



# Western Australian Outdoor Recreation Sector Awards 2020

Awards Criteria, Rules and Requirements

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**The Western Australian Outdoor Recreation Sector Awards** recognises excellence in the contribution, presentation and participation undertaken by individuals, groups and organisations in outdoor recreation and outdoor education over the last couple of years.

Participation in this prestigious competition is a benefit enjoyed by the Outdoors community in WA.

Success in the form of a winning entry in this competition means increased industry viability, peer recognition and valuable publicity opportunities. Judged by a panel of outdoor recreation professionals, with special Guest judges from our sponsors, the Western Australian Outdoor Recreation Sector Awards acknowledges the talent and abilities of individuals, outdoor recreation providers and organisations to research, plan and conduct quality programs.

Recognition is also made for outstanding achievements and participation in outdoor recreation and outdoor education.

Participation in this competition requires entrants to make complete presentations of their best projects and achievements in a manner representative of the high standards of Outdoors WA.

Please read carefully all of the requirements, category definitions and judging criteria for the Western Australian Outdoor Recreation Sector Awards as stated in this brochure.

**All entries must be submitted online to Outdoors WA by 5pm Wednesday 11 November 2020. Please note that no late entries will be accepted.**

The 3 finalists for each award will be informed via phone of their selection. The winners of the Western Australian Outdoor Recreation Sector Awards will be announced at the Awards Breakfast on Thursday 3rd December 2020.

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# The Awards

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Outdoors WA celebrates the valuable contribution that our sector makes to the WA community.

The Awards are:

1. **Emerging Outdoor Leadership Award (Under 25)**
2. **Outstanding Outdoor Organisation Award**
3. **Outstanding Contribution to Outdoor Learning**
4. **Outstanding Outdoor Education Practitioner**
5. **Innovative Outdoor Program or Event**
6. **Encouraging Participation Award**

**Emerging Outdoor Leadership Award (Under 25)** - Sponsored by Sea to Summit

Awarded to an individual that has shown emerging leadership qualities and has made the greatest contribution to the Outdoor Recreation profession/sector in the past two years. This award will take into account continued involvement of any nominee. The Nominee must be under 25 years of age.

**Outstanding Outdoor Organisation Award** - Sponsored by Sea to Summit

Awarded to the organisation, club, education provider and other enterprises that have made a valuable contribution to the outdoor community and operate with professionalism and to high standards. This award will take into account the long term and continued involvement of any nominee.

**Outstanding Contribution to Outdoor Learning** - Sponsored by Compleat Angler & Camping World, Rockingham

Awarded to the school or educational organisation that has made the greatest contribution to the Outdoor Education profession in the past twelve months. This award will take into account the long term and continued involvement of the nominee

### **Outstanding Outdoor Education Practitioner** - Sponsored by Outdoor ED

Awarded to recognise the efforts and contribution of an individual or organisation to the advancement of Outdoor Education demonstrating significant impact on students, participants and/ or peers.

### **Encouraging Participation Award** - Sponsored by Outdoor ED

Awarded to those that have achieved significant success in encouraging participation in outdoor activities through pioneering program development and /or marketing. There must be a demonstrated increase in participation in outdoor recreation for either the general population or specific client groups. Such as developing inclusive programs designed to engage people of all abilities and or culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.

### **Innovative Outdoor Program or Event** - Sponsored by Paddy Palin

Awarded to the program or event conducted by an individual, school, commercial / not for profit / community based organisation that demonstrates a high level of innovation in program design, participant involvement or subject matter.

### **Submitting for an Award**

Nominating for an award is done online details are on the Outdoors WA website at the following link:

<http://www.outdoorswa.org.au/announcements/be-a-wa-outdoors-award-winner>

### **The key questions that you will need to address in your nomination are:**

1. Describe the nominee (individual, organisation, program or event). Please limit to approx. 500 words.
2. In line with the award criteria what positive contribution has the nominee made to the outdoor sector or outdoor learning?
3. In line with the award criteria what is an example/project that shows the nominees innovation and initiative?

4. In line with the award criteria identify any challenges the nominee faced in delivery and how these were overcome?

5. In line with the award criteria what is the nominee's ongoing involvement in supporting the outdoor sector or outdoor education?

