

INFORMATION KIT

2024 NSW Excellence In Surveying & Spatial Information Awards

Key Dates

Entries Open: 3 May 2024

Final Entries: 5 July 2024

Awards Night: 21 September 2024

INVITATION

Each year, representatives from the Institution of Surveyors NSW and the Association of Consulting Surveyors NSW collaborate to orchestrate the prestigious NSW Excellence in Surveying and Spatial Information Awards. Now entering its 27th year, this esteemed awards ceremony serves as a platform to honour the outstanding accomplishments of organisations and individuals within the surveying and spatial information profession throughout the state.

We are delighted to introduce a new Mine Surveying award category to acknowledge and celebrate excellence in this specialised field. This addition reflects our commitment to recognising the diverse talents and contributions within the surveying and spatial information profession.

Over three decades, the organising committee has received a myriad of entries spanning small to large businesses, government departments, educational institutions, and the private sector. These entries, marked by their diversity, have consistently served as valuable marketing tools, showcasing the broad spectrum and intricacies of work undertaken by professionals in the industry.

The key objectives for this awards night are as follows:

- Recognise and acknowledge excellence in the surveying and spatial information industry.
- Celebrate excellence in front of an audience of industry peers.
- Encourage activities which create a stronger, larger, and more relevant industry.
- Embrace the achievements of the industry and its related industries and professions.
- See the industry grow and mature through its achievements in innovation, business, and project management.

The EISSI Organising Committee invites you to take the opportunity to be recognised for your achievements and to participate in the 2024 Awards with fellow staff, clients, and partners.

Category winners receive a framed certificate recognising their achievement and the opportunity to win the Sir Thomas Mitchell Award for most outstanding overall project. We encourage you to enter this year's Awards and look forward to you and your team joining us on Saturday 21 September for a great night of celebration.

Date: Saturday, 21 September 2024

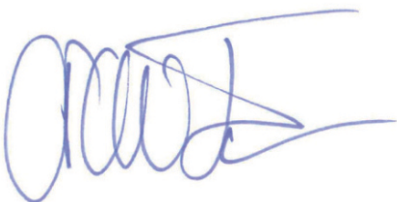
Location: Hyatt Regency, Sydney, NSW 2000

Dress: Black Tie

Yours sincerely,

Craig Turner

Chair, EISSI 2024



AWARDS NIGHT DINNER



ELIGIBILITY

Submitted projects have been completed within the last eighteen months. Any organisation - whether a private sector individual or firm, a government agency, an academic or research body, or other - may enter a project in the industry awards, irrespective of the size of the organisation or the project.

Each project must have a nominated contact person who is a resident in New South Wales. The part of the project relevant to the entry must be completed, although the overall project may not have reached a conclusion. In this regard most projects should have received at least Development Application approval.

Only one category per project can be nominated. The judges will determine if a project is relevant to the category it was submitted into and may ask for the project to be submitted to an alternative category.

AWARDS REGISTRATION

Award Entries must be submitted using an Award Category Link which can be accessed from <https://www.eissi.com.au/awards> 9am, Friday 3 May 2024.

AWARDS NIGHT

JUDGING

The Awards Judging Panel is comprised of the Presidents of both the Institution of Surveyors NSW and the Association of Consulting Surveyors NSW, the Chair of the Organising Committee (or their nominated representatives) and four invited Judges with expertise in the range of categories covered.

No physical site inspection of the project is usually undertaken to verify authenticity and compliance with the category criteria. Hence, the Judging Panel relies heavily on the integrity and professionalism of the entrant in presenting all the facts for assessment.

The Judging Panel's decisions are final.

PRIZES

Sir Thomas Mitchell Award Winner

Receive a framed certificate and a commemorative trophy on the Awards night and insignia after the event.

Category Winners and Highly Commended

Receive a framed certificate on the Awards night and insignia after the event.

All Finalists

Receive a certificate to recognise their entry via post after the event.

The Organising Committee reserves the right not to award a prize if, in the opinion of the Judges, the quality of the entries in any category does not justify a prize.

All winners are announced at the official Awards night ceremony. Winners are not advised of their status prior to the Awards night. A representative for each project entered is required to attend the Awards night.

