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Resilient Australia Awards 2024 Submission Tips

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About the Resilient Australia Awards

The Resilient Australia Awards celebrate and promote initiatives that build whole of community resilience to disasters and emergencies around Australia as well as capture and share examples of resilience in action. The awards recognise collaboration and innovative thinking across a broad range of sectors and initiatives that strengthen disaster resilience with communities, institutions, and the private sector. Innovative models and approaches that create sustainable change are highly regarded.

Since being established in 2000, the awards have recognised outstanding contributions in each state and territory across multiple sectors and disciplines. The awards endorse a wide range of initiatives; with past projects centred around risk assessment and mitigation, planning and preparation, and response and recovery.

Winners from each state and territory are considered for the National Awards. Finalist projects benefit from national exposure via a range of marketing and communications channels and their presence at the National Awards Ceremony.

The Resilient Australia Awards is proudly sponsored by the Australian Government in partnership with states and territories and managed by the Australian Institute for Disaster Resilience (AIDR).

Submissions for the 2024 awards program must relate to projects or initiatives that commenced after 1 January 2022 or demonstrate significant outcomes or enhancements since 1 January 2022.

Resilient Australia Awards 2024: Key dates

Date	Activity
8 March 2024	Submissions open
31 May 2024	Submissions close
7 June – 21 June 2024	People’s Choice voting: Resilient Australia Photography Awards
7 June – 12 July 2024	State and territory judging period
26 July – 6 August 2024	National judging period
12 July – 30 September 2024	State and territory award ceremonies
26-28 November 2024	National Resilient Australia Awards Ceremony





Submission Tips

- Don't leave it until the last minute! Leave yourself enough time to finalise the submission and submit by the closing date.
- Consider if your responses to the criteria are better delivered using multimedia rather than written responses.
- You will need to respond to each assessment question, as they are scored individually.
- Be specific when talking about the achievements of the project – broad statements such as 'excellent results were achieved' will not be considered sufficient evidence. Provide the evidence as to why you claim this result.
- Ensure your project goes above and beyond business as usual, as the judges will be looking for projects that deliver above community expectations.
- Attach supporting material to support your submission. Ensure all supporting material is clearly relevant – unrelated material may detract from a submission.
- Keep to the word/time limit – avoid spaces after your last word as this will increase your total word count. The system will not accept submissions that exceed the word limit.
- Draft your responses in a Word document to review prior to submission. You can copy and paste the text into each application field within the online application system. Please note that formatting such as bullets will not be transferred over.
- Short, sharp and clear project names attract the audience's attention. Avoid long project names that include the organisation's name.
- Where you are submitting a project on behalf of an organisation, an authorised person will need to approve the submission.
- Check your application before submitting. Is it complete, and correct?
- A confirmation email will be sent when the submission is complete – if you have submitted and not received a confirmation email, please contact the AIDR Awards Coordinator via raa@aidr.org.au





Submission guidelines

Projects, research and photos must be submitted online via the Resilient Australia Awards Platform. The following information must be provided, for an application to be considered for any award category.

State and territory award categories, and national award categories

Submissions must include:

- responses to the six (6) assessment criteria, outlining how the project makes a positive contribution to disaster resilience (see Assessment criteria) – responses can be written, audio or visual
- any supporting information, photographs, and video footage
- your organisation's logo as a high-resolution JPEG (300-500kB) to be used for promotional purposes if required
- any applicants under the age of 18 must have the permission of a parent or guardian to make a submission
- applicants are responsible for obtaining the express consent of all identifiable individuals depicted in their photo or supporting information, prior to submission
- all permissions and consents must be in writing and be provided to AIDR upon request.

If the submission includes any material where the copyright or intellectual property rights are owned by a third party (including text, images, and multimedia), the applicant must obtain permission to include the material from the copyright owner and/or intellectual property rights holder.

Photography award category

Submissions must include:

- one high-resolution (300dpi) photograph that demonstrates what disaster resilience means to you, or such resilience in action
- the title of the photograph and the location it was taken
- a response to the question: 'what about the submitted photograph demonstrates disaster resilience to you?' (300 words maximum)
- names and contact details for all identifiable individuals depicted in the photograph to comply with the Privacy Act 1988.
- any applicants under the age of 18 must have the permission of a parent or guardian to make a submission
- applicants are responsible for obtaining the express consent of all identifiable individuals depicted in their photo or supporting information, prior to submission
- all permissions and consents must be in writing and be provided to AIDR upon request.





Photographs must be between 1.5MB-5MB in size and formatted as JPEGs. They must not contain or depict any objectionable or inappropriate content, including dangerous or inappropriate work practices.

Where a photo is submitted by a photographer who is not the copyright owner, prior to submission permission must be obtained from the copyright owner and their name and contact details supplied. Further, copyright owners submitting photos they did not take themselves must supply the name and contact details of the photographer.

Use of images and other multimedia

For any images or multimedia submitted, the copyright or intellectual property owner retains their rights. However, the applicant grants the Australian state and territory governments and the Australasian Fire and Emergency Service Authorities Council Limited (AFAC), trading as AIDR, the permission to use, reproduce, modify or adapt the images or multimedia for promotional, informational and/or publicity purposes in relation to the Resilient Australia Awards program and any other AIDR program or publication, credited where practical to the owner. Images or multimedia will not be used in other contexts without the express permission of the copyright owner.

Disclosure and use of application information

In submitting an application for the Awards, applicants grant express consent, to the Australian state and territory governments and AFAC/AIDR, to make the project information, including photographs, publicly available for promotional, informational and/or publicity purposes in relation to the Resilient Australia Awards program and any other AIDR program or publication and showcasing resilience activities via our website/s. Examples of use include (but are not limited to) education, case studies, inclusion on government websites, social media content and publications.

All applicants will be subscribed to relevant AIDR information products.

Your personal information and privacy are important to AIDR, and you can find information about our [privacy policy online](#).

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