

Institute of Public Works
Engineering Australia
Victoria Division

Excellence Awards
2012

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Application Information

Awards Programme

IPWEA (Vic) Awards provide an outstanding opportunity to recognise excellence in the innovation, development, construction and management of public works projects and services. The Awards celebrate the success of individuals or teams. Applications are sought from agencies involved in Public Works, including Councils, service authorities, Government bodies and private companies.

It should be noted that the Division may offer more than one award in each of the following categories if more than one of the nominees are worthy of that recognition. This flexibility is important to enable the Division to effectively recognize the significant diversity in agencies responsible for public works engineering and physical infrastructure services delivery.

The following categories are available;

1) Capital Project Award(s) ★

Design and/or construction of a significant public works infrastructure project of any scale that demonstrably adds value to the benefiting community.

This is a broad category, which can include projects ranging from structural engineering through civil engineering, hydraulics and hydrology, coastal and environmental engineering projects and may include roads, bridges, drainage, open space and traffic management devices.

Consideration may be given to award of a capital project of a large scale (over \$3M) and of a small scale project (under \$3M)

2) Asset Management Award ★

Projects that demonstrate best practice or the pursuit of excellence in the practice of Asset Management, and in particular show a whole of life perspective to asset management.

All projects must show how they have addressed environmental issues and include innovation and/or introduction of new and/or improved techniques.

3) Public Works Engineering - Innovative ★

Practice and/or Service Delivery Award Initiatives that relate to the development and implementation of practice or services in public works engineering that may be considered additional and/or exceptional to an agency's day to day activities.

This category also provides for special projects, and may include activities in water, sewerage, wastewater, drought management and environment and sustainability projects.

4) IPWEA - "Public Works Practitioner of the Year" - People Awards ★

These awards are specifically targeted to individuals who have demonstrated an outstanding achievement and are focused in two areas being;

IPWEA (Vic) Engineer / Technician of the year

Young IPWEA (Vic) Engineer/Technician of the year

Nominations will be judged to have demonstrated outstanding achievement in the year of nomination. In the case of the Young Engineer/Technician, nominees must be under 30 years of age at the time of nomination.

Eligibility

"Public Works Practitioner of the Year" - People Awards

- ★ The nominee must be a member of IPWEA (Vic).
- ★ The nomination must be endorsed by an IPWEA peer, the entrant's Manager / Director / CEO.
- ★ The entrant must qualify within the applied category.

Award categories one, two and three:

- ★ The nominee must be a member of IPWEA (Vic) and the nomination must be endorsed by the agency's Manager / Director / CEO.
- ★ In the case of a team nomination, at least one member of the team must be a member of IPWEA Vic
- ★ The project must have been completed in the 12 month period immediately preceding the closing date.
- ★ The service must be sustainable and operational at the time of nomination .
- ★ No project or service is too large or too small, with consideration being given to the size and resources of the agency and its staff.

Applications close 5:00 pm, Friday 17th February

Awards Programme Timing

The Division will publish notification of opening of awards nominations during August 2011 and nominations shall close at 5:00 pm Friday 17th February 2012.

An awards evaluation panel (elected by the Division's board) shall determine successful awardees' projects which will be presented at the Annual State IPWEA Vic Public Works Management Conference Dinner.

Entry Format

Award Nominations should be submitted in electronic format and in hard copy format (6 copies).

Submissions should be suitable for publishing in the IPWEA (Vic) newsletters, IPWEA Magazine or for publicity purposes.

Submissions should be limited to 2000 words and the electronic submission should include an executive summary of 100 words (Microsoft Word format) with two high resolution JPEG photographs for possible use at the presentation ceremony.

Assessment

Assessment will include following attributes;

★ **40%**

Value of content and demonstration of Public Works Engineering knowledge

★ **25%**

Degree of originality

★ **20%**

Degree of community interest created by the project or service

★ **15%**

Logical development, clarity and completeness of the award submission

IMPORTANT NOTE: IPWEA Vic Awards are an initiative of IPWEA Vic and will be judged by an IPWEA Vic appointed panel as outlined in the description of the Award. The judging panel's decision on selecting awardees for an IPWEA Vic Award will be final and no correspondence will be entered into in relation to their decision.

Applications

Awards entries should be submitted to;

IPWEA Vic Awards
PO Box 115
Oakleigh South Vic 3167

and emailed to agibbs@ipwea.org.au


All applications will be acknowledged.

Closing Date for Applications: Applications close 5:00 pm, Friday 17th February 2012.



Awards Presentation

Awards will be presented at the annual IPWEA Vic Public Works Management Conference Gala Dinner, Wednesday 28 March 2012.



For further information, please contact Anne Gibbs on 03 9005 0860 or via email agibbs@ipwea.org.au.

2012 - visit <http://www.ipwea.com/awards2012/>

Invitation to Nominate *Awards Programme*

Name of IPWEA (Vic) Member/s _____

Nominated for Award _____

*(In the case of a team nomination, at least one member of the team must be a member of IPWEA Vic.
The name of the IPWEA Vic member must be clearly identified in the space provided)*

Position _____

Organisation/Council _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ Facsimile _____

Email _____

Nominators (1) _____

(2) _____

CATEGORY *(please tick one box only)*

Capital Project Award

People Award – Engineer/Technician of the Year

Asset Management Award

People Award – Young Engineer/Technician of the Year

Innovative Practice / Service Delivery Award

INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED:

1. SUMMARY OF THE PROJECT *(Maximum 100 words)*

A short paragraph or dot-point summary of the key aspects of the Project.

2. DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT ATTAINING EXCELLENCE IN THE NOMINATOR(S) VIEW, INCLUDING THE POSITIVE IMPACT ON THE LOCAL COMMUNITY BEING SERVED *(Maximum 1000 words)*

Identify:

- Project objectives
- Project outcomes
- Innovative features of the project
- Distinguishing features of the project
- Barriers overcome to achieve success
- Costs/Benefits associated with the Project (where appropriate).

3. YOUR OPINION AS TO THE SPECIFIC CONTRIBUTION MADE BY THE INDIVIDUAL / TEAM YOU HAVE NOMINATED *(300-500 Words)*

4. ANY GENERAL COMMENTS YOU MAY WISH TO ADD *(300-500 words)*

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