Winners' details are subsequently published in available and appropriate media.

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MASTER OF CEREMONIES



DAVE HUGHES

Dave Hughes (Hughesy) is one of the biggest names of Australian comedy. Hughesy's career as a lead Australian comedian was kick-started in 1999 when, at the Melbourne Comedy Festival, he was forced to move from a tiny upstairs city bar into a 300-seat room at the Melbourne Town Hall. Word had started to spread about this impossibly laid-back guy from Warrnambool.

Since then, Hughesy has become one of the biggest and most loved names in Australian stand-up comedy.

Honest and imperfect is how Australians like their comedy and Dave Hughes delivers exactly that in spades.

BAKER BOYS BAND

The Baker Boys are specialists in high-energy music, with a "cooler-than-average" song list that is never cheesy and focuses squarely on filling the dance-floor.

The Baker Boys play a wide variety of tunes, but their trademark specialty is up-tempo festival-style music - capable of everything from chart classics, funk grooves, soul, swing/jazz to current top 40 party and dance hits.

On one night they might be playing completely 1950s rock n' roll, and on the next night, only 80s hits. Or a mixture of everything - you really must see it live to understand!



INDUSTRY AWARDS

Sir Thomas Mitchell Award Winner

This award is given to the most outstanding overall project judged from the six industry award categories.

INFRASTRUCTURE & CONSTRUCTION

This award recognises those projects that have contributed to planning, designing, developing construction and/or infrastructure.

Specific Criteria

Judges will consider projects against the following:

- Size, time constraints and the complexity or difficulty of the project.
- Special site and/or location requirements, including access and logistical problems.
- Overcoming challenging community, environment, culture, heritage, or other issues.
- Use of innovative technology or lateral and original thinking.
- Consistently excellent actual and strategic approaches to problem-solving.
- Degree to which the spatial component contributes to the overall project.
- This award recognises those projects that have contributed to planning, designing, developing construction and/or infrastructure.

EXTRA DIMENSION & INNOVATION

This award recognises how innovative techniques in surveying, spatial information, mapping, cartography, design, planning, and software development achieve exceptional outcomes and/or solve unusual problems.

Specific Criteria

Judges will consider projects against the following:

- Applying (or creating business(es) to exploit) new applications, tools, products, technologies in a commercial industry sector.
- Complexity, size or scope of the original problem or project brief.
- Innovative or unorthodox methodology employed.
- Degree of intellectual stringency applied and lateral and/or original thinking used.
- Media, tools, and project management techniques used.
- Inspirational context of the original concept and its application.
- Degree to which the process and outcome exemplifies professional knowledge and skill.
- Resulting increased awareness of the industry by the community or allied professions.
- Training, educational programs or tools enabling widespread use.
- Innovative use and application of technology.
- Demonstrated growth by and in the target industry sector(s) and demonstration of the economic benefits and/or efficiency gains.

Entrants should note that a project's 'size' will not improve or limit the likelihood of winning an award.

INDUSTRY AWARDS

COMMUNITY & SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT

This award recognises those individuals or companies, who have undertaken the design of projects, developed products or programs that contribute to the improvement and amenity of a locality or the environment.

Specific Criteria

Judges will consider projects against the following:

- Community enrichment through sustainable design, planning and project management
- Design and execution to achieve environmentally sustainable outcomes.
- Innovative application of emerging or developing new technologies.
- Original solutions which exemplify professional knowledge and skills.
- High design standards incorporating exceptional spatial applications.
- Demonstrated community acceptance, understanding and uptake of the solution and interaction with the affected communities and users.
- Demonstrated benefit to the community or the environment AND/OR contribution to emergency management/defence/safety and security.

RURAL CADASTRAL SURVEYING & LAND TITLING

This award recognises an individual's or organisation's ability to solve the complexities and overcome the difficulties encountered in the definition of Rural boundaries and the creation of land titling in NSW.

