

# International Association for Public Participation (IAP2)

## Australasian Affiliate



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## 2009 Core Value Awards

## Entry Kit

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## IAP2 AUSTRALASIAN CORE VALUE AWARDS 2009

IAP2 Australasia's premier awards will recognise organisations/projects that are at the pinnacle of public participation. Where IAP2 core values are imbedded in their work and where excellence, quality and innovation are the cornerstone of their best practice. These organisations/projects continue to raise the bar and set high standards for achievement in the field of public participation.

There are now five awards. IAP2 Australasia is introducing two new awards to recognise innovation and decision-making in public participation.

The winners are to be announced during the 2009 IAP2 Australasian Conference in Perth, Western Australia which will be held on 22 and 23 October 2009. The awards presentation will be part of an evening designed to profile the awards and the awards winners. The winners will have an opportunity to discuss their project or organisation's approach at the event. IAP2 will also profile the winners on our website and in a 2009 Best Practice publication which will be available to all IAP2 winners.

### **Core Values for the Practice of Public Participation**

1. Public participation is based on the belief that those who are affected by a decision have a right to be involved in the decision making process.
2. Public participation includes the promise that the public's contribution will influence the decision.
3. Public participation promotes sustainable decisions by recognizing and communicating the needs and interests of all participants, including decision makers.
4. Public participation seeks out and facilitates the involvement of those potentially affected by or interested in a decision.
5. Public participation seeks input from participants in designing how they participate.
6. Public participation provides participants with the information they need to participate in a meaningful way.
7. Public participation communicates to participants how their input affected the decision.



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## **Awards**

### **1. Award for PP Enhanced Decision-making**

This award is for the organisation and/or project that best demonstrate how public participation strengthened decision making in a transparent manner. Those submitting projects need to show not only how the decision making was influenced but also how those participating were satisfied that their input and/or participation was incorporated into the decisions made.

This category links with Core Values 2 & 7.

### **2. Award for Robust PP Process**

This award is for the organisation and/or project that most creatively and proactively enabled meaningful participation by stakeholders and the community. It is important to demonstrate how difficult to reach groups were engaged and how creative processes and techniques were used to capture the attention of participants. The applicants also need to demonstrate how they equipped people for participation, either through training, user friendly materials or other methods.

This category links with Core Values 1,3,4,5 & 6.

### **3. Award for Best PP Policy Framework**

This award is for the organisation that demonstrates its ongoing commitment to sound values for public participation by developing a values statement and/or specific policies in relation to public participation. The process used to develop the policy also needs to reflect a participatory approach and the strategy for ensuring the implementation of the policy will also need to be addressed.

This category is for an organisational policy that best reflects all the IAP2 Core Values.

### **4. Award for PP innovation (new award)**

This award is open to people who have projects that follow the essence of the IAP2's core values. The projects must demonstrate innovative practice in thinking and engagement practice. They must describe why the project is innovative and what it is different and special about this project in relation to others. The description must also include how the innovative practice in the project advances public participation.

This category links with all the IAP2 Core Values.



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## 5. Award for Decision makers (new award)

This award recognises decision makers or leaders with a public participation edge. Applicants need to demonstrate how their organisation or project puts people at the heart of decision making. In doing so, they must show how it inspires good public participation practice inside local government, central government, community organisations or businesses that have direct relationships with the community or public.

This category links with all the [IAP2 Core Values](#).

### How to apply for an award

Applications forms for the awards are available on [www.iap2.org.au](http://www.iap2.org.au)

Submissions supporting applications for all award categories must be no more than 8 A4 pages. Applications must also be accompanied by:

- 5 PowerPoint slides that describe the essence of the application
- 1 A4 page summary that profiles the application for inclusion into the 2009 Best Practice publication
- IAP2 Core Values Entry form, Checklist and Consent Form.

Applications are to be sent to the Secretariat, IAP2 Australasia at [info@iap2.org.au](mailto:info@iap2.org.au)  
For any questions about the awards, please contact Anne Pattillo at [pres@iap2.org.au](mailto:pres@iap2.org.au)

IAP2 Australasia reserves the right to decline giving an award in any category if they believe there are no exceptional applicants in a given year.

### Judging panel

A panel of highly experienced and senior IAP2 members has been appointed by the IAP2 Australasian Committee to judge this year's applications. This year's judges are:

- *Anne Pattillo (panel chair)*

Anne is the president of both the International Association of Public Participation and International Association for Public Participation Australasia. Anne's high-profile experience and sharp intellect has cemented her reputation as a leader in the field of public participation. A consultant and facilitator, Anne leads a team of specialised consultants on projects for some of the most dynamic organisations in New Zealand and Australia.



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- *Lucy Cole-Edelstein*

Lucy's experience is broad based spanning both non-government and government sectors facilitating dialogue, creating conversations and developing policy and plans. For the past decade, Lucy has been at the forefront of the growing consultation industry in Australia and has undertaken many consultation projects across the country as well as leading mediation and negotiation for local and neighbourhood disputes and community relations.

- *Geoff Wilson*

Geoff led the IAP2 Core Values Awards last year. He comes from Nova Scotia, Canada and has a strong health background. He has extensive public sector communications expertise, including experience managing public issues in political environments, government and media relations, issues management and risk communications. In addition to his membership in IAP2, he is a member of the Institute of Public Administration of Canada, and has recently completed a five year term as vice president of communications on the national board of the Health Care Public Relations Association of Canada.

### **Key dates**

Applications open	29 June 2009
Applications close	1 September 2009
Award winners announced	22 October 2009

### **Sponsor**

Sponsoring this year's awards is JTA Australia

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# Application Covering Form

(to be attached to your application addressing selection criteria)

Project Name	
Sponsoring Organisation	
Contact Person	
Postal Address	
Telephone Numbers	
Fax	
Email	
Award Category	
What was the project budget? (not used for assessment purposes)	
Media publications for notification by IAP2 Name and email - publication 1	
Name and email - publication 2	
Name and email - publication 3	

CONSENT TO REPRODUCE MATERIAL



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I, the undersigned, do hereby authorise IAP2 Australasia to use the case study

provided by me, \_\_\_\_\_ on behalf of (your organisation) \_\_\_\_\_ and agree that IAP2 may use or

permit other persons to use the case study provided in such a manner as may be deemed necessary. This may include, but is not limited to, IAP2 newsletters, websites, marketing materials, educational information, brochures and media releases etc.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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Checklist to be sent with entry

Organisation Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact person: \_\_\_\_\_

Item	Attached - please tick
Application addressing ALL of the selection criteria in your chosen category	
Application covering letter	
Short case study for IAP2 websites	
Consent form	
My entry is no longer than 5 typed pages in length	