



Government of **Western Australia**
Department of **Water and Environmental Regulation**



Nomination kit

ABOUT THE AWARDS

The Infinity Awards acknowledge and celebrate the outstanding achievements of Western Australians working towards a better waste future through improved waste practices and innovative waste solutions.

The awards program is an initiative of the State Government of Western Australia and is coordinated by the Waste Authority WA.

KEY DATES

Nominations open:	Tuesday, 21 January 2020
Nominations close:	5pm (WST) Tuesday, 10 March 2020
Shortlisting of nominations:	Mid March 2020
Judging:	6-8 April 2020
Infinity Awards presentation:	Wednesday, 6 May 2020

AWARD CATEGORIES

CATEGORY 1

Avoid Recover Protect - Community Waste Award

This award is open to all individuals and organisations.

Awarded to an individual, group or organisation for excellence in avoiding or recovering waste or protecting the environment from the impacts of household and community waste, resulting in positive outcomes in the waste sector.

CATEGORY 2

Avoid Recover Protect - Commercial and Industrial Waste Award

This award is open to all individuals and organisations.

Awarded to an individual, group or organisation for excellence in avoiding or recovering waste or protecting the environment from the impacts of waste generated from commercial and industrial activities, including building and construction.

CATEGORY 3

Avoid Recover Protect - Waste Management Award

This award is open to all individuals and organisations.

Awarded to an individual, group or organisation for excellence in avoiding or recovering waste or protecting the environment through the management of waste streams generated by the community or industry.

CATEGORY 4

Avoid Recover Protect - WA Regional Waste Award

This award is open to all individuals and organisations.

Awarded to an individual, group or organisation for excellence in avoiding or recovering waste or protecting the environment from the impacts of waste in regional Western Australia, resulting in positive outcomes in the waste sector (particularly in the regions).

CATEGORY 5

2020 Waste Champion

This award is open to all individuals over 18 years of age.

Awarded to an individual who has demonstrated outstanding commitment and contribution to better waste management.

CATEGORY 6

2020 Young Waste Achiever

This award is open to all individuals 18 years of age or younger.

Awarded to a young individual who has demonstrated outstanding commitment and contribution to better waste management.

CATEGORY 7

Waste Team of the Year

Open to any group or team of people (including business, school, community and organisational teams).

Awarded to a dedicated team that has demonstrated outstanding commitment and contribution to better waste management.

CATEGORY 8

Waste Innovation of the Year

This award is open to all individuals and organisations.

Awarded to an initiative which has demonstrated exceptional innovation in waste management, improvement, practices and outcomes.

CATEGORY 9

Waste Wise School of the Year

Open to all public, independent and non-government schools in Western Australia from K-12.

Awarded to a school community that has demonstrated outstanding commitment and contribution better waste management.

CATEGORY 10

Media Award

Open to all journalists, photographers and camerapersons based in Western Australia or working for WA-based media organisations.

Awarded for excellence in reporting on waste issues – recognising accuracy, newsworthiness, insight, impact and public benefit.

DISCRETIONARY AWARDS

All entrants into the 2020 Infinity Awards will be considered by the judges for up to two discretionary awards.

2020 WA Waste Award

Awarded to an individual, team or organisation for outstanding contribution to the waste industry.

2020 Waste Initiative of the Year

Awarded to an initiative which has demonstrated outstanding achievement in the waste industry.

DEFINITIONS:

Organisation: refers to any business; community group; not-for-profit organisation; local government authority; state government agency, department or unit; school or social enterprise.

Individual: refers to an individual person (including members of the local community, householders, or a member of an organisation).

Initiative: refers to a specific project, product, program, system or process implemented that has significantly changed the way things are done, or has brought about changes, or has resulted in a shift in behaviour for the general good, a business or an approach.

Age of applicants for Category 5 and Category 6 is determined as being under or over 18 years of age on or before 31 December 2020.

Regional: refers to areas of Western Australia outside of the Perth Metropolitan area, being all local government areas identified by the WA Local Government Association within Zone Map 1 and Zone Map 2.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

ESSENTIAL

1. **The submission document.** This is your written response to the assessment criteria and is the main part of your entry that is assessed by the judges. Word limit is strictly as set out in the assessment criteria. Please structure your answers according to the assessment criteria. The use of headings, photos, graphics, tables and charts is encouraged.
2. **Nomination form.** You must return a completed and signed nomination form for each entry category you are entering.
3. **Images.** Please provide up to three high quality images for promotional purposes. These images should be provided as jpegs (300dpi minimum). These images do not form part of the assessment, but will be used for promotional purposes during the awards presentation, publications, and digital/ social media. Please do not include your logo in these images – logos will not be accepted.

