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2027 COMMUNITY & INTEGRATED PLANNING AWARD

Nominations close: Monday 22 February 2027

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ABOUT THIS AWARD

This award celebrate the success of individuals and teams working in Victorian Local Government's integrated planning space.

The **Community and Integrated Planning Award** focuses on local government initiatives that demonstrate excellence in the areas of:

- **Council planning**
- **Community planning – empowering community**
- **Integrating Council and community planning**
- **Performance measurement and management**
- **Service planning, transformation or enhancement**
- **Sustainable community involvement in Council and community visioning**
- **Planning for environmental sustainability, accessibility, gender equality**
- **Planning for business transformation**
- **Transparent reporting**

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NOMINATIONS

Nominations for the award must be completed online and will close on Monday 22 February 2027 at 5pm.

ELIGIBILITY

Nominations will be accepted from both LGPro members and non-members, however at least one nominator must be an LGPro member. One of the two nominators must be the nominating council's Chief Executive Officer. In the case of a team submission, at least one member of the team must be an LGPro member.

NOMINATION PROCESS

When you begin a nomination, you will be required to create a username and password. This allows you to complete the form in stages or add further information prior to the closing date. When submitting your nomination, all questions must be answered in sequential order to progress.

Up to five high-definition images in JPEG format must be included with a description of each photograph in the relevant space provided in the online application form. These digital photos must be at least 1MB each and no more than 5MB.

A short video (approximately 45 seconds) detailing the process undertaken in implementing the nominated initiative must also be submitted. The video will be used to provide the judging panel with more context around your nomination. It can be filmed using an iPhone and does not have to be a polished production.

JUDGING

The judging panel will comprise a Local Government Chief Executive Officer or an LGPro Board Member and a Local Government representative. Each judge will individually review all nominations and allocate preferences based on how the submission meets the award criteria. Final scores will be reached through averaging and consensus of the judging panel. In the event of a tied decision, LGPro will assist with the adjudication.

AWARD PRESENTATION

The award will be presented following the Integrated Planning stream at the 2027 LGPro Annual Conference on Wednesday 19 May 2027.

FINALISTS

Finalists will be notified at least two weeks prior to the Annual Conference. All award finalists will receive a certificate.

WINNERS

The winning individuals/teams will receive an award in the form of a statuette and a certificate will be posted to their Chief Executive Officer and an article on the winning entry may appear in upcoming editions of LGPro's Profile magazine.

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PREPARING YOUR NOMINATION

The following is a copy of the questions you will need to answer in the online portal as part of your nomination. The online portal allows you to pause and continue your nomination at any time, but the below is provided to help you gather the requisite information ahead of time and simplify the process.

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1. Provide a promotional summary of the initiative (up to 100 words)

A short paragraph on the key aspects of the initiative (please use full sentences and not dot points). If your nomination is successful, this will be read out at the Awards ceremony held at the Welcome Reception at the **2027 LGPro Annual Conference.**

2. Description of the initiative – Selection Criteria

Strategic alignment

- Explain the extent to which the initiative was developed to address an identified need and aligned to the Council Plan or Community Vision **(up to 200 words)**

Implementation and change management

- Explain how the initiative was successfully implemented and any change management methods employed. Please provide evidence and examples **(up to 300 words)**

Integration and engagement

- Explain how the initiative was integrated across the organisation and community? Please list any innovative practices **(up to 300 words)**
- How was the community engaged to develop and sustain the initiative? Please provide evidence to substantiate the community engagement. Please list any innovative processes **(up to 200 words)**

Community outcomes and sustainability

- List the demonstrated outcomes. Please provide evidence of outcomes **(up to 400 words)**
- If ongoing, how will the initiative be sustained? **(150 words)**

Knowledge sharing and collaboration

- Were the learnings from the initiative shared across the sector and, if so, how? Please provide evidence and examples **(up to 400 words)**

3. Provide details of the specific contribution made by the individual or team involved (up to 300 words)

4. General comments (200 words)

5. Please attach four to five high resolution photos (minimum of 1 MB each)

6 Please attach a 45 second video detailing the process undertaken in implementing the initiative to provide judges with more context. It does not have to be a polished production and can be filmed using an iPhone

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AWARDS TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. Entrants must tick the declaration on the nomination form as evidence that they accept LGPro's Terms and Conditions and that the information provided is true and correct.
2. Although nominations are accepted from teams of both LGPro members and non-members, at least one nominator must be an LGPro member.
3. Nominations may be submitted in both award categories however the same initiative cannot be nominated in more than one category.
4. The nominator must consent to any written material provided being used to promote the work of Victorian Local Government. The nominator must complete the Written Material Consent Form to this effect.
5. The judging panel's decision will be final and no correspondence will be entered into in relation to their decision.
6. Only the award recipients and finalists will receive a certificate; named partners will not receive an award certificate.
7. The closing date for nominations is close of business on **Monday 22 February 2027.**

Need more information?

For further information, contact LGPro directly on (03) 9268 6400 or info@lgpro.com