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2019 LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS AUSTRALASIA AWARDS

Invitation to Enter and Submission Information

As a leader in the field of educational facilities, Learning Environments Australasia (LEA) invites you to make submissions for the 2019 Learning Environments Australasia Awards.

These Awards are open to registered LEA members whose educational facilities' projects demonstrate excellence in the planning and design of educational facilities across the Australasia region.

The core mission of the awards is to celebrate excellent learning spaces where innovative architectural ideas support the education philosophy.

Awards will be presented at a ceremony at the Perth Convention Centre on Thursday 30th May as part of the Learning Environments Australasia 2019 Transformance Conference:
<http://transformance.a4le.org.au/>

AWARD TIMELINE

Registration

OPENS: Monday 11th February, 2019 6am (AEST)
CLOSES: Friday 1st March, 2019 11pm (AEST)

Entry Submission (via Awardforce)

OPENS: Monday 11th February, 2019 6am (AEST)
SUBMISSIONS PORTAL CLOSES: Friday 15th March, 2019 11pm (AEST)

Presentation Ceremony:

Evening of Thursday 30th May, 2019
Frasers, Kings Park, Perth WA
<https://www.frasersrestaurant.com.au/>
as part of the 2019 Learning Environments
Australasia Annual Conference Dinner:
<http://transformance.a4le.org.au/>

AWARD CATEGORIES

There are 7 Categories for the LEA Awards: An Award and/or Commendations will be presented for each category and an Overall Award (selected from the winning category entries) will be presented.

All entries must have been occupied for at least 6 months (that is: before 1st September 2018) and construction completed within the last 3 years to qualify for entry.

Category 1: New Construction / Entire New Educational Facility. This category applies to construction of an entire new school or educational institution.

Category 2: New Construction / New Individual Facility(ies) Over \$8 Million (AU). This category applies to a new building or new buildings in an existing school or campus.

Category 3: New Construction / New Individual Facility(ies) Under \$8 Million (AU). This category applies to a new building or new buildings in an existing school or campus.

Category 4: Renovation / Modernisation Over \$2 Million (AU).

Category 5: Renovation / Modernisation Under \$2 Million (AU).

Category 6: An Innovative Education Initiative. Designed to showcase significant contributions to learning environments by schools, educators, students, designers, community organisations etc. Education Initiative must have been delivered to students for at least 6 months, since before 1st September, 2018.

Category 7: Landscaping/Outdoor Learning Area. Designed to showcase outdoor learning environments targeted to improving educational outcomes.

Project Types can include:

- Early Years
- Specialist
- Primary
- Tertiary
- Secondary
- Other

The project(s) recognised will best demonstrate the comprehensive effectiveness of planning, design and construction as outlined in the award assessment criteria.

AWARD ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

An Award for each Category will be presented to the entrant whose educational facility project best meets the following criteria.

Judging of these award entries is by at least three experienced industry practitioners appointed by LEA Australasia. The jury reserves the right to award, make commendations or not to make an award or commendations in any category.

Succinct answers including bullet points are encouraged. All criteria are equally weighted.

All Categories:

Criteria A: Planning Process:

- a) Provide evidence of a comprehensive planning process including project-specific research; consulting with clients, users, stakeholders and information gathering.
- b) Provide evidence that a comprehensive educational specification/brief and program of requirements has been developed as part of the planning process.

[400 words max for both responses in total]

Categories 1-5 and 7:

Criteria B: Design Outcome: Provide evidence that the architectural design meets the requirements of the educational brief with a special emphasis on the educational value of the space.

[250 words max]

Criteria C: Flexibility: Provide evidence of the unique functionality of the design as well as its responsiveness to changes in the educational program.

[250 words max]

Criteria D: Innovation: Your description could include evidence of innovative design solutions; value for money; design elements and sustainability.

[250 words max]

Category 6:

The **Innovative Education Initiative** category award will be presented to the entrant whose project best meets the following criteria. [All criteria equally weighted]

Criteria E: Innovative Program: Evidence that the education initiative challenges and transforms the role that educational facilities play in the learning process.

[250 words max]

Criteria F: Innovative Approach: Evidence that the education initiative introduces innovative ideas or approaches to current practices in the development of educational facilities and aims to inform the field of educational facility planning.

[250 words max]

Criteria G: Innovative Use: Evidence that the education initiative demonstrates innovative use of an educational facility by educators and students and/or members of the community. Include any evidence of improved educational experiences for students.

[250 words max]

REGISTRATION AND SUBMISSION PROCESS

Step 1: Register online at: <https://learningenvironments.wildapricot.org/event-3245316> between **Monday 11th February and before Friday 1st March, 2019**. You will be emailed an invoice.

A **registration fee** of AU\$400 +GST per entry submission, will be charged.

Note: One educational facility may be entered in multiple categories. However, one AU\$400 +GST fee for each entry/category the educational facility is entered is payable. Submissions for one educational facility in multiple categories should be tailored to suit each category [i.e: the text and photographs].

Entries for which no fee has been received will not be able to progress to Judging.

Projects withdrawn between registration and submission closing will receive a 50% refund only. No refund will be available after the submission closing date on 15/3/19.

Payment/withdrawal must be received by COB Friday 8 March (AEST).

Step 2: Submit your project(s) via the link below from **Monday 11th February, 2019**. Entries close on **Friday 15th March, 2019 11pm (AEST)**.

Go to: <https://learningenvironments.awardsplatform.com/>

Choose either **Register**, for new users, OR **Log in**, for existing users. And follow the instructions. The login is specific to the email address used.

Once you have logged in (and confirmed your email address) you can start your entry immediately.

Important: The submission is an online process. You will be able to populate responses to the awards criteria and upload plans and images within the awards platform. You will be able to save your submission and return to it anytime during the submission period.

Entrants should allow plenty of time to prepare their entries: there are external documents required, including a written statement from the school (Educational Facility Narrative) and photographer permission; etc.

If you have previously entered a project into any of the 2018 Chapter awards, you will be able to copy your entry into the LEA awards. This will “copy” your previous submission which you will be able to edit before submitting. More details on how to do this are described on the Awardforce portal. Please ensure you are using the correct email address to login to Awardforce as this will be linked to the entry.

Thank you for entering the awards and good luck with your submission.

For any questions regarding entry submissions please contact:

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