OPTIONAL

You may submit other material and documents to support your entry and better illustrate its impact and results. Examples include reports, testimonials, media coverage, analytics, photos, videos and so forth. It is essential that all supporting documentation be referenced within your submission.

SUBMITTING YOUR ENTRY

Completed entries must be submitted in electronic form only to infinityawards@millswilson.com.au by **5pm (WST) on Tuesday, 10 March 2020.**

THE PROCESS

1. **Entries.** Nominees complete and submit their entry, including a signed nomination form, before 5pm (WST) on Tuesday, 10 March 2020.
2. **Shortlisting.** Judges will assess the entries against the assessment criteria and prepare a shortlist for each awards category.
3. **Screening.** Shortlisted entries will be screened to confirm they comply with the eligibility criteria.
4. **Scheduling.** The primary contact person for each of the shortlisted nominees will be contacted to arrange an interview with the judging panel. Interviews will take place between Monday, 6 April and Wednesday, 8 April 2020 in Perth, or via teleconference or video conference if required. A representative from the shortlisted nominees must be available for an interview during this period.
5. **Interviews.** The judges and shortlisted nominees meet to allow the judges to ask questions and gain a greater insight, and so entrants can share more information about themselves and their work.
6. **Assessment.** Following the interviews, the judges will select the finalists and winners of the 2020 Infinity Awards.
7. **Announcement.** The winners will be announced at the Infinity Awards gala dinner on Wednesday, 6 May 2020.



ASSESSMENT CRITERIA AND WEIGHTINGS

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA - CATEGORIES 1 TO 7

- Avoid Recover Protect – Community Waste Award
- Avoid Recover Protect – Commercial and Industrial Waste Award
- Avoid Recover Protect – Waste Management Award
- Avoid Recover Protect – WA Regional Waste Award
- 2020 Waste Champion
- 2020 Young Waste Achiever
- Waste Team of the Year

1. OVERVIEW (30%)

- What has been your contribution to waste reduction and reuse, or the improvement of waste outcomes?
- What was your activity, product, process, project or approach?
- What did you achieve?
- What impact have you had (including, for Category 4 entrants, the impact you have had in the region/s)?

Top tips:

- 500-word limit.
- Be clear and succinct – include the key information you'd like the judges to know about.
- Highlight the key aspects about yourself, your organisation or your initiative with an emphasis on achievements and outcomes.
- Include any high-level facts, figures and results.
- Highlight anything that was new, different or unique about you or your work.

2. DRIVERS (10%)

- What inspired you to do what you are doing?
- What problem did you solve?
- Why did this matter to you?

Top tips:

- 200-word limit.
- Tell us how you identified a waste problem and why you decided to address it in the way you did.
- Give us an idea of the magnitude of the problem/s you identified.

3. GOALS (10%)

- What was your goal?
- What did you set out to achieve?
- What were your target outcomes?
- How were you going to measure your success?

Top tips:

- 150-word limit.
- Give a clear account of exactly what you were trying to achieve.
- Include any specific targets you identified.

4. RESULTS (20%)

- Explain what you did.
- Describe what was done to transition your idea to reality.
- Describe how you achieved your goals.
- What have been the results of your work (quantitative and qualitative)?
- What has been the impact of your contribution so far?
- For Category 4 entrants, what positive difference has your work made to the region/s? What impact has it had on regional Western Australians?

Top tips:

- 350-word limit.
- Provide evidence of your success – attach any relevant documentation to support your claims. Examples might include data metrics (tonnes/cubic metres of waste), before/after photos of an issue or situation, surveys that track attitudes or behaviour, financial savings or impact, measurable flow-on effects from your activities to other areas.
- Include any information that you consider demonstrates the value of you or your initiative.

5. SCALABILITY (10%)

- How can your activities, product, process, project or approach be used by others?
- How could your work or project extend its reach for a greater contribution to positive waste outcomes?

Top tips:

- 150-word limit.
- The judges will look at whether your initiative or activities can be adopted beyond your area or organisation and whether you have considered and pursued broader application.

6. INNOVATION (10%)

- What sets you apart from others?
- How is your work different to what had been done before?
- What innovative methods or approaches did you use?
- What are you most proud of?

Top tips:

- 200-word limit.
- Innovation is about finding new ways of doing something or a new way to solving a problem.
- Consider more than just innovative equipment or use of technology – have you been innovative in your thinking or approach to a problem instead?
- Describe the way you came up with your ideas and how you thought 'outside the box' to create solutions to waste problems.

7. COLLABORATION (10%)

- How has collaborating with others helped you achieve your results?
- Describe the ways you worked with others (including those affected by your work).

