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AWARDS 2024

2024 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 25 March 2024

Nominations close

5pm (WST) Monday 27 May 2024

Judging

15-16 July 2024

Awards presentation

Thursday 5 September 2024



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Award categories

CATEGORY 1

2024 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 community engagement and excellence in avoiding or recovering waste or protecting the environment from the impacts of waste, resulting in positive improvements in waste management.

CATEGORY 2

2024 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 through an integrated whole school approach showing innovative waste practices.

CATEGORY 3

2024 Business Award

This award is open to any commercial enterprise or business. Awarded to a commercial enterprise or business for excellence in avoiding, reusing, repairing or recovering waste or protecting the environment from the impacts of waste generated from commercial enterprises or businesses, including building and construction. Depending on submissions a small business sub-category winner may be awarded instead of a highly commended award.

CATEGORY 4

2024 Waste Champion Individual Award

This award is open to an individual who may also be part of any organisation.

Awarded to an individual who has demonstrated outstanding commitment and contribution resulting in positive improvements in waste management.

CATEGORY 5

2024 Waste Champion Team Award

This award is open to a group or team of people from any organisation.

Awarded to a group or team of people who has demonstrated outstanding commitment and contribution resulting in positive improvements in waste management.

CATEGORY 6

2024 Local Government/Regional Council Award

This award is open to all 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, and going beyond normal business objectives resulting in positive waste management outcomes.



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CATEGORY 7

2024 Regional Award

This award is open to all regional individuals and organisations.

Awarded for excellence in avoiding or recovering waste, protecting the environment from the impacts of waste and overcoming challenges in regional WA resulting in positive waste management outcomes.

CATEGORY 8

2024 Community Engagement Award

This award is open to all individuals and organisations.

Awarded for excellence or demonstrated improvements since last year, in communications or events engaging the community in avoiding or recovering waste, or protecting the environment from the impacts of waste.

CATEGORY 9

2024 Innovation Award

This award is open to all individuals and organisations.

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

CATEGORY 10

2024 Closing the Loop Award

This award is open to all individuals and organisations.

Awarded for excellence in demonstrating circular economy principles in action in which the value of waste materials is recognised and used to reduce the environmental impacts of production and consumption.

DISCRETIONARY AWARD

2024 Waste Award

All entrants into the 2024 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; regional council; 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.

Small business: refers to an organisation that employs less than 20 people and has an annual turnover of less than \$10 million.



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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 Monday 27 May 2024.



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The process

- 1. Entries.** Nominees complete and submit their entry, including a signed nomination form, before 5pm (WST) on Monday 27 May 2024.
- 2. Shortlisting.** DWER judges will assess the entries against the assessment criteria and prepare a shortlist for each awards category.
- 3. Screening.** Shortlisted entries will be screened by DWER Compliance and Enforcement and outstanding compliance issues may result in the withdrawal of the nomination from the category.
- 4. Scheduling.** The primary contact person for each of the shortlisted nominees will be contacted to arrange an interview with the judging panel and external judging panel. Interviews will take place between 15-16 July 2024 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 2024 WasteSorted Awards.
- 7. Announcement.** The winners will be announced at the WasteSorted Awards Gala Dinner on Thursday 5 September 2024.



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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?

How is this an integrated whole school approach to waste management?

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's waste initiative with an emphasis on achievements and outcomes.
- Highlight anything that is new, different or unique about your school's work in managing waste.

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 project's 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.



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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 Monday 27 May 2024.

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.

2024 Community Waste Award

2024 Schools Award

2024 Business Award

Meets the definition of a small business
(see page 3).

2024 Waste Champion Individual Award

2024 Waste Champion Team Award

2024 Local Government/Regional Council Award

2024 Regional Award

2024 Community Engagement Award

2024 Innovation Award

2024 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.
 - Any entrant found to be under investigation of a compliance issue may result in the withdrawal of all nominations. Final decision at the discretion of the organisers.
 - The 2024 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 2024 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.).**

SUBMISSION CHECKLIST

I confirm I have completed and attached:

A PDF version of my submission, including my answered questions based on the assessment criteria.

At least two high resolution images attached as a jpeg or png.

This completed and signed Nomination Form.

DECLARATION

I have read and understood the conditions of entry above.

Signed

Name

Date



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Government of Western Australia
Department of Water and Environmental Regulation



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