



Green Globe Awards 2011 Nomination Information Guide

Nominate for the Green Globe Awards

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The Green Globe Awards are the leading environmental awards in NSW recognising excellence, leadership and innovation.

Nominations are open to individuals, public sector organisations, small and large business and individuals who can demonstrate significant environmental achievements in NSW.

As a nominee, the 12th annual Green Globe Awards will help you to:

- gain public recognition for achievements in the sustainable use of resources
- get recognised for outstanding climate change leadership
- share projects and initiatives with key stakeholders
- demonstrate the effectiveness of sustainable practices in delivering products and services
- network with industry, government and environmental leaders.

An independent judging panel will decide the best nominees in the State and the award finalists will be announced in June. A gala award ceremony will be held in July to present the 2011 Green Globe Award winners.

Together, households, business, community and government can inspire change and help make NSW a greener state.

Key Dates

Entries close Monday 16 May 2011

2011 Green Globe Finalists
Announced – **June 2011**

2011 Green Globe Awards winners announced – **late July 2011**





How to Nominate

It is easy to nominate

1 Choose an award category

Thirteen award categories are open for public nomination across a range of sectors. Choose the award category that you think best represents the individual, project, organisation or initiative.

You need to create a **separate** entry for each award category you wish to nominate (maximum two).

2 Review the four judging criteria:

- leadership
- market transformation
- outcomes and benefits
- engagement.

Each selection criteria is equally weighted to reflect 25 per cent of the final application score. Please use 500 words for each section.

3 Create your nomination

To get started, create an online account.

Once your account has been created, you will receive a username and password. Use these details each time you log into your account. You can save your nomination and print from your account.

4 Submit your nomination before 5pm Monday 16 May 2011

You will receive a receipt number and confirmation email for each completed nomination.

5 Supporting information

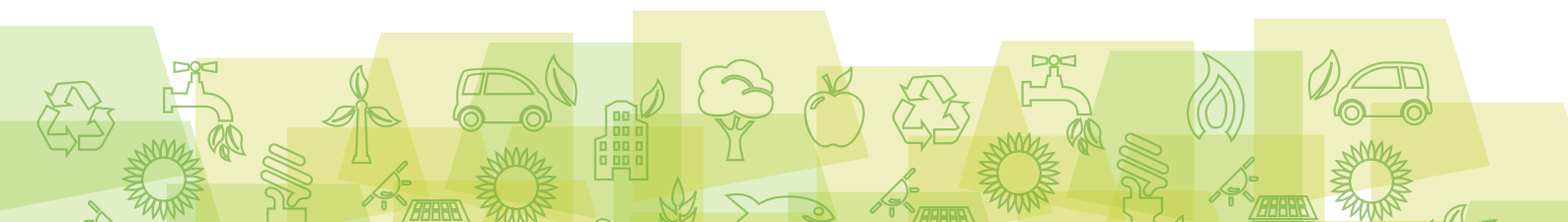
Information should be provided to support the claims made in your nomination such as reports, media coverage, graphs or video. A maximum of **two** supporting documents may be provided for each judging criteria (maximum eight documents).

After submitting your nomination, you will receive a confirmation email with a receipt number. Click reply to this email and attach your supporting documentation.

Please note maximum email size is 7MB. You may send more than one email using the same subject line.

Send images of your project to greenglobes@environment.nsw.gov.au clearly marked with the nomination title. Maximum email size 7MB.

Green Globe Award winners are leaders in field. They think outside the box and inspire others to make NSW a greener state.





Award Categories

Energy, Water and Waste Excellence Awards

Energy Award

This award honours a public sector organisation, business or community organisation demonstrating superior performance in the development, delivery and innovation of clean energy, energy saving initiatives, products and services beyond mandatory requirements.

Examples may include, but are not limited to:

- successful development and production of a new technology to generate clean energy or improve energy efficiency
- successful implementation of significant energy savings in the workplace
- promotion of clean energy or energy saving practices through education or delivery of products and/or services to help business or households improve their energy efficiency.

Water Award

This award honours a public sector organisation, business or community organisation demonstrating superior performance in the development, delivery and innovation of water saving and conservation initiatives beyond mandatory requirements.

Examples may include, but are not limited to:

- successful development and production of a new technology to improve water efficiency
- successful implementation of significant water savings in the workplace
- promotion of water savings practices through education or delivery of products and/or services to help business or households improve their water efficiency.

Sydney Water now generates one fifth of its energy needs and has reduced carbon emissions by almost 80,000 tonnes each year thanks to its investment in 11 renewable energy projects.