Top tips:

- 150-word limit.
- Consider how you drew on resources and input outside of your own, how you gathered support, and how you considered those affected by your work.
- Include evidence of support from those with whom you collaborated and feedback that supports your claims.

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA – CATEGORY 8

Waste Innovation of the Year

1. OVERVIEW (15%)

- What has been your contribution to waste reduction and reuse, or the improvement of waste outcomes?
- What was your activity, product, process, project or approach?
- What did you achieve?
- What impact have you had?

Top tips:

- 500-word limit.
- Be clear and succinct – include the key information you'd like the judges to know about.
- Highlight the key aspects about yourself, your organisation or your initiative with an emphasis on achievements and outcomes.
- Include any high-level facts, figures and results.
- Highlight anything that was new, different or unique about you or your work.

2. DRIVERS (10%)

- What inspired you to do what you are doing?
- What problem did you solve?
- Why did this matter to you?

Top tips:

- 150-word limit.
- Tell us how you identified a waste problem and why you decided to address it in the way you did.
- Give us an idea of the magnitude of the problem/s you identified.

3. GOALS (5%)

- What was your goal?
- What did you set out to achieve?
- What were your target outcomes?
- How were you going to measure your success?

Top tips:

- 150-word limit.
- Give a clear account of exactly what you were trying to achieve.
- Include any specific targets you identified.

4. RESULTS (15%)

- Explain what you did.
- Describe what was done to transition your idea to reality.
- Describe how you achieved your goals.
- What have been the results of your work (quantitative and qualitative)?
- What has been the impact of your contribution so far?

Top tips:

- 350-word limit.
- Provide evidence of your success – attach any relevant documentation to support your claims. Examples might include data metrics (tonnes/cubic metres of waste), before/after photos of an issue or situation, surveys that track attitudes or behaviour, financial savings or impact, measurable flow-on effects from your activities to other areas.
- Include any information that you consider demonstrates the value of you or your initiative.

5. SCALABILITY (5%)

- How can your activities, product, process, project or approach be used by others?
- How could your work or project extend its reach for a greater contribution to positive waste outcomes?

Top tips:

- 150-word limit.
- The judges will look at whether your initiative or activities can be adopted beyond your area or organisation and whether you have considered and pursued broader application.

6. INNOVATION (40%)

- What sets you apart from others?
- How is your work different to what had been done before?
- What innovative methods or approaches did you use?
- What are you most proud of?

Top tips:

- 500-word limit.
- Innovation is about finding new ways of doing something or a new way to solving a problem.
- Consider more than just innovative equipment or use of technology – have you been innovative in your thinking or approach to a problem instead?
- Describe the way you came up with your ideas and how you thought 'outside the box' to create solutions to waste problems.

7. COLLABORATION (10%)

- How has collaborating with others helped you achieve your results?
- Describe the ways you worked with others (including those affected by your work).

Top tips:

- 150-word limit.
- Consider how you drew on resources and input outside of your own, how you gathered support, and how you considered those affected by your work.
- Include evidence of support from those with whom you collaborated and feedback that supports your claims.

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA - CATEGORY 9

Waste Wise School of the Year

1. OVERVIEW (30%)

- What has been your school's contribution to waste reduction and reuse, or the improvement of waste outcomes?
- What was your school's activity, project or approach?
- What did you achieve?
- What impact have you had?

Top tips:

- 500-word limit.
- Be clear and succinct – include the key information you'd like the judges to know about.
- Highlight the key aspects about your school and your waste initiative/s with an emphasis on achievements and outcomes.
- Include any high-level facts, figures and results.
- Highlight anything that was new, different or unique about you or your work.

2. DRIVERS (10%)

- What inspired you to do what you are doing?
- What problem did you solve?
- Why did this matter to your school?

Top tips:

- 200-word limit.
- Tell us how you identified a waste problem and why you decided to address it in the way you did.
- Give us an idea of the magnitude of the problem/s you identified.

3. GOALS (10%)

- What was your goal?
- What did you set out to achieve?
- What were your target outcomes?
- How were you going to measure your success?

Top tips:

- 150-word limit.
- Give a clear account of exactly what you were trying to achieve.
- Include any specific targets you identified.

4. RESULTS (20%)

- Explain what you did.
- Describe what was done to transition your idea to reality.
- Describe how you achieved your goals.
- What have been the results of your school's work (quantitative and qualitative)?
- What has been the impact of your contribution so far?

