

## Victorian Coastal Awards 2018

**The Victorian Coastal Council invites and encourages nominations for the 2018 Victorian Coastal Awards under the categories listed.**

The Awards recognise and celebrate the many people and organisations contributing to managing and protecting coastal and marine environments throughout Victoria.

The 17<sup>th</sup> Victorian Coastal Awards in 2018 will highlight the importance of the community in managing and protecting the many values of Victoria's coastal and marine areas.

Nominations are encouraged from:

- individuals
- community groups
- Traditional Owners
- schools
- universities
- Coastcare groups
- 'friends of' groups
- committees of management
- private companies
- partnerships
- not-for-profit organisations
- local councils and
- state government departments and agencies.

## Assessment of the 2018 Awards

The rationale for assessment of each category are documented on the awards website. Specific selection criteria are provided when completing the nomination form online.

The assessment of all 2018 Award categories will be based on the hierarchy of principles in the *Victorian Coastal Strategy 2014* ([www.vcc.vic.gov.au/page/victorian-coastal-strategy-2014](http://www.vcc.vic.gov.au/page/victorian-coastal-strategy-2014)):

1. Ensure protection of significant environmental and cultural values
2. Undertake integrated planning and provide clear direction for the future
3. Ensure the sustainable use of natural coastal resources

Only after the above principles have been addressed then:

4. Ensure development on the coast is located within existing, modified and resilient environments where the demand for development is evident and any impacts can be managed sustainably.

## Nomination Guidelines

Ensure you read the entry Terms and Conditions available at [www.vcc.vic.gov.au](http://www.vcc.vic.gov.au).

All nominations should be made electronically.

If you are unable to email an entry for any reason, please contact the Awards team on (03) 9637 8893.

Step 1 Access the online nomination form online from the Victorian Coastal Council website. When completing the form you will be asked to nominate the relevant category for your nomination. If you are not sure of which category is most relevant please call the Awards team on (03) 9637 8893.

Step 2 Complete the online nomination form, addressing each of the key selection criteria. Answers are to be concise and clear - Point form is encouraged. Ensure you provide two referees, this may include yourself as the nominator but may not include the nominee. One referee must be independent of the project being nominated.

Step 3 Nominations and supporting material should be submitted via the online form. If you encounter any difficulties, please contact the VCC Secretariat staff via email to [vcc@delwp.vic.gov.au](mailto:vcc@delwp.vic.gov.au), or by phoning (03) 9637 8893

Step 4 Images and supporting material that demonstrate the success of the nomination are highly encouraged. The submission, including attachments should not exceed 5MB and may only include up to 5 images. If there is a requirement to provide large attachments or high resolution photographs, please supply these via post on a USB to:

Victorian Coastal Awards for Excellence 2018  
Victorian Coastal Council  
PO Box 500  
East Melbourne Victoria 8002

Step 5 Use the checklist (overleaf) to make sure that you have included everything needed to assess your nomination.

Step 6 Submit the nomination form online. If you wish to provide amendments or additional images/material, please email the VCC team [vcc@delwp.vic.gov.au](mailto:vcc@delwp.vic.gov.au). You will receive acknowledgment of receipt of your nomination via email shortly after submission.

**CLOSING DATE:** Nominations close on Friday **23 February 2018**.  
Late submissions will not be accepted.

## CHECKLIST FOR NOMINATIONS

- Read and consider the Nomination Guidelines (overleaf) and the Terms and Conditions / Privacy Statement (online at [www.vcc.vic.gov.au](http://www.vcc.vic.gov.au)) for the 2018 Victorian Coastal Awards.
  
- Decide which category you would like to nominate for.
  
- Choose a brief descriptive name for your nomination
  
- Address each of the key selection criteria on the nomination form in half a page or less with clear concise description of your activities and outcomes.
  
- Provide two referees for the nomination.
  - This may include yourself as the nominator but may not include the nominee.
  - One referee must be independent of the project being nominated.
  
- Provide up to 5 images to support your nomination
  - The submission including attachments should not exceed 5MB.
  
- Provide any other supporting material that demonstrates the success of the nomination
  - The submission including attachments should not exceed 5MB.
  
- Submit your nomination by **Friday 23 February 2018** by submitting through the online form at [www.vcc.vic.gov.au](http://www.vcc.vic.gov.au)
  - If you have any difficulty with the on-line form please contact the VCC office on 03 9637 8893.