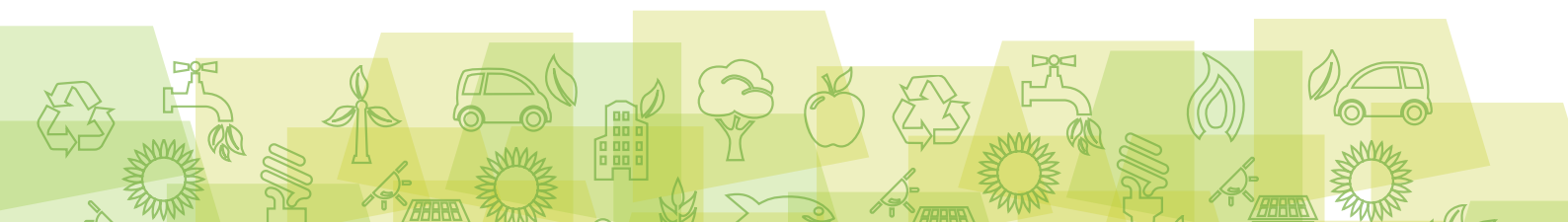
2010 Energy Award winner
Sydney Water

New Waste and Recycling Award

This award honours a public sector organisation, business or community organisation for an outstanding initiative demonstrating leadership in waste avoidance, resource recovery or innovation beyond mandatory requirements.

Examples may include, but are not limited to:

- successful development and production of a new technology or system enhancement to improve waste or recycling efficiency
- successful implementation of significant waste savings
- organisational commitment, policies and strategic planning
- supply chain management/sustainable procurement, including the use of 'recycled content' products.





Award Categories

Awards for Excellence in Sustainability

The excellence in sustainability awards outlined below demonstrate significant achievements through the following:

- organisational commitment, policies and strategic planning
- staff engagement and incentives for sustainability
- risk management and environmental responsibility/compliance
- resource efficiency including management and reporting
- supply chain management/sustainable procurement, including the use of 'recycled content' products
- response to climate change, including risk management and adaptation, and the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions
- internal and external reporting against sustainability objectives and indicators
- restoration of habitat and other actions to protect and enhance biodiversity
- strategic approach and planning to low-carbon transport.

Business Sustainability Award

This award honours an outstanding business that has successfully integrated environmental management and sustainable practices into their strategy, planning, operations (including key stakeholders and/or suppliers), product and/or service delivery.

Entries are encouraged from organisations, business or corporations in NSW.

Small Business Sustainability Award

This award recognises the achievements of a small business that is demonstrating a commitment to environmental management and sustainable practices into planning, operations, product and/or service delivery.

Entries are encouraged from NSW businesses with 50 employees or less.

Public Sector Sustainability Award

This award honours an outstanding public sector organisation that has successfully integrated environmental management and sustainable practices into planning, operations (including key stakeholders and/or suppliers), product and/or service delivery.

“Winning a Green Globe Award means a great deal. It provides recognition for all the hard work we have put into making our company and products more sustainable.”

Michael Fitzsimmons,
Managing Director
Instyle Contract Textiles





Award Categories

Awards for Excellence in Sustainability

Built Environment Sustainability Award

This award recognises an organisation or individual that is demonstrating excellence and innovation in environmental management and sustainable practices in designing, constructing, retrofitting and managing buildings and tenancies.

Entries are sought from owners, managers, designers, builders and tenants of commercial or residential properties within NSW and include:

- architects and environmental designers
- property portfolio managers
- office tenants within a property portfolio
- retail shopping portfolios
- hotel and hospitality portfolios and tenants.

Local Government Sustainability Award

This award honours a NSW Local Council that has successfully integrated environmental management and sustainable practices into planning, operations and service delivery.

Entries are open to NSW Local Councils only.

Community Sustainability Award

This award recognises an outstanding not-for-profit community organisation demonstrating community leadership in the development and delivery of sustainability initiatives.

Entries are encouraged from all NSW not-for-profit organisations. Please include information on any financial assistance (e.g. grant funding) to implement the sustainability initiative.

Entrants will be required to provide an ABN to confirm not-for-profit status.

New Regional Sustainability Award

This award recognises the achievements of a regional organisation, project or individual that demonstrates leadership and a commitment to sustainability beyond mandatory requirements.

Nominations must be implemented or located outside greater metropolitan Sydney.

If your nomination is located outside Sydney, you will automatically be considered for this award. You do not need to make another nomination.

The Surry Hills Library and Community Centre has combined innovative design and environmental technology to slash its water use by 65 per cent, saving more than 680,000 litres of drinkable water each year.

2010 Local Government Sustainability Award - joint winner

City of Sydney





Award Categories

Excellence in Leadership and Innovation

Sustainability Champion Award

This award honours an individual who is demonstrating outstanding leadership and commitment in sustainability.

