

# RICS Australia Awards 2025

Categories & Criteria

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# Awards Submission

Your submission should clearly explain the project, team or individual and demonstrate a connection to the judging criteria, highlighting a commitment to professionalism and ethics. This is where you want to make it clear to the judges exactly why your submission is deserving of the award. Please note that this will not be a PDF upload, you will need to complete free text sections within the online form, including an introduction and responses to each applicable element of the judging criteria (professionalism, outcome and achievement, teamwork, innovation, and sustainability). Word limits have been applied to each free text box in accordance with the criteria weighting.

## Project Awards Categories

### Project of the year

The award recognizes completed projects that demonstrate outstanding achievement and successful outcomes. This achievement and outcomes could be because of a range of professional roles, including – feasibility, investment, planning, measurement, design, cost, project delivery, compliance, sustainability and/or refurbishment. The implementation and application of technology or innovation and sustainability in the project should be evident. For this award, a project could be a commercial, residential building (new or existing) or a civil engineering or social infrastructure asset. Nomination must cover one project that satisfies the completion date requirement in the “Application and eligibility” rules. The nominator can be the owner/developer, construction contractor or sub-contractor or any consultancy company engaged in the project.

## Project Award Assessment Criteria

Professionalism – 20%	<p>Demonstration of professional expertise in areas such as feasibility, investment, planning, measurement, design, cost, project delivery, compliance, sustainability and/or refurbishment, to achieve outcomes.</p> <p>Demonstration of how international standards have been adopted will be an advantage.</p> <p>Demonstration of the ability to avoid and/or resolve disputes.</p> <p>Demonstration of ethical and professional behaviour in keeping with RICS standards</p>
Teamwork / Collaboration – 20%	<p>Effective coordination of skillsets among members of the team, and with stakeholders</p> <p>Resources optimisation. How were resources effectively utilised to overcome identified challenges and difficulties.</p> <p>Demonstration of collaboration with various stakeholders in the construction project to avoid and resolve disputes.</p> <p>Demonstration of using fair, collaborative procurement methods and or contracts for engaging contractors and suppliers will be an advantage</p>
Outcome and achievement – 20%	<p>Measurable success of the project against a predefined targets</p> <p>Client and or occupier/user or public satisfaction – including testimonials</p> <p>How is the building/infrastructure asset performing – is it delivering as planned, has it achieved initial targets, is it well used or leased (as applicable)?</p> <p>Challenges overcome in the process relative to complexity. What were the difficulties or unique challenges? How were these challenges overcome?</p> <p>Cost effectiveness. How was cost managed effectively against a predefined target?</p> <p>Timely completion. Demonstration of how the project is managed effectively with respect to time?</p> <p>Demonstration of implementation and achievement of site safety.</p>

Thought Innovation 20%	<p>Was an innovative approach used to deliver the outcome?</p> <p>Was there significant innovation in design?</p> <p>How was technology applied to deliver the outcome?</p> <p>Any innovative technology applied to enhance site safety (if applicable)?</p> <p>Any smart information technology applied for document control and communication to enhance productivity?</p> <p>Demonstration of development and use of innovative materials.</p> <p>Use of innovative construction techniques and methods to increase productivity.</p> <p>Use of smart information technology for project management and contract administration.</p>
Sustainability – 20%	<p>What is the quantitative analysis of sustainability metrics and achievements.</p> <p>Demonstration of creating better places and spaces for future generations.</p> <p>Demonstrated adoption of sustainable development principles.</p> <p>Demonstration of how waste was minimised.</p> <p>How has carbon been minimised? Have carbon reduction targets been met?</p> <p>Social Impact. Does the project improve sustainability in the community and improve the community more broadly?</p>

## Team Award Categories

### Building Certification Team of the Year

Recognising companies, teams or consortia responsible for consultancy advice or assessment in certification of building projects in Australia. This award highlights the crucial role of building certification to ensure the health and wellbeing of building occupants' post-construction.

### Building Consultancy Team of the Year

Focusing on excellence in the building consultancy sector. This award recognises companies, teams or consortia who have demonstrated excellence in the provision of advice or services in post occupancy building inspection, technical due diligence, make good and related services.

### Property/Facilities Management Team of the Year

Awarded to a company, team or consortia responsible for outstanding operational, financial, tenant or facilities management of real estate.

### Project Management Team of the Year

Acknowledging companies, service providers, client side teams or contractors who were engaged in project management of a construction project during 2024. The successful applicant will demonstrate excellence in such areas as quality control, time management, budget control, procurement or construction management to deliver the outcome sought by the client.

