



The Victorian Marine and Coastal Awards

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Celebrating Excellence in Marine and Coastal Care and Management

Today, the Victorian Marine and Coastal Council opened nominations for the 2024 Marine and Coastal Awards.

You can nominate any group, individual, project or partnership you believe has made a real difference to Victoria's coastal and marine environment.

Nominations close on 30 September 2024. Awards will be presented to the winners at a gala ceremony on the night of 7 November 2024. To make a nomination or for further information on the process please visit <https://vmacc.awardsplatform.com>.

The 2024 Awards recognise and celebrate the many people and organisations contributing to sustainably managing and protecting the coastal and marine environment across Victoria.

The Awards highlight the importance of community and partnerships in making sure the values of Victoria's marine and coastal areas are maintained and enhanced for the future.

The Awards bring together the marine and coastal sector to celebrate our treasured coast and marine areas.

These prestigious awards have been running for over 25 years (previously under the Victorian Coastal Council; now under the Victorian Marine and Coastal Council) and are a highlight for the marine and coastal sector in Victoria. There are seven categories for nominations:

- Leadership in Climate Adaptation and Resilience
- Excellence in Marine and Coastal Design or Development
- Distinction in Biodiversity and Ecosystem Conservation
- Inspiring Community Engagement and Education
- Marine and Coastal Stewardship by Private Landowners or Public Lease/Licence Holders
- Recognising Individual Achievement and Emerging Leadership
- Embedding Traditional Owner Cultural Practices in Management

Nominations are encouraged from individuals, groups, Traditional Owners, schools, universities, students, clubs (including fishing, boating and lifesaving), committees of management, private companies, partnerships, not-for-profit organisations, private landowners, lease/licence holders and local councils and state government organisations, just to name a few.

Let's celebrate excellence together - nominate for the Victorian Marine and Coastal Awards today.

Images available:

High resolution Images of past winners and their projects are available from <https://www.marineandcoastalcouncil.vic.gov.au/news-and-events/victorian-marine-and-coastal-awards-2020> or by request from vmacc@deeca.vic.gov.au.

Quotes attributable to Dr Anthony Boxshall, Chair Victorian Marine and Coastal Council

“From Portland to Mallacoota, individuals, groups and organisations are working together to care for Victoria’s coast. Join the Victorian Marine and Coastal Council in recognising and celebrating the amazing work being done to sustainably protect and enhance the marine and coastal environment through the 2024 Victorian Marine and Coastal Awards.”

“When we visit the coast, 98% of Victorians report having a positive experience, valuing its scenery and natural beauty, the cleanliness of our beaches, its fun for recreational and the incredible wildlife in these environments. The Awards are about recognising the individuals, groups and organisations working to protect these values.”