



A Waste Authority Program

AWARDS 2023

2023 Nomination kit

ABOUT THE AWARDS

The WasteSorted 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.

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KEY DATES

Nominations open

Monday 13 March 2023

Nominations close

5pm (WST) Friday 19 May 2023

Shortlisting of nominations

Monday 29 May 2023

Judging

8-9 June 2023

Awards presentation

Thursday 14 September 2023



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Award categories

CATEGORY 1

2023 Community Waste Award

This award is open to all voluntary or non-profit individuals, groups 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, resulting in positive outcomes in the waste sector.

CATEGORY 2

2023 Schools Award

Open to all public, independent, and non-government schools in Western Australia from K-12. Schools must have current WasteSorted Schools accreditation to enter.

Awarded to a school community that has demonstrated outstanding commitment and contribution to avoiding and recovering waste.

CATEGORY 3

2023 Business Award

This award is open to any organisation, enterprise, or business.

Awarded to an organisation, enterprise, or business for excellence in avoiding or recovering waste or protecting the environment from the impacts of waste generated from business and commercial organisations, including building and construction.

CATEGORY 4

2023 Waste Champion Individual Award

This award is open to an individual who may also be part of a business, school, community or organisation.

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

CATEGORY 5

2023 Waste Champion Team Award

This award is open to a group or team of people, including business, school, community or organisational teams.

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

CATEGORY 6

2023 Metro Local Government/Regional Council Award

This award is open to all metro local governments and regional councils.

Awarded to a local government or regional council for excellence in avoiding or recovering waste or protecting the environment from the impacts of household and community waste, resulting in positive waste management outcomes.



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CATEGORY 7

2023 Regional Local Government/Regional Council Award

This award is open to all regional local governments and regional councils outside of the Perth Metropolitan area.

Awarded to a regional local government or regional council for excellence in avoiding or recovering waste or protecting the environment from the impacts of household and community waste, resulting in positive waste management outcomes.

CATEGORY 8

2023 Community Engagement Award

This award is open to all individuals and organisations, including local governments and regional councils.

Awarded for excellence in communications or events to engage the community in avoiding or recovering waste or protecting the environment from the impacts of waste generated at events.

CATEGORY 9

2023 Innovation Award

This award is open to all individuals, community groups, businesses and organisations.

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

CATEGORY 10

2023 Closing the Loop Award

This award is open to all for individuals, community groups, businesses and organisations (including governments).

Awarded for excellence in demonstrating circular economy principles in action across any sector.

DISCRETIONARY AWARD

2023 Waste Award

All entrants into the 2023 WasteSorted Awards will be considered by the judges for a discretionary award.

Awarded to an individual, team, business or organisation for outstanding contribution to 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.

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



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Entry requirements

ESSENTIAL

1. Nomination form. You must return a completed and signed nomination form for each entry category you are entering.
2. 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.

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 wastesortedawards@eventandconferenceco.com.au by 5pm (WST) on Friday, 19 May 2023.



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The process

- 1. Entries.** Nominees complete and submit their entry, including a signed nomination form, before 5pm (WST) on Friday, 19 May 2023.
- 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 8 - 9 June 2023 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 winners and commendations of the 2023 WasteSorted Awards.
- 7. Announcement.** The winners will be announced at the WasteSorted Awards Gala Dinner on Thursday 14 September 2023.



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The assessment criteria and weightings are the same for all awards except the Schools Award and Innovation Award.

These are provided on pages 8 and 9.

Assessment criteria and weightings

1. OVERVIEW (40%)

Who are you and who do you work with?

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 problem were you solving?

What did you achieve?

Was there anything innovative about your work?

Who was involved?

Top tips:

- 500-word limit.
- Be clear and succinct and include the key information you would 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.

2. GOALS and PLANNING (20%)

What did you set out to achieve?

What were your target outcomes?

How did you measure your success?

Did you collaborate with any other organisations?

How did this help?

Top tips:

- 200-word limit.
- Give a clear account of exactly what you were trying to achieve and your approach to achieving it.



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3. RESULTS (30%)

Explain what you did and what you achieved.

What have been the results of your work (quantitative and qualitative)?

Describe how you achieved your goals.

What other benefits or impacts have been achieved?

What has been the impact on the community in which you work?

