2019 Entries are now invited

All entries must be finalised by 1 March 2019.
This document describes the entry requirements, rules and conditions and must be read by all entrants.
For enquiries or guidance with this process, contact the Institute’s Marketing and Communications Manager via email on communications@concreteinstitute.com.au or by telephone on 02 9955 1744.

Entries can be submitted now. Please visit our website www.concreteinstitute.com.au/Awards-for-Excellence

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2019 AWARDS PROGRAM | CALL FOR ENTRIES

The Concrete Institute of Australia is pleased to announce that entries for the 2019 Awards for Excellence in Concrete program are now invited. Established in 1971, the Awards for Excellence in Concrete recognise and publicise the many significant contributions to excellence in concrete design, construction and materials in Australia.

Concrete related projects, technologies and innovations are all eligible to receive an award. The Institute’s Awards program caters for both large and small projects, as well as large and small organisations. Entries will be judged separately in distinct categories.

ENTRY CATEGORIES

There are five entry categories.

1. **Residential buildings**: single dwellings or multi-storey dwellings used for residential purposes only (up to eleven storeys).
2. **Commercial buildings**: offices, industrial buildings, institutional buildings, large residential complexes, or combinations of these.
3. **Infrastructure projects**: buildings such as (but not limited to) schools, hospitals etc, and engineering infrastructure projects such as (but not limited to) bridges, roads, wharfs, water resources etc.
4. **Repairs & rehabilitation**: for both buildings and infrastructure.
5. **Technology & Innovation**: includes significant contributions to the understanding or use of concrete as evidenced by research, technical publications, patent applications, new products or pieces of equipment, new techniques, design innovations, or educational activity.

All entries will be displayed at the state and national award events and will also be displayed for its duration at the 2019 Conference. All entries and winners will be showcased on the Institute’s website following the 2019 Conference. The Institute may also further publicise winners of awards in its magazine Concrete in Australia, social media channels and in international journals of allied industry organisations.

ENTRY PROCESS AND ENTRY FEES

All entries for the Institute’s Awards program must be made by a submission through the Institute’s website: [www.concreteinstitute.com.au/Awards-for-Excellence](http://www.concreteinstitute.com.au/Awards-for-Excellence)

A separate submission is to be made for each entry.

The website entry process provides for all information which is required for the judges to assess each entry, including the entrant’s contact details, the entry description, specific information related to the various judging criteria, and supporting information and photographs which can be uploaded.

The process also allows for the entrant to return to the application to add more detail or to make changes, provided these are done by the closing date which is 1 March 2019.

An entry fee must be paid for each entry submission. Fees are to be paid in full by the closing date, 1 March 2019.

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AWARDS GRANTED

Awards are granted at two levels:

1. **State Awards**: All entries are judged in groups based on the state in which they are completed, and winners will be awarded with an Award for Excellence in Concrete. Winners will receive a framed Award certificate. More than one award may be granted in each category. These awards will be presented at Institute Branch Awards functions held in June-August 2019.

2. **National Awards**: winners of Awards for Excellence from each state will be judged in their separate categories for an overall category winner. The winner will receive a Medallion for Excellence in Concrete and an accompanying certificate. From those entries receiving a Medallion for Excellence in Concrete, one will be judged to receive the Kevin Cavanagh Trophy for Excellence in Concrete and an accompanying certificate. National awards will be presented at the Institute’s 2019 Conference Dinner on 10 September 2019.

**Publicity**

All entries and winners will be included in the Concrete Institute’s 2019 Awards for Excellence Commemorative Booklet which will be handed out at the conclusion of the 2019 Conference Dinner presentations on 10 September 2019. All entrants will subsequently be provided with additional copies.

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**Wandoo B Concrete Gravity Structure** - [GHD and Vermilion Oil and Gas, awarded Medallion for Excellence - Technology & Innovation, 2017.](#)
MATERIAL TO BE SUBMITTED
All entries must be submitted in electronic format through the Institute’s website:
This portal includes the entry form, entry information, and supporting documentation which can be uploaded. No other format will be accepted.

The entry process consists of three steps. It also provides for partial completion of an entry with a facility to return later to complete the entry. To be eligible, all entry submissions must be completed by 1 March 2019.

Step 1: Registration
- Entry category.
- Name and contact details of the person making this submission.
- Entry title.
- Name of the entrant: party or joint parties who are to be named as the entrant. The entrant may be any or all of the parties involved with the entry (some examples are owner, client, designer, builder, specialist concrete contractor and concrete supplier). The person making the entry may be the entrant. If the entry wins an award, the award will be granted to each party named as the entrant.
- Date of substantial completion.
- Substantial completion means:
  - For residential buildings, commercial buildings, infrastructure projects, repairs and rehabilitation, and environmental and sustainability projects, that all works are complete apart from minor finishing items such as some painting, signage and such; that all scaffolding, cranes and construction equipment have been removed from the site, and that the project is about ready for handover to the client.
  - for a technology entry, that a product or piece of equipment has been made and is ready for sale in the marketplace, or that a research project, publication or educational material has been written and is about to be printed or published without alteration.

Step 2: Submission content – mandatory
- For residential buildings, commercial buildings, and infrastructure projects, a statement of the approximate value of the project within three broad ranges is to be provided. This is to enable equity in judging by grouping like entries. Awards are not granted within different value ranges.
- A 250 word summary (maximum) detailing how the entry demonstrates excellence in the use of concrete or how it significantly contributes to increasing the application, knowledge and understanding of concrete.
- There are specific judging criteria for each entry category. These are displayed in this step of the submission. Each criterion allows for input of a maximum of 250 words to detail how the concrete aspects of the entry meet the criterion. Information provided for each criterion shown must focus on the concrete aspects of the entry. Any other aspects included may not be considered during judging.
- Each entry must be supported with a minimum of five high quality photographs (minimum 768 x 1024 pixels).