Top tips:

- 350-word limit.
- Provide evidence of your success – attach any relevant documentation to support your claims. Examples might include data metrics (tonnes/cubic metres of waste), before/after photos of an issue or situation, surveys that track attitudes or behaviour, financial savings or impact, measurable flow-on effects from your activities to other areas.
- Include any information that you consider demonstrates the value of your school's work.

5. SCALABILITY (10%)

- How can your activities, product, process, project or approach be used by other schools?
- How could your work or project extend its reach for a greater contribution to positive waste outcomes?

Top tips:

- 150-word limit.
- The judges will look at whether your initiative or activities can be adopted beyond your school and whether you have considered and pursued broader application.

6. INNOVATION (10%)

- What sets your school (and your work in this area) apart from others?
- What are you most proud of?

Top tips:

- 200-word limit.
- Innovation is about finding new ways of doing something or a new way to solving a problem.
- Consider more than just innovative equipment or use of technology – have you been innovative in your thinking or approach to a problem instead?
- Describe the way you came up with your ideas and how you thought 'outside the box' to create solutions to waste problems.

7. COLLABORATION (10%)

- How has collaborating with others helped you achieve your results?
- Describe the ways you worked with others (including those affected by your work).

Top tips:

- 50-word limit.
- Consider how you drew on resources and input outside of your own, how you gathered support, and how you considered those affected by your school's work.
- Include evidence of support from those with whom you collaborated and feedback that supports your claims.

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA – CATEGORY 10

Media Award

1. OVERVIEW (30%)

- Provide an overview of your nominated work.
- What prompted the nominated work?
- What were the drivers, challenges and opportunities involved?
- Why is this work exceptional?

2. IMPACT (70%)

- What did you achieve?
- What has been the impact of your work so far?
- What has been your contribution to waste reduction and reuse, or the improvement of waste outcomes?

Top tips:

- 1,000-word limit.
- Please include copies of your nominated work (which may be a single item or series).
- Highlight the key aspects about your work. Consider originality and innovation, newsworthiness, impact and incisiveness, ethical journalism, research, production skill and public benefit.

NOMINATION FORM

Deadline for nominations is **5pm (WST) on Tuesday, 10 March 2020.**



CONTACT INFORMATION *(The primary contact for this submission)*

Contact name	<input type="text"/>		
Position	<input type="text"/>		
Organisation	<input type="text"/>		
Phone	<input type="text"/>	Mobile	<input type="text"/>
Email	<input type="text"/>		
Postal address	<input type="text"/>		
Social media handles	<input type="text"/>		

NOMINATION *(Project title or individual/organisation nominated for this award)*

AWARDS CATEGORY

Tick one box only. Should you wish to enter more than one category or project/nominee, you must submit a separate nomination form and entry.

Refer to the Assessment Criteria to ensure you enter the most appropriate category.

- Category 1:** Avoid Recover Protect – Community Waste Award
- Category 2:** Avoid Recover Protect – Commercial and Industrial Waste Award
- Category 3:** Avoid Recover Protect – Waste Management Award
- Category 4:** Avoid Recover Protect – WA Regional Waste Award
- Category 5:** 2020 Waste Champion
- Category 6:** 2020 Young Waste Achiever
- Category 7:** Waste Team of the Year
- Category 8:** Waste Innovation of the Year
- Category 9:** Waste Wise School of the Year
- Category 10:** Media Award

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- Entries remain the property of the Infinity Awards organisers* and are not returned.
- The judges' decisions are final and are not subject to appeal.
- Entries must be from organisations or individuals with a substantial presence in Western Australia, or projects that have been substantially undertaken within Western Australia.
- Entries that are found to be misleading may be withdrawn from the awards process. Judges may seek to verify the claims made in nominations. Unsubstantiated claims will render a nomination ineligible.
- The entrant (organisation or individual) must not have been prosecuted for a violation of any environmental, social or commercial law in Australia or overseas in the past five (5) years.
- The 2020 Infinity Awards winners agree to be included in promotional activities, including photographs and media coverage.
- The Infinity Awards organisers accept no responsibility for unreceived, late or incomplete entries as a result of a technical problem.
- The Infinity Awards organisers reserve the right to withdraw a category and cancel an award if an insufficient number of entries has been received, the quality of entries does not fulfil the awards criteria, or the entries are deemed inappropriate for any other reason.
- The 2020 Infinity Awards nominees understand and agree that photographs included as part of the submission will be used by the Infinity Awards organisers for promotional purposes.

DECLARATION

I have read and understood the conditions of entry above.

Signed	<input type="text"/>
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Name	<input type="text"/>	Date	<input type="text"/>
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* Infinity Awards organisers refers to the State Government of Western Australia, Department of Water and Environmental Regulation, Waste Authority WA and the event coordinators (Mills Wilson).



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