



City of Ipswich
**2021 Ipswich
Enviro Awards
Nominee
Guidelines**



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IPSWICH ENVIRO AWARDS OVERVIEW

Ipswich Enviro Awards aim to recognise those in the community who have contributed to improve environmental and sustainability outcomes for the city.

Nominations are invited for individuals and groups who meet the selection criteria of one or more of the categories as outlined in this document.

TIMEFRAMES

5 June 2021	Nominations open
31 July 2021	Nominations close
August 2021	Judging
28 August 2021	Winners announced at EnviroForum

CATEGORIES AND ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

All nominees must have participated in their action or activity within the past year (5 June 2020 – 5 June 2021). Actions or activities may have been undertaken for a longer period of time but must still be ongoing in the past year to be eligible.

Environmental Hero Award

This category recognises an individual who has taken action to improve or enhance the natural environment of Ipswich. Examples of actions that may be considered in this category include community greening activities, conservation works, tree plantings, litter clean ups, or natural area rehabilitation works.

Sustainable Leadership Award

This category recognises an individual or group who has actioned new and creative solutions, taking a holistic view of sustainability, to reduce the community's environmental footprint. Examples of actions that may be considered in this category include educational or community events about living sustainably or corporate sustainability actions.

Young Enviro Champion Award

Individuals aged 25 years or younger who have made an outstanding contribution to the protection of the environment or have committed to action a sustainability initiative can be nominated for this award.

Enviro Organisation Award

This category is open to organisations which have implemented activities to improve and protect the natural environment or improve sustainability through actions or design. Examples include sustainable initiatives that encourage increased sustainable living practices within the community or corporate environmental initiatives above best practice operations.

NOMINATION PROCESS

- Nominations can be submitted online via the official nomination form which can be found at ipswich.smartygrants.com.au
- Nominations provided in hard copy or by way of email, USB or cloud storage will not be accepted
- Supporting documentation will only be accepted via the online upload function within the online nomination form
- You may be contacted after submitting a nomination and asked to provide further details including photographs
- Nominations must be received by midnight on 31 July 2021. Late nominations will not be considered. No responsibility will be taken for nominations that are not received by the closing date.

For more information about the awards or how to complete a nomination, please contact Council on 3810 6666.

The nomination must address all relevant questions to the nominee in order to be a valid nomination.

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

Environmental Hero Award

- Extent to which initiative contributes to the improvement, enhancement and/or protection of the natural environment
- Extent to which the community was involved in the initiative
- Extent to which the initiative addresses local and regional environmental issues
- The involvement of stakeholders in undertaking the initiative
- Initiative is within the Ipswich local government area
- Nominee is an individual.

Sustainable Leadership Award

- Extent to which initiative contributes to increased sustainability actions
- Extent to which the community was involved in the initiative
- Extent to which the initiative addresses local and regional sustainability issues
- The involvement of stakeholders in undertaking the initiative
- How innovative was the initiative
- Initiative is within the Ipswich local government area
- Nominee is an organisation, not-for-profit group or individual.

Young Enviro Champion Award

- The nominee is an individual 25 years of age or younger at the time of the nomination
- Extent to which initiative contributes to increased environmental protection or sustainability actions
- Extent to which the community was involved in the initiative
- Extent to which the initiative addresses local and regional environmental and sustainability issues
- The involvement of stakeholders in undertaking the initiative
- Initiative is within the Ipswich local government area.

Enviro Organisation Award

- Extent to which initiative contributes to increased environmental protection or sustainability actions
- Extent to which the community was involved in the initiative
- Extent to which the initiative addresses local and regional environmental and sustainability issues
- The involvement of stakeholders in undertaking the initiative
- Initiative is within the Ipswich local government area
- Nominee is an organisation, not-for-profit group or school.

JUDGING

Once nominations are received they will be assessed by the judging panel to select winners of each category and any nominations worthy of a special mention. The judging panel will consist of a minimum of one Council representative and one external representative to Council. The judges' decisions are final and no correspondence will be entered into. The judges reserve the right not to allocate an award in any of the award categories if, in their opinions, the nominations are of insufficient merit.

AWARDS PRESENTATION

Finalists in each category will be notified about the details of when the awards presentation will be held and receive 2 (two) tickets to attend the presentation. Further tickets will be available to the public to be purchased as part of the 2021 EnviroForum.

Each winner will receive a framed certificate and trophy at the awards presentation. Any special mention nominees will receive a framed certificate at the awards presentation.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- Nominees agree to allow the use of their nomination information including photos for publicity purposes
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- Nominees agree to make themselves available, without cost, for publicity purposes as required prior to, and after, the awards presentation
- Decisions regarding winners are final and no correspondence will be entered into
- Winners may be invited to participate in relevant Council environmental and sustainability activities
- Attendance at the awards presentation ceremony is optional and inability to attend does not disqualify entry
- Ipswich City Council has the right to decline and not assess entry forms if they are incomplete or do not meet the eligibility criteria for the nominated category
- Council has the right to not proceed with a category should there be insufficient entries for that category
- Actions and activities must have occurred within the Ipswich City Council local government boundary
- Any tenant entering a nomination must acknowledge that the action/activity was implemented by them and not the property owner. Council accepts no responsibility for false or misleading information provided by entrants relating to initiatives completed with or without landlord's permission.



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