Specific Criteria

Judges will consider projects against the following:

- The particular complexities of the project as a whole and the boundary and titling issues that were involved.
- The methodology applied and the creative approach used to achieve the solution.
- Complexity and extent of the cadastral surveying component of the project and where relevant the use of precedents, principles, and practices to justify and determine the solution.
- Resulting increased awareness of the industry by the community or allied professions as a result of the project.
- Plan preparation and presentation.
- Urban or rural survey has the meaning as defined by the Surveying and Spatial Information Regulation 2012.

Entrants should note that a project's 'size' will not improve or limit the likelihood of winning an award.

INDUSTRY AWARDS

URBAN CADASTRAL SURVEYING & LAND TITLING

This award recognises an individual's or organisation's ability to solve the complexities and overcome the difficulties encountered in the definition of Urban boundaries and the creation of land titling in NSW.

Specific Criteria

Judges will consider projects against the following:

- The particular complexities of the project as a whole and the boundary and titling issues that were involved.
- The methodology applied and the creative approach used to achieve the solution.
- Complexity and extent of the cadastral surveying component of the project and where relevant the use of precedents, principles, and practices to justify and determine the solution.
- Resulting increased awareness of the industry by the community or allied professions as a result of the project.
- Plan preparation and presentation.
- Urban or rural survey has the meaning as defined by the Surveying and Spatial Information Regulation 2012.

SURVEYING PROJECT MANAGEMENT

This award recognises the skills, knowledge and techniques used by an individual or organisation to manage an engineering work or other project to deliver the desired outcomes.

Specific Criteria

Judges will consider projects against the following:

- The works may relate to construction, building or coordination of input from multiple consultants to ensure the total (or particular project phase) is completed to the client's budget and requirements.
- Performance in relation to client's time frame and cost targets
- Innovative application of project management methods.
- Communication with the client and other stakeholders.
- Changes that occurred during the management period to increase efficiency
- How management assisted the needs of the community and client.

Entrants should note that a project's 'size' will not improve or limit the likelihood of winning an award.

INDUSTRY AWARDS

MINE SURVEYING

This award recognises an individual's or organisation's ability to solve the complexities and overcome the difficulties encountered in the definition of Urban boundaries and the creation of land titling in NSW.

Specific Criteria

Judges will consider projects against the following:

- Complexity and/or scope of the original problem or project brief
- Innovative or unorthodox methodology employed
- Economic, environmental or safety benefits of the project
- Results and data presentation

Entrants should note that a project's 'size' will not improve or limit the likelihood of winning an award.



INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

PROFESSIONAL SURVEYOR OF THE YEAR

Nominations are called for the NSW Professional of the Year Award. Nominations are considered by the judging panel. Please provide the name of the person nominated together with a recent photograph plus a statement as to their achievements.

Preference will be given to those nominees who have been particularly active in their promotion and support of the profession in the last twelve months. The nominations should also detail any history of professional and community involvement over the years.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANISATION OF THE YEAR

This year we are introducing two company levels in recognition of the specific requirements and challenges of companies of various sizes.

Small Firm: 20 employees or less

Large Firm: more than 20 employees

Nominations are called for any New South Wales organisation that provides land surveying services to the community through a consultancy business or a public sector agency.

Preference will be given to the organisation that has for the last twelve months delivered excellence in client services, building an exceptional company culture and involvement in the profession and wider community.

YOUNG PROFESSIONAL SURVEYOR OF THE YEAR

Nominations are called for the Young Professional of the Year Award. The Young Professional of the Year must be under 35 years of age on 1 July 2024.

Nominations are considered by the judging panel. Please provide the name of the person nominated with a recent photograph, plus a statement as to their achievements.

Preference will be given to those nominees who have been particularly active in their promotion and support of the profession in the last twelve months. The nomination should also detail any history of professional and community involvement over the years.

GRANT KILPATRICK VOCATIONAL STUDENT OF THE YEAR

Nominations are called for the Vocational Student of the Year Award. The student must have completed their studies at the Vocational Institute in NSW within the last 12 months.

Nominations are considered by the judging panel. Please provide the name of the person nominated with a recent photograph, plus a statement as to their achievements.

UNIVERSITY STUDENT PROJECT OF THE YEAR

University students residing in New South Wales are invited to submit their final year projects for consideration.

Nominees are requested to supply contact information in case further information is required.

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