2025 Award Criteria & Questions

Award for Development Innovation

Award Criteria

This Award recognises and publicly rewards innovation that creates significant advancement and improvement within a development.

Innovation can relate to design, construction, sustainability, use of technology and or other factors in a development. The innovation must be replicable in a development and of broad benefit to the industry and or the community.

Eligible entrants will be projects, developments or refurbishments that have been completed by 31 December 2023 (completed in the past 5 years) and have been operating for at least one year as at 31 December 2024 and have not previously won the award.

The award is open to members of the Property Council of Australia only. The nominator or owner of the project or development must be the member.

By entering in this category your nomination is automatically considered for People’s Choice Voting, State Development of the Year and Australian Development of the Year.

A site tour will be requested for your nomination. This will either be in person or conducted virtually. Site tours will be arranged during May/June at judges’ availability.

Tips for a good & compelling submission

* Judges read a lot of submissions, think about what makes your submission stand out from the rest, and how best to present your submission accordingly.
* Less is more. Avoid fluff. Make every word count. Avoid repetition.
* Word count is NOT a reliable indicator of effort required – and you don’t need to go to the exact word limit!
* Dot points can be used when writing the submission.
* Innovation in your responses should be clearly expressed. Claims such as “Australian first” should be substantiated.
* Don’t repeat content across criteria questions (but you can cross reference)
* Provide good quality testimonials (not just project team), including pre-post statistics monitoring satisfaction.
* Please be clear in your submission. Any post-submission dialogue in relation to the nomination will solely be undertaken at the discretion of the judges’ panel.

Nomination Form Questions (final entries must be submitted using the online nomination form)

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| NOMINATOR / CONTACT PERSON | |
| Company |  |
| Mailing Address |  |
| Contact Name |  |
| Contact Number |  |
| Contact Email |  |
| Property Council Member?  Yes or No?  Company name the membership is under? |  |

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| OWNER DETAILS | |
| Company |  |
| Mailing Address |  |
| Contact Name |  |
| Contact Email |  |
| Contact Number |  |
| Property Council Member? Yes or No? Company name the membership is under? |  |

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| DEVELOPMENT DETAILS | |
| Name of Project  *This is the name your project/development will be listed and referred as* |  |
| Address of Project  *(Street address & state)* |  |
| Project type |  |
| Was your project, development or refurbishment completed prior to 31 December 2023?  Yes or No?  Provide the completion date. |  |
| Has your project, development or refurbishment been operating for at least one year as at 31 December 2024?  Yes or No?  Provide operational dates. |  |
| Project size (NLA sqm) |  |

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| DEVELOPMENT DETAILS UPON COMPLETION | |
| Total Project Budgeted Costs - $ |  |
| Total Project Actual Costs - $ |  |

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| PROJECT SYNOPSIS |

To assist judges in assessing your entry against the judging criteria, please outline why you believe this project should win the award. Judges are looking for a maximum of five key dot points totalling no more than 300 words.

*The purpose of this to highlight why your project is worthy of winning this award.*

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| MARKETING SYNOPSIS |

To assist the organiser in promoting your entry within marketing material, please provide a summary about your entry of no more than 50 words.

*(These words will be used to create your winner video if you are successful - video example* [*here*](https://youtu.be/9m_mvP5LEUo)*)*

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| OBSTACLES OVERCOME |

To assist the judges in assessing your entry against the judging criteria, please provide a description of any conceptual or practical problems your project or programme had to overcome, and the way(s) in which these were solved totalling no more than 200 words.

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| WHY SHOULD YOUR PROJECT RECEIVE AN AWARD? |

In bullet format, list up to five special, innovative, and/or distinguishing reasons why the project should receive an award. Describe each reason very briefly on one line.

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| ATTACHMENTS |

**PROJECT IMAGES**

* Please upload a maximum of 6 images (minimum of 4 images is mandatory)
* Images are to be in a JPG or png format
* Images should be landscape where possible
* Images should be of a high resolution
  + Minimum image size 1920x1080 – ratio of 16:9
  + Maximum file size of 10MB each image
* **Hero Image** – If you have an image you would prefer to be used as the main image to represent your nomination submission throughout the Awards Program, please label this as “Hero Image” before uploading. The Hero Image should be landscape if possible.
* **People’s choice Image** – This will be used as your hero image for the online People’s Choice Voting (Mandatory)

**OTHER SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**

* Video links are optional and can be added **using the “Add link or Video” button** at the end of the page. They may be hosted on a video site such as YouTube or Vimeo. Ensure you provide any passwords if your videos are private to ensure our judges can view them.
* Should you wish to upload any supporting material for your submission, please upload as an attachment using the **“Add attachments”** button. Please note: The written component of your entry should be fully explained within the provided form fields, not relied upon within an attachment.

Judging Criteria

**VISION AND INNOVATION – 25% WEIGHTING** (Limit 300 words)

Describe the innovative element and why it is considered unique and innovative. How and why was it created and implemented in the development. How will it be replicable in a development and of broad benefit to the industry and community.

**OUTCOMES ACHIEVED – 20% WEIGHTING** (Limit 300 words)

Describe the outcomes achieved using this innovative element environmental benefits, financial benefits, increased productivity, risk reduction etc.

What were the risk, challenges and barriers to adopting this innovation and how were they managed and overcome?

Describe if the contribution/project has achieved outcomes beyond what was expected.

**ECONOMIC BENEFITS – 10% WEIGHTING** (Limit 300 words)

Explain how the innovation demonstrates the ability to produce financial outcomes that met or exceeded the project’s planned objectives.

Please discuss how the project's financial outcomes were achieved relative to the risk taken in developing this innovation.

**USER SATISFACTION – 10% WEIGHTING** (Limit 300 words)

Describe, using testimonials from a variety of stakeholders, the extent to which the development has a proven high satisfaction level (ease of use, cost of implementation, outcomes generated) of all users due to this innovative function.

**INDUSTRY PERCEPTION – 10% WEIGHTING** (Limit 300 words)

Describe, using testimonials from a variety of stakeholders, the extent to which the initiative is

considered a success.

**FUTURE LEGACY – 25% WEIGHTING** (Limit 300 words)

Describe how this innovation is replicable and can provide a future benchmark for the property industry.

Conditions of Entry

* Entry in the Property Council of Australia/Rider Levett Bucknall Innovation & Excellence Awards costs $1,350 (including GST) per nomination.
* Nominated companies must be a Property Council of Australia member.
* We welcome both self-nomination and third party nominations.
* Before you submit your nomination, ensure you have permission from the owner, your client or your contractor to do so.
* All entries must be submitted via the online Nomination form.
* Entries must stick to the word limit on the online nomination form. Nominees are reminded that judges will not consider formatting or presentation of entries.
* Nominees must include 4-6 images to support their submission. Other material relevant to support the application may also be uploaded as an Appendix.
* All nominees should be prepared to attend a site inspection with a judge, should it be deemed necessary.
* 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 Innovation & Excellence 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 Property Council of Australia/Rider Levett Bucknall Innovation & Excellence Awards Gala Dinner to be held in Sydney at the ICC on Wednesday 11 September 2024.
* All entries must be received and paid by 5:00 pm (AEDT) on Wednesday 13 March 2024.