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Awards

# Engineers Australia Excellence Awards 2024

**Project Awards Entry Handbook**

# Overview

Thank you for considering entering your project in the Engineers Australia Excellence Awards: project awards 2024.

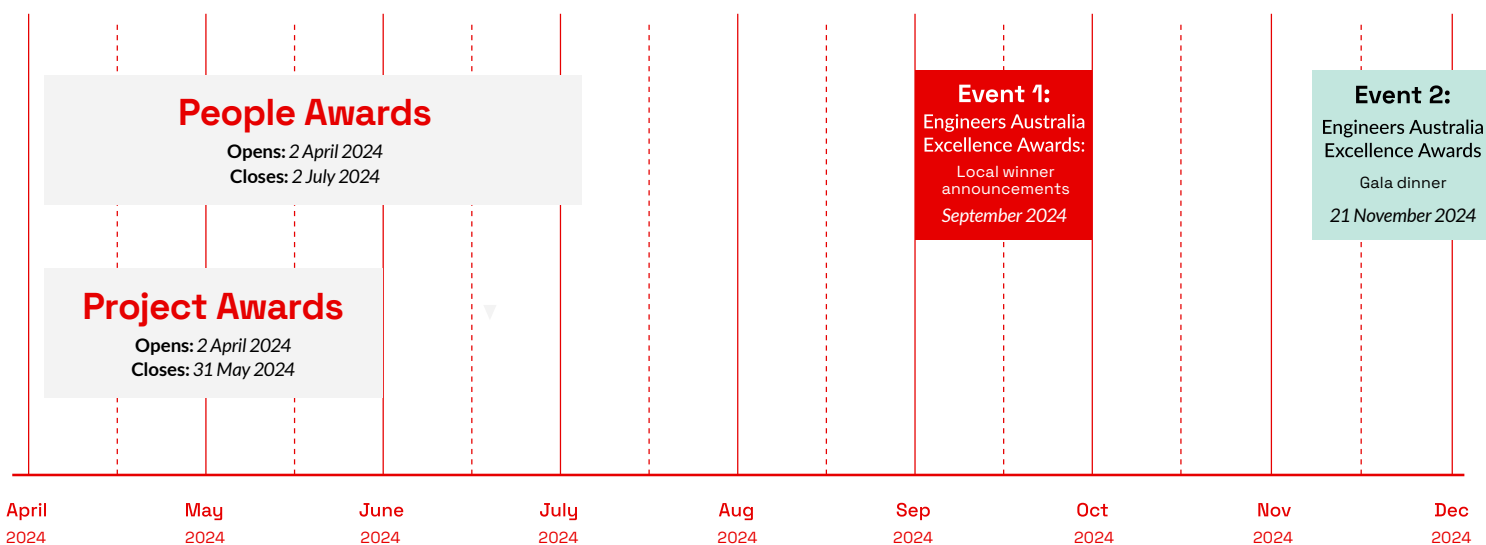
The project awards recognise Australia’s top engineering projects and the teams behind them. These projects inspire and encourage engineering distinction through teamwork, innovation and technical excellence.

The Engineers Australia Excellence Awards: project award 2024 are an integrated program resulting in the Project of the year award at a national level, once local winners are determined. The Excellence Awards Project of the Year is the highest honor an engineering project can receive from Engineers Australia.

The Engineers Australia Excellence Awards: project awards 2024 provides tangible benefits for entrants through a range of promotional activities.

# Timeline

## Engineers Australia Excellence Awards: People & Projects 2024 timeline:



[Nominate →](#)

# Entry stages



## Benefits of entry

Nominees and winners receive several tangible benefits associated with the awards program. On top of being recognised in front of peers and the industry, you can expect to receive:

### All nominees:

- Two tickets to your local event: Excellence Awards 12-19 September 2024
- Profiled in the awards showcase publication
- Nominee badge for social media and email signature

### Local Winners and Project of the Year Finalist:

(1 per location):

- Local winner badge for social media and email signature
- Trophy and certificate
- Listing on the awards website and in the media release

- Opportunity to come up on stage for a short Q&A segment with our MC when receiving the award at the local event
- Inclusion in the showcase booklet, created for the national event.