Top tips:

- 400-word limit.
- Provide evidence of your success and attach 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.
- Describe the experience and process of implementation. Did you learn anything interesting or new?

4. WHAT NEXT? (10%)

What have you learnt?

Are you planning to grow the impact of this work and if so how?

Top tips:

- 200-word limit.
- Include any information that you consider demonstrates how your work can continue to have an impact, or potentially grow.



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Schools Award Assessment Criteria and Ratings

1. OVERVIEW (40%)

What was your school's activity, project or approach to waste reduction and reuse or the improvement of waste outcomes?

What waste stream(s) did you target?

What was your goal?

How did you communicate your goal to the school and wider community?

What outcomes did you hope to achieve?

Top tips:

- 500-word limit.
- Be clear and succinct and 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 anticipated achievements and outcomes.
- Highlight anything that was new, different or unique about you or your work.

2. IMPLEMENTATION (30%)

How did you implement the project?

How were students and staff taught to use any new systems, infrastructure or initiatives?

How was your activity, project or approach linked to the school curriculum?

Were there opportunities for learning in and/or out of the classroom?

Were there opportunities for students from the whole school to be involved?

Did you involve the wider school community in your work?

Have you partnered with the local community outside of the school to support your project?

How did you monitor and evaluate the success of your project?

Top tips:

- 500-word limit.
- Give a clear account of exactly what you were trying to achieve and your approach to achieving it.

3. RESULTS (30%)

What did you achieve?

What impact have you had?

Describe how you achieved your goals.

What have been the results of your school's work (quantitative and qualitative)?

Have you seen any changes in student and staff behaviour as a result of your work?

How have you shared your results with the whole school and wider community?

What has been the impact of your contribution so far?

Top tips:

- 400-word limit.
- Give a clear account of exactly what you achieved.
- Provide evidence of your success. Attach any relevant data that was collected, before/after photos, surveys that track attitudes or behaviours, financial savings or measurable flow on effects from your activities to other areas.
- Include any other information that demonstrates the value of your school's work.



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Innovation Award Assessment Criteria and Ratings

1. OVERVIEW (40%)

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 problem were you solving?

What did you achieve and 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. GOALS and PLANNING (10%)

What did you set out to achieve?

What were your target outcomes?

How did you measure your success?

Did you collaborate with any other organisations?

How did this help?

Top tips:

- 200-word limit.
- Give a clear account of exactly what you were trying to achieve and your approach to achieving it.

3. INNOVATION (30%)

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.

4. RESULTS (20%)

Explain what you did and what you achieved.

What have been the results of your work (quantitative and qualitative)?

Describe how you achieved your goals.

What other benefits or impacts have been achieved?

What has been the impact on the community in which you work?

Top tips:

- 400-word limit.
- Provide evidence of your success and attach 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 demonstrates the value of your initiative.
- Describe the experience and process of implementation. Did you learn anything interesting or new?

Nomination form

Deadline for nominations is 5pm (WST) on Friday, 19 May 2023.

CONTACT INFORMATION

(The primary contact for this submission)

Contact name

Position

Organisation

Phone

Mobile

Email

Postal address

Social media handles

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.

2023 Community Waste Award

2023 Schools Award

2023 Business Award

2023 Waste Champion Individual Award

2023 Waste Champion Team Award

**2023 Metro Local Government/
Regional Council Award**

**2023 Regional Local Government/
Regional Council Award**

2023 Community Engagement Award

2023 Innovation Award

2023 Closing the Loop Award

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- Entries remain the property of the WasteSorted 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 2023 WasteSorted Awards winners agree to be included in promotional activities, including photographs and media coverage.
 - The WasteSorted Awards organisers accept no responsibility for unreceived, late or incomplete entries as a result of a technical problem.
- The WasteSorted 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 2023 WasteSorted Awards nominees understand and agree that photographs included as part of the submission will be used by the WasteSorted Awards organisers for promotional purposes.

* **WasteSorted Awards organisers refers to the State Government of Western Australia, Department of Water and Environmental Regulation, Waste Authority WA and the event coordinators (Event & Conference Co.).**



DECLARATION

I have read and understood the conditions of entry above.

Signed

Name

Date



Government of Western Australia
Department of Water and Environmental Regulation



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