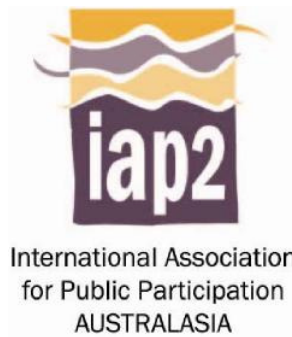


International Association for Public Participation (IAP2) Australasian Affiliate



2011 Core Values Awards Entrants' Kit

Applications Open: 23rd May 2011
Applications Close: 29th July 2011

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IAP2 AUSTRALASIA 2011 CORE VALUES AWARDS

IAP2 Australasia's premier Core Values Awards recognise and encourage projects that are at the forefront of public participation. The awards were created to encourage excellence, quality and innovation in public participation.

Embedding the IAP2 Core Values in organisations and projects that demonstrate leading practice is a key focus for the awards.

In 2011, IAP2 Australasia is offering two award categories:

Project of the Year (PoY)

Organisation of the Year (OoY)

In addition to the two categories of the Core Values Awards, each Australasian winner of each of the categories PoY and OoY will also be offered a Learning Scholarship, to the value of \$1500.

Project of the Year (PoY) Process

A two stage process will be used to decide Australasian PoY in 2011.

Applications will firstly be judged on a regional basis. A winner and runner up will be announced for New Zealand and for each state and territory in Australia.

During the second stage, each of the winners at regional level will be compared and an Australasian winner decided.

The regional winners will be announced in September 2011. The Australasian winner will be announced at the IAP2 Australasian Conference for Public Participation 2011, to be held on 20-21 October in Sydney.

Organisation of the Year (OoY) Process

An Australasian winner and runner up for OoY will be announced at the IAP2 Australasian Conference for Public Participation 2011, to be held on 20-21 October in Sydney.

Regional awards will **not** be made for OoY.

IAP2 AUSTRALASIAN CONFERENCE FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION 2011

The overall Australasian winners in each of the two categories of the IAP2 2011 Core Values Awards – Project of the Year and Organisation of the Year - will be announced at a Dinner at the end of the first day of the IAP2 Australasian Conference for Public Participation (Thursday 20 October) to be held at the Sydney Masonic Centre on 20 and 21 October 2011.

On the second day (Friday 21 October), each of the overall winners will be ‘showcased’ during the concurrent sessions. The ‘showcase’ sessions will demonstrate reflective/evaluative processes which could be used by participation practitioners.

Regional Winners of the Project of the Year, and the Australasian runner-up of the Organisation of the Year will be encouraged to present their project as a Case Study at the Conference during a concurrent session.

IAP2 FOUNDATIONS FOR THE PRACTICE OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Core Values are one of the foundations of the IAP2 framework for decision-focused, values-based public participation.

Public participation is likely to be successful when:

- there is clarity about the decision to be made
- appropriate choices have been made regarding the role of the public
- the Core Values are expressed throughout the process.

The IAP2 Spectrum¹ describes a range of roles for the public in a decision process. Applicants should be able to describe how their work expresses the Core Values and the other IAP2 Foundations.

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.

¹ <http://www.iap2.org.au/sitebuilder/resources/knowledge/asset/files/36/iap2spectrum.pdf>

AWARD CATEGORIES AND CRITERIA

1. Award for Project of the Year (PoY)

Applicants for this award should:

- Outline the project objectives and the public participation process, including the decision(s) to be made and the role of the public
- Provide the reasons for the use of the particular participation process
- Describe how the IAP2 Core Values were expressed throughout the process
- Provide evidence about levels of participant satisfaction with the process (note: high levels of satisfaction will be highly regarded)
- Describe how the decision-making process was different/improved compared with “normal” processes and what role public participation had in that change
- Provide evidence about how public contributions influenced the decisions made, and
- Describe how any innovative practices in the project might advance the field of public participation.

