



Australasian Housing Institute



# Professional Excellence in Housing Awards



**2015 Awards Program Overview and Rules**

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### Award Category Sponsors:

Outstanding Achievement



Leding Asset  
Management



Excellence in Social Housing



Leading Housing  
Development Project



Leading Innovation



Leading Tenants  
Engagement Practice



Inspirational Team Member



Tenant Led  
Initiative



## Introduction

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# AHI Professional Excellence in Housing Awards

The Australasian Housing Institute Awards provide an opportunity to showcase social housing success stories. The Awards formally recognise and reward excellence in professional practice, from the grass roots to the most senior levels. They promote to our colleagues and the community at large the difference that social housing professionals make to people's lives.

The Institute has run an awards program since 2004. This program has become increasingly popular with members and other housing professionals. The National Award Winners will be announced during the **National Housing Conference 2015 in Perth** and a ceremony will be held after the Conference welcome reception on the **28th October 2015**.

Awards will go to housing professionals who are judged to have made a significant and lasting difference: to tenants or service users, to their community, to their colleagues and to their profession. The Awards recognise the contributions and achievements of our colleagues in the many disciplines which make up the housing profession.

### WHY ENTER THE AWARDS?

The AHI Professional Excellence in Housing Awards provides the social housing sector with a platform to recognise and reward those who dedicate their career for the benefit of their community. Providing recognition for these outstanding achievements helps inspire others in developing a vibrant social housing profession.

The awards are free to enter and provide entrants with the opportunity:

- To reward great work and achievements by individuals and teams
- To recognise best practice and high standards of service
- To promote and celebrate innovation
- To develop and increase the profile of our profession



## 2015 Award Categories

### The 2015 AHI Awards feature eight categories:

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- **2 individual awards**, which recognises achievements of individuals who have made an outstanding contribution to the housing sector
- **5 team awards**, which are open to housing organisations or project teams, and
- **the Tenant Award** which is aimed at an individual or a group of residents or tenants who have undertaken a project or initiative to benefit others in their community.

The project or initiative may be applied to **no more than two categories**, please determine this in the Entry Form.

 <h3>Individual Awards</h3>	 <h3>Team Awards</h3>	 <h3>Tenant Award</h3>
<p>Outstanding Achievement Inspirational Team Member</p>	<p>Excellence in Social Housing Leading Innovation Leading Housing Development Project Leading Asset Management Leading Tenants Engagement Practice</p>	<p>Tenant Led Initiative</p>



#### Category Sponsors:

OutStanding Achievement	Excellence in Social Housing	Leading Housing Development Project	Leading Tenants Engagement Practice
			
Inspirational Team Member	Leading Innovation	Leading Asset Management	Tenant Led Initiative
			

# Selection Criteria

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Awards will go to housing professionals who are judged to have made a significant and lasting difference: to tenants or service users, to their community, to their colleagues and to their profession. Each nomination will be judged against the following criteria:

- The extent to which the person, group or team has reflected the intent expressed in the category descriptor
- Evidence of sustainable benefits for the community, the environment or the workplace
- Ideas that are transferable and can be adapted for use in other places and settings
- The achievement of excellence in practice through the application of strategic thinking, innovation, consistently high standards and/or continuous improvement of the tenant / customer experience and themselves.

### Individual Awards

#### Outstanding Achievement

The winning candidate will be a housing professional who has made a strong impact on social housing, their work will demonstrate the enormous difference one person can make to the profession, a place or an issue.

#### Inspirational Team Member

The winning candidate will be a person who consistently shows a willingness to add value over and above their official role, and who motivates others by the approach they take to their work.

### Tenant Award

#### Tenant Led Initiative

Individual or a group of residents/tenants who have undertaken a project or initiative to benefit others in their community. Their project or initiative will have achieved real outcomes and has inputs and outputs that are self-sustaining.

### Team Awards

#### Excellence in Social Housing

An organisation that shows excellence in the provision of social housing by going beyond the expected as well as showing initiative and courage.

#### Leading Innovation

Initiatives or projects that have led to significant change in their own organisation or community, with lessons that could be applied more broadly to other housing organisations.

#### Leading Housing Development Project

Residential development that increases the quality of life for its tenants.

#### Leading Asset Management

A service that is consistently rated by tenants and stakeholders as excellent and/or has elements of a new way of asset management that reduces waiting times and costs.

#### Leading Tenants Engagement Practice

A project or initiative that supports and enables tenant engagement in the community, particularly where there was disengagement before, that stands out, empowers and brings tenants into the decision making process.



## Rules & Conditions

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### Eligibility

Everyone who works in the housing sector, whether in a paid or volunteer role, is eligible for entry. However, the person submitting the nomination **must be a member of AHI**.

### Nominating

Entries must be submitted on the prescribed **Nomination Form** and returned to the AHI office via e-mail [admin@housinginstitute.org](mailto:admin@housinginstitute.org). Applications submitted by mail or fax will not be accepted. All sections to be printed. We do not accept applications in handwriting. All sections of this form must be completed for the nomination to be valid

### Judging

Judges will have complete discretion in assessing entries, applying the judging criteria, conditions of entry and determining the awards. The **decision of the judges is final** and no correspondence will be entered into. The Australasian Housing Institute judging panel reserves the right not to allocate winners in a particular category.

