

# 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

For all categories, nominations will be assessed against VCS 2014 hierarchy of principles in addition to the category specific selection criteria. These are:

- a. Ensure protection of significant environmental and cultural values
- b. Undertake integrated planning and provide clear direction for the future
- c. Ensure the sustainable use of natural coastal resources
- d. Only after the above principles have been addressed then: 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

Category	Assessment Criteria
<b>Improving the physical environment</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Outline the motivation for and the objectives of the project/initiative.</li> <li>2. How was the project/initiative implemented and managed? Include any challenges and how these were overcome.</li> <li>3. How has this project/initiative benefitted Victoria's coastal and marine environment? Include achievements to date and expected longer-term outcomes for coastal and/or marine environments.</li> <li>4. For design, building and infrastructure projects, describe how the project:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- respects and compliments its coastal location;</li> <li>- demonstrates innovation and applies best practice;</li> <li>- incorporated ecologically sustainable design principles;</li> <li>- considered and adapted to the dynamic and changing coastal environment (for example - extreme coastal weather, flooding or erosion); and</li> </ul> </li> </ol>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- will contribute to the long-term sustainability and amenity of the Victorian coastal landscape.</li> </ul> <p>5. How does the project/initiative align with the objectives of existing local, regional or state programs, strategies or policies? <i>Your answer should include the name of the relevant documentation.</i></p> <p>6. How has this project/initiative built skills and capacity for managing and protecting coastal and marine environments in Victoria? How does it demonstrate the application of best practice?</p>
<b>Biodiversity conservation</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Outline the motivation for and the objectives of the project/initiative.</li> <li>2. How was the project/initiative implemented and managed? Include any challenges and how these were overcome.</li> <li>3. How has this project/initiative benefitted Victoria's coastal and marine ecosystems? Include achievements to date and expected longer-term outcomes for the natural environment.</li> <li>4. How does the project/initiative align with the objectives of existing local, regional or state programs, strategies or policies? <i>Your answer should include the name of the relevant documentation.</i></li> <li>5. How has this project/initiative built skills and capacity for coastal and marine conservation in Victoria? How does it demonstrate the application of best practice?</li> </ol>
<b>Education</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Outline the motivation for and objectives of the education program/initiative.</li> <li>2. How was the program/initiative implemented and managed? Include any challenges and how these were overcome. Describe how other organisations were engaged and approximately how many people the program/initiative reached (<i>for example, schools, community groups, businesses, government and non-government organisations</i>).</li> <li>3. How has the education program/initiative benefitted Victoria's coastal and marine environments? Include achievements to date and expected longer-term outcomes.</li> <li>4. How does the project/initiative align with objectives of existing local, regional or state programs, strategies, policies or curriculum? <i>Your answer should include the name of the relevant documentation.</i></li> <li>5. Could this program/initiative be applied in different situations or geographic areas? Please provide details.</li> </ol>
<b>Community engagement</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How has the group contributed to improving the wider community's understanding of, and connection with, coastal and marine environments? Include outcomes to date and anticipated longer-term outcomes.</li> <li>2. Provide details of how the group has engaged with the community and how partnerships were built and maintained with key stakeholders to achieve greater understanding and connection with coastal and marine environments.</li> <li>3. How does the group's work align with the objectives of local, regional or state programs, strategies or policies? <i>Your answer should include the name of the relevant documentation.</i></li> <li>4. How has the group developed the community's skills, understanding and connection with the coastal and marine environments? Your answer should include details of how many people the program/initiative has reached.</li> <li>5. How has the group demonstrated leadership within the wider community?</li> </ol>
<b>Making planning and management work</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Outline the motivation for and objectives of the program/initiative.</li> <li>2. List the key local and regional outcomes to date for the protection, improvement and sustainable development of Victoria's coastal and marine environments, and anticipated future outcomes.</li> <li>3. Describe the challenges and obstacles that the program or initiative faced and how these were addressed.</li> <li>4. Describe the nature and level of engagement and collaboration with local and regional stakeholders and the broader community.</li> <li>5. Explain how the initiative demonstrates leadership and best practice in coastal planning or management and how this will contribute to better management of coastal and marine areas in the future.</li> <li>6. Provide details about the potential for the initiative to be applied elsewhere.</li> </ol>

	<p>7. Explain how the initiative aligns with and build on other relevant coastal and marine plans, policies, strategies or mandates. <i>Please include the name of any relevant documentation within your answer.</i></p>
<p><b>Partnerships in Research and monitoring</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Outline the motivation for and objectives of the research or monitoring program/initiative.</li> <li>2. How was the program/initiative implemented and managed? Include any challenges and how these were overcome. Describe how other organisations were involved.</li> <li>3. How has this project/initiative benefitted Victoria’s coastal and marine environments? Include achievements to date and expected longer-term outcomes for the coastal and/or marine environments.</li> <li>4. How will the project contribute to improving the management of coastal and/or marine environments in Victoria? How does it contribute to the development of best practice? How has it contributed to the knowledge base for managing and protecting coastal and marine environments?</li> <li>5. How does the project/initiative align with objectives of existing local, regional or state programs, strategies, policies or curriculum? <i>Your answer should include the name of the relevant documentation.</i></li> </ol>
<p><b>Outstanding individual achievement</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Explain how the individual’s actions have demonstrated outstanding leadership within the community.</li> <li>2. Explain how the individual has effectively mobilised others to contribute to the protection and improvement of Victoria’s coastal and marine environments.</li> <li>3. Detail projects or activities that the individual has initiated or contributed to that deliver significant lasting positive outcomes for Victoria’s coastal and marine environment.</li> </ol>

## 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.