### **General criteria**

The Awards celebrate the best of our sector so nominees for each award, whether individuals or organisations, should demonstrate some, or all, of the following:

- High achievement in a particular field
- The achievement of significant outcomes for organisations, communities or individuals
- Excellent role modelling
- Operating in an ethical manner
- Demonstrating industry best practice
- Responsible use of outdoor resources
- Dedication and commitment to the broader outdoor community
- Development of all-inclusive practices and /or programs
- Industry and/or peer recognition

6. Explain how your nominee meets the 'general' criteria. \*Please limit to approx. 500 words

7. Images and additional materials may be attached. You will need to label the image with the nominee's name. Note Outdoors WA may use this image to promote and celebrate the Awards.

# Award Rules and Requirements

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## **Entrant & Project Eligibility**

1. Entries must be directly related to the provision of outdoor adventure activity recreation.
2. Entry activities or projects must have reached practical completion within the 2 years prior to the close of entries.

## **Entries and Entry Forms**

3. All applicable sections of the entry form must be completed.
4. If the entry is entered into a category for which it does not qualify, Outdoors WA reserves the right to move the entry to an appropriate category.
5. The judges' decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
6. Entrants must provide originals of supporting documentation where required.

## **Photography**

7. Professional photography can result in increased publicity for your organisation. Photos may form an integral part of your entry and may be used in newspapers, magazines, PR and presentations.
8. Please ensure that if you are providing photographs that they are provided in electronic form, and that they are clearly labelled with the following information:
  - Member Name
  - Category Entered
9. Photographs submitted will be used at the discretion of Outdoors WA and will become the property of Outdoors WA. Recognition of the photographer will be made when used.

## **Publicity and Agreements**

10. The entrant:
  - a) Agrees that the details of its entry are correct in every respect;
  - b) Agrees that the entry has the organisation or individuals consent;
  - c) Agrees that the subject matter of the entry and material included with, or is part of, the entry (programs and photographs) does not infringe copyright or intellectual property right;
  - d) Indemnifies Outdoors WA against any infringements;

- e) Grants Outdoors WA an irrevocable right to use the subject matter of the entry and material included with or as part of the entry for any purpose in connection with the promotion of the West Australian Outdoor Recreation Sector Awards.
- f) Agrees to state the category, type or recognition received and the year awarded, whenever disclosing information or promoting itself or the entry in any communications media, as a finalist or winner in the West Australian Outdoor Recreation Sector Awards.

11. Outdoors WA and its associated media will only publish the individual entrants name and suburb. No street addresses or individuals details will be used.

### **Disqualification**

12. Outdoors WA reserves the right to disqualify an entry before, during and after the judging, official announcements of winners and awards presentation if Outdoors WA determines that:

- a) The entry or entrant breaches or otherwise fails to meet/observe any of the above stated eligibility or contest requirements;
- b) Outdoors WA considers false or misleading information is intentionally provided;
- c) Problems or discrepancies arise between or among entrants, which Outdoors WA considers cannot be amicably resolved by the parties within a reasonable time;
- d) The project/program has not reached completion by the advertised entry closing date

13. In the case of a disqualification after the awards ceremony, the entrant will be required to return the award and a public announcement may be made by the association.

### **Disclosure**

14. Outdoors WA cannot guarantee

- a) The return of photographs, plans or other material supplied by the entrant;
- b) That all entrants will be featured in publications or promotional events related to Outdoors WA

15. The entrant agrees that any media comment in any communications media and photographic display of any of the entries will be at the discretion of Outdoors WA and the associated media.

16. Outdoors WA and its associated media accept no responsibility for any incorrect details, spelling or other incorrect information stated in any entry form.

- Multiple Entries** 17. If the same project or submission is entered in more than one category, the entrant must supply a separate entry form with another full set of entry supporting materials.
18. Should there fail to be an appropriate number of entries received in the Outstanding Organisational Award and Outstanding Contribution to the Industry awards, Outdoors WA reserves the right to amalgamate entries into a single award.
- Competition Judging** 19. Each entry will be viewed and judged by a panel of recreation professionals and sponsors.
- Entry Fees** 20. There are no entry fees required for this competition.
- Photographic Requirements** 21. The following photos are required
- a) Please ensure that if you are providing photographs that: they are in electronic form, and that they are clearly labelled with the following information:
- Member Name
  - Category Entered

Nomination submissions must be kept to a maximum of 3 pages.

Nominations close at 5pm on Wednesday 11th November 2020.

You will then be informed via phone if you are one of 3 finalists and the Final Awards announced at the Western Australian Outdoor Recreation Sector Awards Breakfast on Thursday 3 December 2020. Good luck!

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