



## 2021 National Federation Award winners announced

30 November 2021

A project to protect Queensland's Western Downs from feral dogs and pigs, an up-and-coming communications professional in Western Australia and an innovative cost-containment collaboration among Councils in Tasmania are among the winning entrants in the 2021 National Federation Awards.

The celebration of excellence among Australia's 537 local Councils was presented during a livestreamed event on the Local Government Professionals Australia [YouTube](#) channel on 30 November.

Local Government Professionals Australia Chief Executive Officer Catherine Carter congratulated all entrants and winning recipients for their hard work in their communities across Australia.

"The Federation Awards showcase innovative solutions, and the delivery of quality services and better outcomes that have the potential to be replicated across the country," Ms. Carter said.

"This year's awards attracted a high calibre of entrants and the 39 winners of the awards programs of our State Association partners who came through as National finalists.

"Local Government Professionals Australia acknowledges and thanks principal sponsor JLT and category sponsors for their support," said Ms. Carter.

### **Community Service Award, sponsored by AECOM**

*Western Downs Regional Council – Winner*

Western Downs Regional Council partnered with landholders and industry groups in a targeted approach to pest management, resulting in over 130 kilometers of exclusion fencing that destroyed more than 30,000 feral pigs, 10,000 wild dogs, and 1500 hectares of weeds across an area greater than 2 million hectares.

*City of Bayswater – Highly Commended*

City of Bayswater's Age Friendly Ambassadors program for seniors, delivered by seniors, was created to support a more inclusive and connected community.

### **Environmental Leadership and Sustainability, sponsored by GHD**

*Bayside City Council – Winner*

Bayside City Council was certified 'Carbon Neutral' in December 2020, becoming the first Council in the southeast of Melbourne to achieve this goal, and one of only eight Councils nationally. As of March 2021, 100% of Council's electricity comes from renewable sources.

*Bulloo Shire Council – Highly Commended*

Thargomindah Water Cooling Project is a significant investment in solar energy, and a new water-cooling system set to deliver long-term financial and social benefits, reducing risk to council and the community of Thargomindah, QLD.

**Innovative Management Initiative**

*Ipswich City Council – Winner*

The multi-award winning Karalee Library Pod is a service point within a busy suburban shopping centre that services the needs of community members who may not traditionally make use of library main branches.

*Devonport City Council – High Commended*

A refresh of Council processes and systems has improved employee culture, reduced costs, and improved service delivery to Devonport City Council's community.

**Partnerships and Collaboration Award, sponsored by KONE**

*Northern Midlands Council, Break O'Day Council, Flinders Council, George Town Council,*

*City of Launceston, Meander Valley Council and West Tamar Council – Winner*

Shared Legal Service collaboration between the Councils that led to significant cost savings and other benefits.

*City of Unley, City of Burnside, City of Prospect, and Town of Walkerville for Cohousing For Ageing Well project*

*– Highly Commended*

The City of Unley led project identified more innovative and flexible housing options for elderly people that focused on the redevelopment of existing housing stock which enables street character to be maintained.

**Emerging Leader, sponsored by Capital Region Planning**

*Nicole O'Neill – Winner*

Nicole O'Neill, City of Kalamunda's Manager Customer and PR, is acknowledged for professionalism and quality of work and involving team members in strategic thinking and decision-making.

*Kailah Williams – Highly Commended*

Kailah Williams is Jabiru Wellbeing Coordinator for West Arnhem Regional Council and is acknowledged for integrity and empathy.

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