### Project of the Year Winner:

- Trophy and certificate
- Opportunity to come up on stage for a short Q&A segment with our MC receiving the award at the national event
- Winner badge for social media and email signature
- Listing as the Project of the Year on the awards website and in the media release
- Inclusion as the Project of the Year winner in the award announcements to the Engineers Australia network
- Coverage as the Project of the Year in *Create* and on the Engineers Australia website.

# Conditions of entry

**Entrant fee (incl. GST):**  
\$1300

- **Project completion\*:** entrants for the Engineers Australia Excellence Awards: project awards 2024 must have completed their projects between 1 January 2023 and 1 April 2024.

*\*Completion means all aspects of a particular engineering component. If the project is still ongoing, the engineering portion needs to have been completed within this timeframe to enter. If a company worked on and completed part of a larger project within this timeframe, they can submit an entry on the completed part.*

- Entrant should demonstrate the date of completion by supplying a proof of completion i.e. media press release, approval from client, or contract.
- **Location:** the project can only be entered into one of the following locations:

1. Canberra
2. Newcastle
3. Northern
4. Queensland
5. South Australia
6. Sydney
7. Tasmania
8. Victoria
9. Western Australia

Australian engineers and organisations engaged on projects located overseas may enter the Engineers Australia Excellence Awards: project awards 2024. An entry may be submitted, if Australian engineers performed a substantial, identifiable proportion of the engineering function within Australia. The submission would need to be based on Australian-based work only. For example, if a project was designed in Australia but constructed overseas then only the design component is eligible.

- **Previous submissions:** if the project has been submitted in previous years, we require a description on how this submission is significantly different.
- **Engineering:** all project submissions must have significant technical engineering content included within the proponents supporting material. Science, biology and other disciplines must be appropriately supported to outline the practical use of engineering within the project.
- **Engineering Work:** all project submissions should demonstrate engineering aspects such as innovation, environmental, sustainability and work health and safety considerations (during construction, manufacture and operational phases). Engineering excellence can happen at various stages in the life of any project. For example the concept stage, design stage, , implementation, construction, operation, decommissioning stage etc. Nominees will need to demonstrate and explain which piece of engineering work they are applying for.
- No rework of project submissions is allowed once the final entries have been submitted. However, judges may request additional information from organisations.
- **Judges:** decisions of the judges are final and no correspondence concerning decisions will be entered into.
- Nominee to be available for a virtual interview at the discretion of the judging panel's discretion.

# Judging criteria

To assist entrants to assemble appropriate information for their submission, the judging criteria and weightings used as part of the process of evaluation for nominations are outlined as follows:

## 1. Contribution to Engineers Australia's purpose of "advancing society through great engineering"

Actual or potential contribution to social and/or economic outcomes improving quality of life contributes to the local, regional, or national economy or improving quality of life by using scientific and technological advances to solve problems in a more efficient and effective manner relevant to the scale of the project.

**30%**

## 2. Formulation of resourceful, innovative, and elegant engineering solutions and/or pioneering use of materials and/or methods

Significance of the work as a benchmark of Australian engineering by demonstrating innovation and sets new benchmarks, and/or continues current high standards, thereby raising the standard and standing of Australian engineering relevant to the industry and/or field of technology.

**30%**

## 3. [Contribution to sustainable, inclusive and ethical engineering practices](#)

Elaborate how the project has incorporated contemporary ethical, environmental, health, safety, and security principles including EA's purpose and strategic vision in undertaking their engineering work. Provide details of the contribution to supporting and recognising equity, diversity and inclusion in engineering practice.

**30%**

## 4. Extent to which the work has delivered engineering excellence

Opportunity for applicants to highlight or showcase key successes of their project and how their project has delivered engineering excellence for the scope of their submission.

**10%**

# Process

To enter the Engineers Australia Excellence Awards: project awards 2024, entrants must agree to the award process for which non-refundable fees must be paid.

Entrants must complete their full submissions through our awards platform, by the submission date.