Step 3: Supplementary information – optional
- Entrants may choose to include additional information with their submission which the judges may use if they require further details, or choose to do so.

JUDGING
All entries for this Awards program will be judged by a panel consisting of:
- An independent group of judges selected for their expertise in concrete and representing engineering design, architectural design, construction, materials and academia,
- The National President of the Concrete Institute of Australia.
Judges will only consider attributes related to concrete as described in the entry submission. Judges will focus primarily on the information provided in Step 2 of the submission. They may choose to also refer to the Supplementary Information provided, but are not bound to do so.

The judges’ decision is final and may not be appealed.

NOTE
- The Institute’s website is now open to receive entry submissions
- The closing date for all submissions is 1 March 2019
- Entry fee is required to be paid at time of registration.
- A separate entry fee is required for each submission.

- Entrants are encouraged to upload video content of project.
- Provision is also made for uploading up to a maximum of three supportive documents. These can be various file types such as JPEG, PDF, WORD and EXCEL documents, each with a maximum size of 2MB.


Rules and Conditions of Entry

- Each entry must be submitted through the Institute’s website.
- Each entry must be accompanied by an entry fee.
- Entry submissions must be finalised by 1 March 2019.
- Each entry must state that it has reached substantial completion within the period July 2017 and June 2019.
- For residential buildings, commercial buildings, and infrastructure projects, a statement of the approximate value of the project within three broad categories must be provided.
- Each entry must submit a 250 word summary focussed on how excellence in concrete is demonstrated for project entries or how the entry significantly contributes to the advancement of application, knowledge and understanding in concrete for other entries.
- Entries submitted for previous Institute Awards programs may not be simply resubmitted. However, where a previous entry has been further developed (such as a new stage of a project or a new version of a technology) it may be submitted.
- Entrants must assign copyright for such use of all entry materials to the Institute.
- The Institute has sole discretion as to whether an entry complies.
- The Institute reserves the right to: vary method of presentations; postpone or cancel the Awards for Excellence program for any reason; refuse to accept an entry not in best interests of the Awards program or the mission of the Institute; supplement the pool of entries with other entries; present other forms of citation to non-award winners.
- Each of the specific judging criteria shown on the entry form should focus on the concrete aspects of the entry (aspects such architectural design, aesthetics, HVAC not related to the use of concrete may not be considered in judging).
- It is essential that entries concentrate on ‘excellence’ in the use of concrete or the contribution of the entry to significantly increasing knowledge and understanding in concrete.
- Entrants are directed to read the ‘Help’ notes on the website entry form and are assumed to have done so.
- Judges’ evaluations are based primarily on the information provided in the ‘criteria’. They may also consider supplementary information provided, but not bound to do so.
- Judges are not restricted in seeking additional information about any entry from whichever sources they may wish.

JUDGING CRITERIA

There will be a consistent set of criteria for the judging of entries in all categories. The following 5 points are consistent with judging criteria that have been used previously.

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<td>Materials &amp; Concrete Technology</td>
<td>How has this entry excelled in or made advances in concrete materials/repair materials design or usage to achieve the required outcomes, choice or use of concrete component or repair materials, and responsible sourcing of these materials? Things to consider include – innovative use of concrete and/or concrete technology, innovative use of SCMs to achieve results, innovative or efficient use of non-traditional concrete types or concrete materials.</td>
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<td>Design &amp; Engineering</td>
<td>Does the entry describe attributes such as how concrete has been used to achieve a superior design/repair solution, whether it contributes to new or improved design/repair methods and processes, and whether the detailing of the concrete elements demonstrates above average standards or improvements on existing practices. Things to consider are – unique and effective design solutions, solutions that consider construction challenges, solutions that are focused on being enduring over time, designs/repairs that meet the needs of the user/owner. In relation to the concrete, do the specification, design, detailing and construction practices demonstrate appropriate or superior consideration of the exposure and environmental conditions for the project? Where durability consideration is important, does this entry provide advances in concrete’s performance?</td>
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<td>Construction &amp; Construction Practices</td>
<td>Did the entry provide evidence of high quality or new and improved construction techniques and practices? Factors to consider include formwork, control of reinforcement placement and cover, concrete placing compaction finishing and curing, and above average attention to practices achieving high quality and durable surface finishes. Other relevant aspects include technologies and practices which led to notable cost or time efficiencies, minimising impact on the project’s environment, and whether new or improved practices have been used to achieve the required design and project outcomes – in relation to the concrete elements.</td>
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<td>Architectural &amp; Environment</td>
<td>Does the entry describe attributes such as how concrete has been used to achieve outstanding aesthetics in terms of appearance and relationship to the project’s environment, and whether the detailing of the concrete elements demonstrates above average standards or improvements on existing practices.</td>
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<td>Sustainability &amp; Resilience</td>
<td>How has the use of concrete led to improved performance in terms of sustainability and resilience? Includes management systems, procurement &amp; purchasing, and climate change adaptation in relation to the concrete aspects only. In relation to the concrete aspects, consider all aspects of resources sourcing, use and transport and can include replacement, recycling, and end-of-life reuse. Things to consider – does the project incorporate features, materials, or repair technology that will lead to an extended service life; does the project demonstrate low embodied energy, does the project incorporate the reuse or recycling of a significant percentage of materials in concrete?</td>
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