## Quantity Surveying Team of the Year

Celebrating excellence in quantity surveying, this award recognises companies, teams or consortia engaged in outstanding quantity surveying work in 2024. This includes but is not limited to cost planning and control or contract and commercial management.

## Real Estate Advisory Team of the Year

This award recognises excellence in the provision of real estate consultancy advice (not covered in other categories). It includes tenant advisory services, strategic portfolio advice, land and property development advice and related feasibility and business case work.

## Real Estate Agency Team of the Year

This award acknowledges companies, teams and/or consortia demonstrating excellence in providing agency services related to the acquisition, sale, or leasing of properties in the office, retail, industrial or residential sectors..

## Research Team of the Year

Acknowledging teams, consultancies, academic institutions and agencies responsible for engaging in research projects associated with the built environment.

## Valuation Team of the Year

The Valuation Team of the Year recognises a company, team or consortia providing excellence in valuation services which uphold international standards and give confidence to end-users for their objectivity, independence and reliability on both commercial and/or residential projects



## Criteria Weighting

Professionalism 20%

Teamwork / Collaboration 20%

Outcome and achievement 20%

Thought Innovation 20%

Sustainability 20%

## Special Category Team Awards

### Environmental Impact

This category recognises teams involved in projects where innovation, design or construction techniques have been utilised to address environmental challenges and improve sustainability.

### Criteria Weighting

Professionalism 20%

Teamwork / Collaboration 10%

Outcome and achievement 20%

Thought Innovation 10%

Sustainability 40%

## Special Category Team Awards Assessment Criteria

Professionalism	<p>Use of surveying knowledge and/or professional expertise in areas such as technical, financial, legal, environmental, building regulation, sustainability, and restoration where applicable, to achieve outcomes.</p> <p>Demonstrated adherence to RICS ethics.</p> <p>Demonstration of using the most appropriate procurement method for engaging contractors and suppliers (if applicable).</p> <p>Demonstration of the ability to resolve disputes.</p> <p>Demonstration of how international standards have been adopted will be an advantage.</p>
Teamwork / Collaboration	<p>Effective coordination of skillsets among members of the team and with stakeholders.</p> <p>A demonstrated commitment to diversity and inclusion within the firm/team and their work. How does the firm/team embrace diversity and contribute to a more inclusive profession?</p> <p>Detailing of challenges overcome in any process relative to complexity e.g. what were the difficulties or unique challenges? How were these challenges overcome?</p> <p>Contribution of the surveyor to social outcomes</p> <p>RICS Standards adopted</p>
Outcome and achievement	<p>Realisation of revenue against a predefined target.</p> <p>Client satisfaction (demonstrated through third party endorsements as appropriate).</p>

	<p>What projects has the team successfully delivered in the previous calendar year?</p> <p>Team demonstrates best practices in appropriate profession (building surveying, valuation, facilities management etc.)</p> <p>What steps have been taken to ensure the building's future resilience?</p>
Thought Innovation	<p>Was an innovative approach used to deliver an outcome? What was this approach (technology, planning, procurement, construction) and why was this used over more conventional solutions?</p> <p>How is the firm/team delivering an innovative approach which embraces new technologies?</p> <p>Innovation in financing and viability</p> <p>Are innovative strategies embedded on projects or tasks that deliver a social impact?</p> <p>Level of creativity in overcoming challenges</p> <p>How has the firm/team demonstrated resilience and adaptability?</p>
Sustainability	<p>How does the project demonstrate the highest commitment to sustainability?</p> <p>Has the environmental impact of the project been evaluated through an established methodology? (e.g. lifecycle assessment) Was any relevant certification achieved?</p> <p>How does the project address the following categories of environmental sustainability?</p> <p>Climate change mitigation (i.e. carbon reductions)</p> <p>Were the carbon emissions (embodied and/or operational) of the project (or the associated asset) measured and reduced?</p> <p>How does the carbon footprint of the project compare to conventional practices?</p> <p>Climate change adaptation</p> <p>How does the project increase asset resilience to climate change (e.g. extreme weather events)?</p> <p>How does the project increase resilience to climate change?</p>