### Cost

There is **no cost** to enter the AHI Awards, however the Award Receptions are ticketed events.

### Assistance for nominees

If you need assistance or have any questions, please do not hesitate to call **02 6494 7566** or e-mail [admin@housinginstitute.org](mailto:admin@housinginstitute.org). The Institute is **unable to assist** award recipients **meet travel costs** to attend a presentation.

### Intellectual property

Each entrant guarantees that its entry, including any designs and/or inventions, is the entrant's original work, that any intellectual property rights arising in connection with that entry vest in the entrant and that the entry does not interfere with any third party rights. By entering the AHI Excellence in Housing Awards each entrant **guarantees that all information in its entry is true, accurate and complete**.

**By submitting an entry entrants accept these terms and conditions.**





## Judging Process

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One of the strengths of the AHI Awards program is the **comprehensive judging process**, which relies on the generosity of the panel of judges who are highly experienced and respected social housing professionals from all around Australia. The Judging process is transparent, fair and independent.

### Judging Panel

We thank those whose job it is to make the very difficult decisions

- **Francis Brazil**, New South Wales
- **Chris Chaplin**, Victoria
- **Andrew Davis**, South Australia
- **Tony Gilmour**, New South Wales
- **Victor Jackson**, Queensland
- **Natalie Jameson**, New Zealand
- **Roger Jameson**, New South Wales
- **Marlene Littlewood**, South Australia
- **Tina Simcock**, New Zealand

### Judging Process

After nominations close on the 28th of February 2015, the Judging Panel will be reviewing the nominations during March and April.

A category winner will be selected in each Australian jurisdiction and in New Zealand. **State Awards receptions** will be held in SA, WA and New Zealand. Joint Awards receptions will be held for ACT/NSW, QLD/NT and VIC/TAS.

Finalists from each jurisdiction will automatically be entered in the **Australasian Awards**. The **National Award Winners** will then be announced during the **National Housing Conference 2015 in Perth** and a ceremony will be held after the Conference welcome reception on the **28th October 2015**.

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## Key Dates

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10 November 2014 – 28 February 2015



### Nominations are open

Nomination Forms are available at [housinginstitute.org/Awards](http://housinginstitute.org/Awards)

March – April 2015



### AHI Awards Committee review the nominations

A category winner will be selected in each Australian jurisdiction and in New Zealand

April 2015 – August 2015



### State Award Receptions

**QLD/NT:** Brisbane, 21st April  
**SA:** Adelaide, 28th May  
**NSW/ACT:** Sydney, 25th June  
**VIC/TAS:** Melbourne, 23rd July  
**WA:** Perth, 13th August  
**NZ:** Wellington, 22nd October

28 October 2015



### National Awards Reception

The National Housing Awards Winners are announced during the National Housing Conference in Perth





## The National Winners for the 2013 Housing Awards.....

In 2013 the Institute received **73 nominations** from across the Australian States and New Zealand. The State Winners for the 2013 AHI Professional Excellence in Housing Awards were announced on the 1st of October 2013 and only 34 successful nominees were entered into the National Awards. The National Winners for the 2013 Australasian Professional Excellence in Housing Awards were announced on 31st October 2013 at the Awards Presentation Dinner during the National Housing Conference 2013 in Adelaide. **The 2013 Australasian Professional Excellence in Housing Awards Winners are:**

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### Outstanding Achievement Award

**John Mc Inerney, Common Equity Housing, VIC**

Phil Fagan-Schmidt, Housing SA was Highly Commended for the Award

### Inspirational Colleague Award

**Yvonne Webb, Housing NSW**

Claire Land, Foundation Housing Ltd, WA was Highly Commended for the Award

### Leading Innovation Award

**Driveway Safety Project, Housing New Zealand Corporation**

2 projects were highly commended for the Award:  
The Housing Alliance Team, NSW and UNO Apartments, Housing SA

### Leading Housing Project Award

**Common Ground Port Augusta, SA**

Central Park Upgrade Project, City Housing, Wellington City Council, NZ was Highly Commended for the Award

### Leading Asset Management Awards

**Joint Award to Caretaker Diploma Program, BHC, QLD and Improving Tenant Safety by Making Buildings Safer in Earthquakes Project, Housing NZ Corporation**

### Leading Tenants Engagement Practice Award

**Pacific Link Housing New Tenant Engagement Strategy, NSW**

Community Connect Program, Unity Housing Company, SA was Highly Commended for the Award

### Excellence in Social Housing Award

**City Housing, Wellington City Council, NZ**

St George Community Housing, NSW were Highly Commended for the Award

### Tenant Led Initiative Individual Award

**Joint Award to Stefanie Allen, SGCH Tenant, NSW and Marlene Littlewood, Housing SA Tenant**



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