This award is open to individuals who are environmental advocates, influencing and changing community views. Entries are encouraged from individuals working in the private, public or community sector.

Young Achievers Award - special recognition will be given to a young Sustainability Champion aged 25 years or under.

Climate Change Leadership

This award recognises outstanding initiatives and/or leadership in the field of climate change mitigation and adaptation in NSW. This may include but is not limited to:

- a measurable and strategic reduction in greenhouse gas emissions
- action to identify and prioritise climate change risks
- action to increase the ability of the community, business and/or the environment to adapt to the impacts of climate change
- leadership in the emerging low-carbon economy
- initiatives to influence policies, practices and attitudes
- implementation of behaviour change programs.

Deepa Gupta the youngest ever Sustainability Champion winner, co-established the *Indian Climate Network* which involved speaking to more than 100,000 young people about climate change. Deepa is also helping the University of Technology Sydney to become Australia's first major institution to be powered by 100 per cent renewable energy.

2010 Sustainability Champion

Deepa Gupta

New Environmental Innovation Award

This award recognises a new technology or design that results in significant resource savings, new approaches in sustainable practice or innovative change in environmental management.

This may include the design of infrastructure, new agricultural practices, improved resource use, improving the ability to use, store or save natural resources, new car technology and transport systems or ground breaking research.

Nominations must include at least four assessors' reports in the supporting information to provide judges with an informed opinion on the innovation.

Award for Sustainability Excellence

(not for nomination category)

This award is presented to the most outstanding nominee for the 2011 Green Globe Awards, decided by the judges.

The winner may be a business, individual or organisation demonstrating exceptional sustainability achievements across each of the judging criteria.





Judging Criteria

Criteria One: Leadership

500 word limit

Please indicate how your organisation, project or the individual has shown leadership in its/their field. You may demonstrate or include:

- an application of a new technology, process or approach
- the new application of an existing product, technology or service
- demonstrating leadership in communicating your initiative internally or externally
- a constant drive for innovative processes and products in a particular field or sector
- a strategic approach that is integrated into all aspects of operations and includes strategies for growth and replication
- adoption of your approach or practices by other organisations.

Criteria Two: Market Transformation

500 word limit

This section relates to the transformation of your sector, target audience and/or wider community in adopting sustainable solutions so they become part of accepted sector practice or the preferred consumer choice.

Indicators of successful market transformation may include:

- positive changes in government regulations, policy or guidelines
- level of collaboration, where appropriate with similar sites, other businesses or the broader community
- development of a new technology or understanding
- development of new or more sustainable product lines or services
- influence on the local and wider community.

Criteria Three: Outcomes and Benefits

500 word limit

In this section, demonstrate the tangible results and benefits of your initiative and how this achievement relates to the success of your initiative. In your description, provide performance improvement data and any external verification of achievements such as:

Business Outcomes – these may be resource efficiency (savings in raw materials, water, energy and waste), supply chain management, market growth for your organisation, cost, profit or other measurable outcomes such as an increase in staff morale, organisational capabilities, supply change relationships, customer loyalty and external stakeholder relationships.

Industry Benefits - describe the indirect benefits of the project, product or activity such as raising the industry profile, improving standards or industry best practice and job creation.

Environmental Outcomes – this may be quantified improvements relating to the reduction in greenhouse gas emissions, amount of water saved, waste minimisation as a result of the initiatives, efficient use of raw materials, energy and water and reducing the volume of toxicity of waste.

Environmental Benefits – other measurable benefits may include improved waterways, improved efficiency beyond water and waste savings and the reduction of impacts to the community or surrounding environment such as aesthetics, noise, odour, air pollution or restoration of habitat and biodiversity.

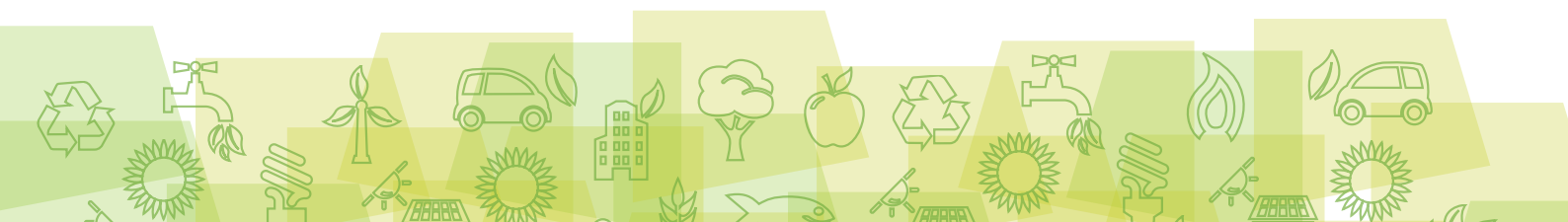
Results and implementation must have occurred between 1 February 2010 and 5 May 2011.