	<p>Resource efficiency and circular economy</p> <p>Were efforts made to reduce resource use in comparison to conventional practices? E.g. material recovery/reuse</p> <p>Were efforts made to ensure future activities (e.g. building demolition) can contribute to a circular economy? (e.g. design for deconstruction)</p> <p>Air, water and soil pollution</p> <p>Did the project minimise (or reverse) the emission of pollutants to air, water and soil?</p> <p>Biodiversity</p> <p>Did the project create the right conditions to increase the biodiversity of the local area?</p> <p>Water use</p> <p>Were efforts made to quantify and reduce (fresh)water use?</p> <p>Land use</p> <p>Did the project deliver a change in land use that resulted in a positive environmental impact?</p>
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## Individual Awards

### Emerging Achiever of the Year

The future of our profession rests on the shoulders of emerging professionals. The Emerging Achiever Award acknowledges one outstanding individual who has achieved excellence in their field. The individual selected will embody the highest standards of professionalism, be a role-model for their peers and be capable of making an outstanding contribution to the profession in the course of their future career.

The Emerging Achiever of the Year must have less than 10 years' experience to be eligible

### Woman of the Built Environment Award

The woman of the built environment award recognises the outstanding contributions and achievements of senior women to our industry. The award celebrates inspirational role models to inspire the next generation of diverse professionals. Women from all disciplines of the industry are encouraged to enter.

### Lifetime Achievement Award

Recognising commitment to RICS and the wider profession, the Lifetime Achievement Award is the most prestigious award for built environment professionals. The presentation of this award is subject to the determination of the judging panel that the recipient is worthy of this significant honour.

## Individual Awards Assessment Criteria

Nominations in the individual awards category are assessed alongside two overarching criteria:

Recognised outstanding performance and achievement in the workplace; and

Recognised contribution to the profession and the wider community with a weighting against five categories, which are:

Professionalism – 20%	<p>Recognised third party endorsements as professionally outstanding. How does the Individual demonstrate the highest standards of professionalism and service?</p> <p>Use of surveying knowledge and/or professional expertise in areas such as, finance, legal, environment, and sustainability to achieve outcomes.</p> <p>Demonstrated adherence to RICS ethics.</p> <p>Adoption of international standards will be an advantage but is not essential.</p> <p>How does the Individual's professional advice help deliver a positive impact on the environment?</p>
Teamwork / Collaboration – 20%	<p>Effective coordination of skillsets and with stakeholders.</p> <p>A demonstrated commitment to diversity and inclusion and their work. How does the individual embrace diversity and contribute to a more inclusive profession?</p> <p>Detailing of challenges overcome in any process relative to complexity e.g. what were the difficulties or unique challenges? How were these challenges overcome?</p> <p>Contribution of the surveyor to social outcomes</p> <p>RICS Standards adopted</p>
Outcome and achievement – 20%	<p>Realisation of revenue against a predefined target.</p> <p>Client satisfaction (demonstrated through third party endorsements as appropriate).</p>

	<p>What projects has the Individual successfully delivered in the previous calendar year?</p> <p>Demonstrates best practices in appropriate profession (building surveying, valuation, facilities management e.t.c.)</p>
Thought Innovation 20%	<p>Was an innovative approach used to deliver an outcome? What was this approach (technology, planning, procurement, construction) and why was this used over more conventional solutions?</p> <p>How is Individual delivering an innovative approach which embraces new technologies?</p> <p>Innovation in financing and viability</p> <p>Are innovative strategies embedded on projects or tasks that deliver a social impact?</p> <p>Level of creativity in overcoming challenges</p> <p>How has the Individual demonstrated resilience and adaptability?</p>
Sustainability – 20%	<p>Does the Individual demonstrate the adoption of sustainability principles? e.g. climate change mitigation and adaptation, waste reduction, biodiversity conservation, social value creation</p> <p>Have the sustainability achievements of the team been quantified in numerical terms?</p> <p>Environmental impact:</p> <p>Does the Individual make efforts to measure and reduce the carbon emissions of projects?</p> <p>Do the Individual make efforts to quantify and improve the biodiversity impact of projects?</p> <p>Social Impact:</p>

	<p>Does the Individual engage meaningfully with the communities impacted by projects?</p> <p>Does the Individual promote and educate stakeholders about sustainability?</p> <p>Health and Well-being:</p> <p>How has the Individual actively contributed to people's health and well-being?</p>
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## Lifetime Achievement Award Assessment Criteria

<p>Assessed on individual merit</p>	<p>RICS will provide recommendation(s) on the worthy recipient for the judging panel's consideration.</p> <p>Have they contributed significantly to the profession? How?</p> <p>Have they contributed significantly to RICS? How?</p> <p>What have they done for the future of the profession?</p> <p>How have they displayed exemplary professionalism throughout their career?</p>
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