## Submission

**Submissions open:** Tuesday 2 April 2024

**Submissions close:** 3.00 pm AEST Friday 31 May 2024

**Entry Fee (inc. GST):** \$1300

Please note only online credit card payments will be accepted. All forms must be submitted electronically on [our awards platform](#).

The following information is requested from entrants:

### Section 1: Start here

- Entrant name
- Official project title: for promotional purposes (max 50 characters including spaces)
- State/region of entry (the location in which the majority of the engineering work was completed. The location is related to the scope of the entry. For example, it can be a design, construction or project management component).
- What piece of engineering work are you applying for? Entries can be submitted for any engineering category, e.g.: design, construction, operation and maintenance, project management.
- Project description short: two short sentences summarising your project and why it has been nominated for an excellence award (approx. 50 words) to be used for the video montage.
- Project description long: Two to three paragraphs summarising the project (approx. 100–150 words) to be published in the showcase booklet.
- 500-word project description. Please include why the project is worthy of consideration for the excellence award. Explain which area of the project is to be judged on engineering excellence (all or part of the project).
- Address of project
- Name of the submitting organisation

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- Joint entries (name and role)
- If you are submitting a joint entry
  - Name of joint entrants (you may list more than one)
  - Role of joint entrant
- Primary contact person, mobile number and email
- Secondary contact person, mobile number and email

### Section 2: Eligibility

- Has the project been submitted before? If so, how is it significantly different?
- What date was the project completed (all projects must be completed between 1 January 2023 and 1 April 2024)?
- Proof of date of completion. Supporting information link – link to website, an information pack, media release or any proof that would convince the judges the engineering portion of your project was completed within the time frame.

### Section 3: Judging criteria

- Detailed submission addressing judging criteria (up to 800 words per criterion)

### Section 4: Images

- Five high-resolution photos (300dpi). No logos are to be placed over the images. These are the hero shots of your submission and should indicate what your project entails and be labelled in preference order. They will be used in print and digital materials, for the video showcase at the local events, and in the showcase booklet.
- Project video (optional). 60–90-second-high quality 1920x1080px video supplied as an .mp4. Supporting video footage should illustrate the development of the project from concept to completion and may include diagrams, 3D renderings, construction time-lapse videos, progress stills and raw or edited video footage.

- Should your project be selected as a local winner, a high-quality project video will be required for the national award presentation in November.

### Section 5: Terms and conditions

- Agreement to the Terms and Conditions

### Section 6: Copyright clearance agreement

- Copyright clearance agreement
- Promotional material agreement

### Tips from our judges for a successful nomination:

- Your submission should focus on the engineering contributions to the project.
- Your submission should always come back to which aspects of the engineering contribution make it a stand-out project.
- Tell us about what is not “business as usual” about the project.
- Why does your project stand out from other projects of the same type.
- Tell us about technical challenges you faced and how they were overcome. The judges are engineers too and will relate to these stories.
- Substantiate all claims for uniqueness or technical excellence. For example, if your project has pioneered the use of an environmentally sustainable building product, provide clear evidence of this claim. Unsubstantiated claims are hard to verify.
- Tell us about inclusive and ethical practices unique to your project. We are interested in what specifically makes your project stand out compared to other similar projects.
- Think about your project’s X factor. Are there any other engineering aspects of the project you want to convey that don’t neatly fit into the judging criteria. While this information is not part of the formal judging criteria, it helps the judges to get an overall sense of the bigger picture.

## Event 1: Engineers Australia Excellence Awards Local winner announcement: 12 - 19 September 2024

One winner will be announced per location and will be the finalist for Project of the Year.

## Event 2: Engineers Australia Excellence Awards Gala dinner: 21 November 2024, Brisbane

The event will showcase and celebrate the engineering excellence of the finalists.

The winner of Project of the Year will be announced and the winner will be celebrated amongst industry leaders, colleagues, government and media.

## Entrance fees

Entrance fee for the Engineers Australia Excellence Awards: project awards 2024 are as follows:

**Entry fee (inc. GST): \$1300**

Please follow the online payment instructions outlined in the submission form. No payments will be taken over the phone or in person.

Please note that all fees paid are non-refundable.

## Contact

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