Criteria Four: Engagement

500 word limit

In this section, demonstrate the measurable results of how partnerships were developed and internal and external stakeholders engaged to achieve sustainability results, which include but are not limited to:

- stakeholders have been proactively consulted and participated in the achievements
- sustainability goals and actions have been promoted and supported by stakeholders
- the knowledge and capacity of stakeholders has been increased through education and training
- regular, consistent communication through stakeholder engagement and integration of a communications plan
- staff/volunteer performance and recognition systems reflect the commitment to sustainability and innovation
- the community have been consulted and engaged with the visioning, planning and promotion of sustainability and/or adaptation to the impacts of climate change.





Entry Rules

Entry Rules

To be eligible for the 2011 Green Globe Awards, your entry must meet the following requirements:

1. Nominations will only be accepted via the online nomination form. To gain access you must set up an account. You will be issued with a username and password for future access. Please phone 1300 361 967 if you have any difficulty.
2. You may nominate for up to **TWO** award categories in total. You must create one nomination for EACH category you intend to enter (maximum two).
3. If your nomination is based outside greater metropolitan Sydney you will automatically be considered for the *Rural Sustainability Award*. You do not need to create another nomination.
4. If you wish to **ONLY** enter the *Regional Sustainability Award* you must submit a nomination.
5. You must complete the nomination form fully addressing the four judging criteria and the organisation background.
6. You must keep within word limits – 500 words for each judging criteria.
7. Entries (including supporting information) close at 5.00pm EST on Monday 16 May 2011. **NO LATE SUBMISSIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**
8. The judges decision is final and no further correspondence will be entered into.
9. Entries (including supporting documentation) provided for the purposes of a Green Globe Award nomination become the property of the Office of Environment and Heritage and will not be returned.
10. You may nominate a third party or self nominate for an award.
11. The judging panel reserve the right to change an award category selected by the entrant. The award category will only change if the judges determine the alternate category to be more relevant.
12. Entries to the *Local Government Sustainability Award* is open to NSW Local Councils only.
13. Entries to the *Built Environment Award* is open to building designers, architects, property portfolio managers, retail tenants within a property portfolio, retail shopping portfolios and hotel and hospitality portfolios and tenants only.
14. Entries to the *Small Business Award* is open to NSW businesses of 50 employees or less.
15. Entries to the *Community Sustainability Award* is open to not-for profit organisations only. The ABN number is used to determine not-for-profit status.
16. Claims made in nominations must be true and correct. Entrants that have been misleading in their nomination may be withdrawn from the judging process.
17. Entries to the *Regional Sustainability Award* are open to individuals, projects and initiatives located outside greater metropolitan Sydney only.
18. The Office of Environment and Heritage reserves the right to reproduce, adapt and modify information contained in the nomination (except for confidential information).
19. Confidential information provided in an application that is not for public release must be clearly identified.
20. All applicants agree to attend or provide representation at the gala awards ceremony in July in the event they are short-listed as a finalist.
21. Applicants are required to declare any perceived conflicts of interest in their application.
22. Entrants must be willing to participate in publicity activities and information contained in a nomination may be reproduced for promotional purposes.
23. Failure to comply with any of the entry rules may result in forfeiture of your nomination.





Conditions of Entry

Entry conditions

The entry must demonstrate benefits for the people or organisations within the state of New South Wales from 1 February 2010 to 5 May 2011.

Organisations or individuals based outside NSW are eligible to enter the Green Globe Awards if the entry addresses the outcomes in NSW.

All entrants must be environmentally compliant with NSW and Federal legislation. Entrants must not be the subject of environmental investigation within 12 months prior to 31 July 2011.

Department of Premier and Cabinet employees are not eligible to enter the Green Globe Awards.

Judging

The panel of judges consists of experts in a range of fields. Judges will score nominations against the criteria within the award category. Each of the four criteria are scored equally. Judges may elect to present more than one award per category to reflect the diversity of outstanding environmental excellence.

The judge's decision is final and no further correspondence will be entered into.

Sponsors and supporters of the Green Globe Awards make the event possible. They are in no way involved in determining the winners or award categories.

Confidentiality

Please indicate if any confidential commercial information is provided in your application that is not for public release. The awards recognise and promote winners and all entrants must be prepared to allow case studies of their entries and supporting images to be publicly released. Any confidential information will be withheld from case studies.

Questionnaire

Nominees are asked to participate in a short questionnaire after their entry has been submitted. The information gathered in this nomination is used to gain feedback on the nomination process. Completing the questionnaire is voluntary. The information gained in no way influences the judging process.

For more information on the 2011 Green Globe Awards contact:

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