

2024 Local Government Awards for Excellence

The Local Government Association of Tasmania congratulates Clarence City Council, Derwent Valley Council and Sorell Council as the winners of the 2024 Local Government Awards for Excellence.

Derwent Valley Council won the Delivering Excellence – Smaller Council Award (population under 15,000)



Derwent Valley's winning project was its transformative youth engagement project *Empowering Futures*, which has been enhancing engagement and development with the younger members of its community.

The judges were impressed by the short and long-term benefits, and that the voices of young people were making a difference in real-world things like a collaboratively designed park. The judges agreed that this initiative was a great template for other councils looking to enhance their engagement with young people in their communities.

Clarence City Council won the Delivering Excellence – Larger Council Award (population over 15,000)



Clarence City Council's *takara limuna track* was the winning entry for the Larger Council Award.

Also known as the Sheoak Walk, the trail honours the stories, history and culture of the Mumirimina people, who have cared for Country since time immemorial, and pays homage to the continuing connection of the Tasmanian Aboriginal people to their Country, culture, and community today.

The judges were impressed with the multiple benefits delivered by this project such as the activation of an area for the community to learn more about palawa history and council's engagement with the Tasmanian Aboriginal community to create a real, ongoing place to share and celebrate their culture.

Sorell Council won the Showcasing Innovation Award



Sorell Council took home the Showcasing Innovation Award for its *Midway Point Cat Management Project*.

The project is focused on working with the local community to promote and improve ways to keep cats safe, healthy and happy, while protecting wildlife in the ecologically sensitive Pitt Water-Orielton Lagoon.

The judges were impressed by the project's approach to community engagement and activation that sought to bring people along on the journey to protect vulnerable migratory birds. They were equally impressed by how Sorell Council developed and implemented programs to support microchipping and desexing across the community.

We also congratulate **West Coast Council** who were presented with a highly commended award for the Showcasing Innovation Award for its Zeehan Landfill and Wetlands Project.

Full details of the Awards for Excellence can be found in our [media release](#).

Each category winner received:

- An award certificate presented by the President of the LGAT.
- The opportunity to speak at the award ceremony.
- A commemorative trophy recognising their achievement in the relevant category.
- Promotion of the winning project via the LGAT's channels and platforms throughout the year.