2. Award for Organisation of the Year (OoY)

Applicants for this award should:

- Demonstrate a commitment to the Core Values for Public Participation through their policies, strategies, practices and/or procedures,
- Provide evidence that the leader/s in the organisation have a good understanding and have integrated public participation into the way they work,
- Provide evidence of their commitment to learn and build capabilities in public participation,
- Describe how internal/staff participation has set the tone for public participation,
- Provide evidence about their track record in, or long-term commitment to, effectively involving the public in decision-making and policy setting, and
- Demonstrate their adaptability in the face of major challenges, reputation risk or unexpected outcomes.

RATING SCALE

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| 5 | This value or criteria is expressed at the highest level of achievement |
| 4 | This value or criteria is well expressed |
| 3 | This value is demonstrated at a basic level |
| 2 | This value is demonstrated but inconsistently |
| 1 | This value is demonstrated to little or no extent |

LEARNING SCHOLARSHIP

A Learning Scholarship will be awarded to each of the winners of the Australasian PoY and the Australasian OoY. The purpose of the scholarship is to support two-way learning for leaders in the field of public participation. This means the scholarship funds \$1500 can be used to support any form of learning for the winning project team/organisation, however, it is expected that new insights will be shared with the IAP2 community for the ongoing development of the practice.

A mentor from IAP2 will be assigned to the Learning Scholarship winners to help navigate learning options and to support linkages with the IAP2 community.

Winners of the 2011 Core Values Awards will be encouraged to share their learning stories and experiences through several means with the IAP2 community throughout 2011-2012. These means will be determined with the winners but may include:

- Presenting at 2 events (e.g. conferences or on-line webinars)
- Providing resources (e.g. a podcast) for the IAP2 website
- Writing about their project or organisation on “Participedia”

JUDGING PANEL

A panel of highly experienced public participation practitioners has been appointed by the IAP2 Australasian Committee to judge the applications. This year's judges are:

Mark Warren

Mark Warren teaches political theory at the University of British Columbia, where he holds the Harold and Dorrie Merilees Chair for the Study of Democracy. He is especially interested in the relationship between new forms of citizen participation and democratic representation, deliberative democracy, civil society and democracy, and political corruption.

Warren is author of *Democracy and Association* (Princeton University Press, 2001), which won the Elaine and David Spitz Book Prize awarded by the Conference for the Study of Political Thought, as well as the 2003 Outstanding Book Award from the Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action. He is editor of *Democracy and Trust* (Cambridge University Press 1999), and co-editor of *Designing Deliberative Democracy: The British Columbia Citizens' Assembly* (Cambridge University Press 2008). Warren's work has appeared in journals such as the *American Political Science Review*, the *American Journal of Political Science*, and *Political Theory*.

He is currently working on an internet project entitled *Participedia* (www.participedia.net) with a group of international partners. *Participedia* will catalogue and map new democratic processes on the basis of user-generated content.



Amanda Thomas

Amanda is Senior Consultant – Communication and Community, for AECOM, recently taking on the role of Community and Stakeholder Relations Manager for the Roe Highway Extension Planning Project (South Metro Connect Alliance), Western Australia.

She has 13 years experience in the fields of social work, community development and community and stakeholder relations and engagement. She has held community relations positions on major infrastructure projects in NSW and WA, including an alliance contract for the upgrading of over 300 waste water pumping stations for Sydney Water. Another major project was managing the community relations for the Perth to Mandurah Railway construction with the Public Transport Authority. Amanda worked for the Department of Environment and Conservation as the Public Participation Planning Manager for nearly six years. In this role, she provided training, advice and support to department staff on community engagement and communication policy, process and implementation. She has particular experience working with communities affected by contamination and living adjacent to industry. Amanda provided internal and external workshop planning and facilitation, including strategic planning.

Amanda is passionate about delivering robust, transparent and creative community engagement opportunities, enabling local knowledge to positively influence project decisions and outcomes. Her deep knowledge of and passion for community engagement is demonstrated by her involvement on the IAP2 regional committee for WA since 2007, taking up the role of Regional Coordinator for over a year, and a lead role in organising the successful 2009 IAP2 Conference in Fremantle.



