

Award for Sustainability

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 resident's 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 2024 and the village or community and nominator must be a member of the Property Council of Australia.

Key dates

- Nominations close: 11 October 2024
- Judging – online reviewing of all entries: 14 October to 1 November 2024
- National finalists announced: 13 March 2025
- National winners announced: 19 June 2025, Brisbane

Judging criteria

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

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

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> quality of design/finish <p>This should be described as a point of difference.</p>	
<p>Corporate social responsibility (200 words maximum)</p> <p>Describe how the project/initiative demonstrates tangible economic, environmental and social dividends.</p>	10%
<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%

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Nomination details

The following information will be required to complete the online submission. While this information is not included in the judging criteria, it will assist with assessing the entry.

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)

Project details

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

Project team

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

Entry marketing information

The following information will assist in promoting the entry in the official awards marketing material. The awards marketing material includes the Awards Commemorative Magazine, awards showcase videos, social media, email marketing, and the official National Retirement Living Awards website. While this information is not judged against the criteria, it will ensure the entry is promoted appropriately if it becomes 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 the nomination within the awards marketing material, a summary of the entry of no more than 80 words should be provided.

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Entry photos

Supporting images are required to be submitted with the online submission before the nomination deadline.

Please upload a maximum of 6 images (minimum of 4 images is mandatory).

Image requirements:

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

Additional supporting information, such as video links, village fact sheets, written testimonials, etc., may also be uploaded along with the required images.

Hero Image – If there is a preferred image to represent the 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)

People’s Choice Award

Projects entering the Award for Sustainability will be eligible for the **People’s Choice Award for Best Retirement Community** provided the project represents a single community. Projects representing more than one community will not be eligible. Voting is via our online voting poll which opens from **23 April to 21 May 2025**.

If the entry represents a single community and to be considered for the People’s Choice Award, please provide a hero image and confirm the village name as part of the online submission.

Awards ceremony details

The national award winners will be announced at the National Retirement Living Awards Gala Dinner on Thursday, 19 June 2025, in Brisbane. If successful in winning this award, who will be receiving it at the event?

- Name
- Position
- Company
- Mobile
- Email

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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 2024 and have not previously won the award.
- Nominating companies must be a Property Council of Australia member
- We welcome both self-nomination and third-party nominations
- Before submitting a nomination, the nominator must ensure they have obtained permission from the owner, client, or contractor.
- All entries must be submitted via the online nomination form
- Entries must adhere to the word limit specified in the online nomination form. Judges will not consider the formatting or presentation of entries.
- Nominees must include 4-6 images to support their submission. Additional relevant material may be uploaded as an appendix in .pdf format only.
- 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 in Brisbane on Thursday, 19 June 2025
- All entries must be received and paid by 5:00 pm (AEST) on Friday, 11 October 2024.