

Award for Best Sustainability in Retirement Living

Award overview

This Award recognises and rewards excellence and innovation in a Sustainability project or initiative that is either led by the residents or operator.

Entries should be able to demonstrate the application of sustainability practices that reduce the eco footprint and create a positive impact on the residents wellbeing as well as the environment.

To be eligible for this award, the project must have been completed in the previous five years as of 30 June 2023 and the village or community and nominator must be a member of the Property Council of Australia.

Judging criteria

Each entry is assessed against the judging criteria by a panel of independent judges.

Criteria	Weighting
<p>Vision and management (200 words maximum)</p> <p>Explain how the project/initiative has met key eco-efficiency targets that include superior performance in the following categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Energy/greenhouse • Water • Waste • Indoor environmental quality <p>Include any independent verification, for example, NABERS, Green Star ratings, emission reduction verification etc.</p>	30%
<p>Vision and innovation (200 words maximum)</p> <p>Describe, using specific examples, the ways in which the project/initiative displays innovation in the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • attainment of true eco efficiency targets • project concept and in overcoming site or development complexities • quality of design/finish <p>This should be described as a point of difference.</p>	20%
<p>Corporate social responsibility (200 words maximum)</p> <p>Describe how the project/initiative demonstrates tangible economic, environmental and social dividends.</p>	10%

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<p>Industry perception (200 words maximum)</p> <p>Describe, using testimonials from a variety of stakeholders, the extent to which the project/initiative is considered a success by the property marketplace.</p>	10%
<p>User satisfaction (200 words maximum)</p> <p>Describe, using testimonials from a variety of stakeholders, the extent to which the project/initiative has a proven high satisfaction level of all users.</p>	10%
<p>Economic and financial factors (200 words maximum)</p> <p>Explain how the project/initiative produced financial outcomes that met or exceeded the project's/initiative's planned objectives.</p>	10%
<p>Operation and maintenance (200 words maximum)</p> <p>Provide a summary of results achieved, demonstrating the assets/development's operational efficiency. This should be described as a point of difference.</p>	10%

Nomination details

The following information will be required to complete your nomination. **Final entries must be submitted using the online nomination form.**

Nominator/contact person

- Name
- Position
- Company
- Mailing Address
- Contact Number (Day)
- Email
- Mobile

Owner/operator details

- Name
- Position
- Company
- Mailing Address
- Email
- Phone Number (Day)

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Project details

- Name of project
- Address of project
- Completion date of project
- Project cost

Project team

Should your entry be a national finalist, your project team will receive recognition in the Awards Commemorative Magazine. The online form will include space for you to list your project team members.

Entry marketing information

The following information will assist us in promoting your entry in the official awards marketing material. Awards marketing material includes the Awards Commemorative Magazine, Awards showcase videos, social media, email marketing and the official National Retirement Living Awards website. This information is not judged against the criteria, however, will ensure your entry is promoted appropriately, should it be a finalist or winner.

Project synopsis

Please provide a project synopsis of no more than 300 words.

Marketing synopsis

To assist the organiser in promoting your nomination within Awards marketing material, please provide a summary about your entry of no more than 80 words.

Entry photos

Uploading supporting images with your online submission before the nomination deadline, is optional.

All entries announced as a finalist in December 2023 must supply supporting images to the Awards Manager by 31 January 2024, for the entry to progress.

We require a maximum of 6 images (minimum of 4 images is mandatory).

You must include 1-2 profile photos of the nominee. Images requirements:

- landscape format
- jpg, png or .eps format
- high resolution (300dpi)
- minimum 1920px
- maximum file size of 5MB each

You may also upload any further supporting information such as video links, village fact sheets, written testimonials etc in addition to the required images.

Hero Image - If you have an image you would prefer to be used as the main image to represent your project throughout the Awards Program, please label this as "Hero Image" before uploading (the Hero Image should be landscape if possible and a min file size of 4MB)

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People's choice award

Finalists in this category are eligible for the People's Choice Award for Best Retirement Community. This award is voted by the public with voting open from 4 April to 3 May 2024. To support your entry's campaign, you will be required to supply your preferred image and the name of the village you wish to be displayed for public voting

People's choice image – This will be used as your hero image for the online People's Choice Voting (Mandatory).

Awards ceremony details

The national award winners will be announced at the National Retirement Living Awards Gala Dinner on Thursday 27 June 2024 on the Gold Coast. Should you be successful in winning this award, who will be receiving the award at the event?

- Name
- Position
- Company
- Mobile
- Email

Conditions of entry

- Entry in this category costs \$950 (including GST) per nomination
- Eligible entries will be projects that have been completed in the previous five years as of 30 June 2023
- Nominating companies must be a Property Council of Australia member
- We welcome both self-nomination and third-party nominations
- Before you submit your nomination, ensure you have permission from the owner, your client or your contractor to do so
- All entries must be submitted via the online nomination form
- Entries must stick to the word limit on the online nomination form. Nominees are reminded that judges will not consider formatting or presentation of entries
- Nominees must include 4-6 images to support their submission. Other material relevant to support the application may also be uploaded as an Appendix in .pdf format only
- All nominees should be prepared to attend a site inspection with a judge, should it be deemed necessary
- All nominations and contents will remain the property of the Property Council of Australia
- Please note entries are exclusive to the Property Council of Australia National Retirement Living Awards and no details private or professional will be distributed to outside contacts
- The judge's decision is final and no communication will be entered into concerning the final decision
- The Property Council of Australia reserves the right to publish the results and winner details
- The finalists should be available to attend the National Retirement Living Awards Gala Dinner to be held on the Gold Coast on Thursday, 27 June 2024
- All entries must be received and paid by 5:00 pm (AEST) on Sunday, 29 October 2023