



AWARDS
2026

Call for Entries





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The RICS Awards showcases the most inspirational individuals, teams and initiatives in land, real estate, construction, and infrastructure.

Nominations are now open for the RICS Australia Awards 2026. The Awards are free to enter and open to all working within the built and natural environments, celebrating the talents and achievements across the sector, highlighting the impacts across local and national communities.

How it works

There are seven team categories, one project award category, one special award category and two individual categories to enter, as well as the Lifetime Achievement Award. Each category demonstrates and celebrates the highest professional standards, pioneering better places to live and work, and creating a force for positive social impact. If you think your project could be a winner, then send us your entry via our [Awards platform](#).

Experts from the judging committee will score each application and the winners will be announced at the Australia awards ceremony in September 2026.



Team Award Categories

- Building Certification Team of the Year
- Building Consultancy Team of the Year
- Property / Facilities Management Team of the Year
- Quantity Surveying Team of the Year
- Real Estate Advisory Team of the Year
- Real Estate Agency Team of the Year
- Research Team of the Year

Project Award Category

- Project of the Year

Special Category Award

- Judith Knott Environmental Impact Award

Individual Award Categories

- Emerging Achiever of the Year
- Woman of the Built Environment Award
- Lifetime Achievement Award



Lifetime Achievement Award 2025 recipient John Goddard FRCs (right), presented by Governing Council Member Stephen Ballesty FRCs

Previous Winners



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Sydney Water - Upper South Creek Advanced Water Recycling Centre Project of the Year



Turner & Townsend
Quantity Surveying Team of the Year



UTS School of Built Environment + The Sustainable Temporary Adaptive Reuse (STAR) Toolkit / Prof Sara Wilkinson Research Team of the Year



M3 Property
Valuation Team of the Year



Callum Flitcroft
(Colliers Project Leaders)
Emerging Achiever of the Year



Vanessa Hetherington MRICS
(RPS AAP Consulting)
Woman of the Built Environment

Categories

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 building consultancy related services.

Property/Facilities Management Team of the Year: Awarded to a company, team or consortia responsible for outstanding operational, financial, tenant, facilities or asset management of real estate or related assets.

Quantity Surveying Team of the Year: This award recognises companies, teams or consortia engaged in outstanding quantity surveying work in 2025. 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. It includes valuation, 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, property funds, consultancies, academic institutions and agencies responsible for engaging in research projects associated with the built environment.

Project Awards Category

Project of the Year: The award recognises 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.





Special Category Award

Judith Knott Environmental Impact Award: This Award celebrates the life and work of Judith Knott MRICS, a passionate advocate for sustainability in the built environment who did so much to champion the RICS sustainable built environment agenda in Australia, and who passed away in January 2026. This category recognises teams that share Judith's passion and have been involved in projects where innovation, design or construction techniques have been utilised to address environmental challenges and improve sustainability.

Individual Award Categories

Emerging Achiever of the Year: The future of our profession rests on the shoulders of emerging professionals. The Emerging Achiever of the Year 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: This award recognises the outstanding contributions and achievements of 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.

Assessed on individual merit.



How to Enter

Read the category criteria and guidelines carefully to make sure you enter your project in the most appropriate category and that you are clear on what the judges will be requiring for each category. Please visit our [website](#) to view the judging criteria in more detail.

Click onto our online [Awards platform](#) for full details and to submit your entry.

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.

Your entries must comply with the rules below or they will not be considered.

The below is a check list of the procedure online and the information you will be asked for.

- Closing date – **Friday 08 May 2026**
- Organisation/Team/Individual Name – the name provided should be clear as it will be used throughout the entire campaign, including RICS designation (for relevant individuals making a submission)
- How should the project/team be credited? This is the credit line that will be published alongside the project/team name. This should either be your organisation name or multiple if the project was a collaboration
- Category you are submitting for (please ensure you read the guidance provided)
- Nominator and Nominee contact details
- Main body of nomination – and connection to the judging criteria
- Up to 3 testimonials (1 page each, PDF upload). For Individual Award categories, at least 1 testimonial must be supplied
- Up to 3 pieces of other appropriate supporting material, such as technical documentation, media clippings, floor plans, videos, etc. (Maximum of 4 pages per piece of supporting material. Any materials exceeding this limit may not be considered)
- Your company logo in JPEG or PNG format

- A 100-word summary of the nomination for marketing purposes – what the project was and how the team/individual have showcased excellence (free text section within the form)
- At least one photograph of the nominated team/individual and up to 5 additional photographs of the nominated team/individual and/or project(s) referenced in the submission
- For the Emerging Achiever of the Year category, the Nominee's full CV with references must be supplied to verify eligibility



Terms and Conditions (2026)

Judges will exclude any submissions that are not completed in full.

The closing date for entries is 08 May 2026 however RICS reserves the right to extend the deadline.

The judges' decision is final, and awards will be made at their discretion.

Judges reserve the right to move a project into another category if they feel it would better fit the criteria.

RICS reserves the right to use photographs and content of entries for PR and publicity purpose. By entering your images and information as part of your submission for the RICS Awards you agree to grant RICS or any third-party we deem suitable worldwide, non-exclusive, unlimited right to use, publish and print in any media.

Entrants will be deemed to have accepted these rules and procedures along with the terms and conditions and to have agreed to be bound by them when entering this competition.

By entering you are agreeing to be contacted by RICS with details of the RICS Awards.

It is the responsibility of the entrant to establish that there are no restrictions or reasons the project cannot be entered and that all interested parties have been contacted and are aware of the entry.

To help us manage and maintain the reputation of the RICS Awards you must inform us about any negative media stories relating to the entry that have occurred during the 12 months preceding the Australia Awards Presentation Ceremony (September 2026). Negative publicity does not necessarily mean that your entry will be disallowed; however, if it is not disclosed your entry may be disqualified.

Each entry will be subject to due diligence checks (including regulatory checks and online information searches) on the relevant individual, team and firm. Nominations may not be progressed or may be withdrawn from all aspects of the awards at the absolute discretion of RICS if continuing with the nomination could damage public confidence in the Awards, RICS or the profession.

Nominees must disclose any information that could reasonably be considered to damage public confidence in the Awards, RICS or the profession. Examples include but are not limited to disciplinary findings, or ongoing regulatory investigations or court proceedings.

Entrants warrant RICS that it has the full and exclusive right to present their credentials (e.g. "Surveyor") as such. RICS accepts these credentials in good faith and cannot verify that they are correct. Accordingly, any dispute regarding entrants' credentials must be dealt with between the parties concerned and not with RICS.



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