John Pennington

Based in Wellington New Zealand, John Pennington directs the social research program at the Ministry for the Environment. The Ministry is predominantly a policy Ministry and the social science program operates at the interface between research and policy analysis. Prior to taking up this position John headed Toi Te Taiao: the Bioethics Council secretariat; a government appointed advisory committee tasked with engaging the public on the cultural, ethical and spiritual dimensions of biotechnology.

John's work focuses on the Ministry's priorities: climate change, water and institutional arrangements, and seeks to ensure that insights from the social sciences are incorporated in government policy.

John's research interests include environmental values, deliberative democracy, collaborative governance, transition management, the sociology of consumption and theories of policy making.

Nicole Hunter

Nicole has 15 years experience in community engagement and development programs predominantly within the natural resource management and environment protection sector. Nicole has lead, driven and/or coordinated key projects with internal clients as well as worked with external companies. Nicole has worked with both state and local government bodies including the Department of Sustainability and Environment, the Environment Protection Authority and various local government authorities including Surf Coast Shire, City of Casey and City of Port Phillip.



Concurrent with the above projects Nicole has lead, developed and built diverse teams of specialists around community engagement, facilitation, planning and social research. In 2007 Nicole completed the Dialogue, Deliberation and Public Engagement Course at University of Sydney. Her interests in public engagement and deliberative democracy drive her everyday work.

Nicole is currently running her own consultancy specialising in community engagement, risk communication, facilitation and business planning. She is also a member of the IAP2 Australasia Sub-Committee for Practice Development.

JUDGING PROCESS

The judging panel will:

- assess each application against the criteria (see page 4) for each award
- assess each application against the IAP2 Core Values (see page 3)
- use the criteria, IAP2 Core Values and rating scales provided to score each application
- select a short list of entries for dialogue and deliberation with the other judges
- decide on Regional PoY winners and runners up (to be announced by IAP2 prior to the Australasian Conference for Public Participation 2011 in Sydney on 19 and 20 October 2011)
- decide the overall winner of the Australasian PoY, and the winner and runner up for the Australasian OoY (both of which will be awarded at the conference)

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

KEY DATES

Applications open	Monday 23 May 2011
Applications close	Friday 29 July 2011 (4.30 pm EST)
Regional winners notified (Project of the Year)	Monday 5 September 2011
Overall Australasian Winners announced- Australasian Project of the Year and Australasian Organisation of the Year	Thursday 20 October 2011 – at Conference Dinner, Sydney

HOW TO ENTER THE 2011 CORE VALUES AWARDS

Applications forms for the awards are available on www.iap2.org.au

Submissions supporting applications for all award categories **must be no more than 8 x A4 pages.**

Entries must also be accompanied by:

- 5 PowerPoint slides that describe the main theme of the application
- 1 A4 page with a brief summary of the project for posting on the web site
- Application Cover Sheet (page 10 of this Kit)
- Consent to reproduce material Form (page 11 of this Kit)
- Checklist (paged 12 of this Kit)

Entries via email to

Secretariat, IAP2 Australasia

info@iap2.org.au

OR post to: IAP2 Australasia, PO Box 471, Warrandyte, Victoria 3113.

To arrive **NO LATER THAN 4.30 PM (EST) – Friday 29 July 2011**

Note: Entries received after this date will be returned and not included in the judging process.

Questions?

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- Other queries – refer to IAP2 Executive Officer Heather Barton -
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Application Cover Sheet – Please attach completed form to each Entry

Project Name	
Sponsoring Organisation	
Contact Person	
Postal Address	
Telephone Numbers	
Fax	
Email	
Award Category <i>(tick the appropriate box)</i>	Organisation of the Year <input type="checkbox"/> or Project of the Year <input type="checkbox"/>
Media publications for notification of the award by IAP2	
Name and email – publication 1	
Name and email – publication 2	
Name and email – publication 3	



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Checklist – Please attach completed form to each Entry

ORGANISATION NAME: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

DATE: ____/____/2011

Item	Comments	Please tick
Application addresses the criteria for each category		
5 PowerPoint slides that describe the main theme of the application		
A brief summary of the application for posting on the IAP2 website		
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