday 5 July 2019.

Award winners will be invited to give a brief acceptance speech at the Awards presentation. Each category winner will be presented a trophy.

## HOW TO ENTER

Complete the 2019 Local Government Awards for Excellence Entry Form and submit your supporting information in accordance with the Awards for Excellence Guidelines (see over) to [reception@lgat.tas.gov.au](mailto:reception@lgat.tas.gov.au) Entries must be accompanied by a high resolution image (jpeg or png format).

**CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES: 5.00pm, Wednesday 22 May 2019.**

# 2019 AWARDS for EXCELLENCE GUIDELINES

## FORMAT and CONTENT

1. Provide an overview of the project/activity.
2. Detail how your nominated activity/achievement meets each of the three (3) judging criteria.
3. Highlight any key achievements.
4. Support your responses with relevant evidence such as any available data, reports, feedback, press coverage.
5. Please provide a high resolution photograph minimum 1.8 Mb (jpeg).
6. Maximum word count 1800 words.

## JUDGING CRITERIA

- 1. Demonstrates a positive outcome(s) for the community.**
  - *How did your community benefit from the project/activity?*
  - *Are the benefits long term/short term?*
  - *Were there any additional or unexpected benefits?*
  - *How are you measuring outcomes/benefits?*
- 2. Demonstrates innovation, creativity or uniqueness.**
  - *What was different or new about your approach?*
  - *Why did it work?*
  - *Why was it the right solution for your community?*
- 3. Demonstrates excellence in delivery.**
  - *What demonstrates that the project/activity was undertaken to the highest standards?*
  - *How do you know you did a good job?*
  - *Could other councils use/benefit from this approach?*

## JUDGING

LGAT will select an independent judging panel, (not connected with individual councils), who will determine each category winner.

## FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information about the Awards for Excellence, contact LGAT on **(03) 61463740** or email [reception@lgat.tas.gov.au](mailto:reception@lgat.tas.gov.au).

## ELIGIBILITY

All Tasmanian Councils are eligible to apply.

## RULES OF ENTRY

1. Each entry must be electronic and submitted with the completed entry form.
2. Entries must be accompanied by a minimum of one high resolution image.
3. Entries must be a maximum 1800 words and received no later than **5.00pm, Wednesday 22 May 2019.**
4. Entries and supplied images may be used in publication materials by LGAT. No payment of royalties will be made.
5. No alterations are permitted after the date of submission.
6. Judges decisions are final.

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