

2018



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AWARDS

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**Entry Categories**



## Overview

**Awards of Excellence:** The Landscaping Victoria Master Landscapers Industry Awards recognise excellence in maintenance, design and construction across both residential and commercial landscaping projects completed by members of Landscaping Victoria Master Landscapers.

**Entries open:** Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2018

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**Landscaping Victoria Master Landscapers Industry Awards**

**information night:** Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2018

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**Stage one expressions of interest close:** Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2018

**Stage two documentation submissions close:** Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2018

**Judging will commence the week of:** Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2018

**Mentor program:** We are excited to offer a new service to entrants for the 2018 season. A number of senior members will be available as mentors to those entering the awards for the first time, or to previous entrants who would like further advice.

*If you would like to speak to a Mentor, please contact the office on 1300 365 428 or [admin@landscapingvictoria.com.au](mailto:admin@landscapingvictoria.com.au)*

**General Eligibility:** Please note that for all award categories, entrants must hold full membership with Landscaping Victoria Master Landscapers (students and provisional members are not eligible) excluding Apprentice of the Year.

**NOTE:** *Landscaping Victoria Master Landscapers reserves the right to withdraw any category or to collapse two or more categories into one should insufficient entries be received, or the entries received do not meet minimum entry requirements or do not gain minimum points to be judged as winning entries deserving of the title of excellence. Affected entrants will be contacted and will then have the right to withdraw and have entry fees refunded.*

## Awards Summary

1. Landscape Management and Maintenance (Residential)
2. Landscape Management and Maintenance (Commercial)
3. Hard Structures in the Landscape
4. Landscape Design Under 60sqm
5. Landscape Design 60 to 200sqm
6. Landscape Design over 200sqm
7. Plants in the Landscape
8. Rising Star
9. Commercial Landscape Construction Under \$500k
10. Commercial Landscape Construction Over \$500k
11. Pool in the Landscape
12. Residential Landscape Construction Under \$30k
13. Residential Landscape Construction \$30k to \$75k
14. Residential Landscape Construction \$75k to \$150k
15. Residential Landscape Construction \$150k to \$250k
16. Residential Landscape Construction over \$250k
17. The Natural Built Environment
18. Feature in the Landscape (Grant Saltmarsh Memorial)
19. Supplier of the Year
20. Apprentice of the Year
21. Landscape of the Year

**Cost of entry:** all entries will be charged at a flat rate of \$100 +GST per submission, excluding 'Apprentice of the Year' which has no associated cost for entry.

## ***Landscape Management and Maintenance (Residential)***

Overview	The emphasis for this category is on the maintenance works undertaken in the landscape. Entries will be assessed on how well the contractor achieves the outcomes of the maintenance program contract, the management, monitoring and reporting procedures in place and the value of the program against the appearance and health of the garden.
Open to Member categories	<p><b>Landscape Gardener Category</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• where that business offers maintenance as a service</li> </ul> <p><b>Landscape Designer Category</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• where that business offers maintenance as a service</li> </ul> <p><b>Registered Landscape Builder</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• where that business offers maintenance as a service</li> </ul>
Restrictions	Evidence must be supplied that entrant has been providing maintenance on site for at least 12 months at the time of judging. Please note that this does not have to be in the form of a contract, but ideally some form of written documentation should be in use.
Entry Criteria <i>(refer to entry form for full details)</i>	Project Brief, Management Plans (if available), Client details, Photos, copy of quote/contract and On-site judging (if required).
Judging Criteria <i>(refer to Judging Sheet for full details)</i>	Overall professionalism, weed management, water efficiency, maintenance program, reporting systems, chemical use, manual skills, health of plants etc.
Application Parameters	Domestic applications are eligible for entry. OHS management plan up to date.

## ***Landscape Management and Maintenance (Commercial)***

Overview	The emphasis for this category is on the maintenance works undertaken in the landscape. Entries will be assessed on how well the contractor achieves the outcomes of the maintenance program contract, the management, monitoring and reporting procedures in place and the value of the program against the appearance and health of the garden.
Open to Member categories	<p><b>Landscape Gardener Category</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• where that business offers maintenance as a service</li> </ul> <p><b>Landscape Designer Category</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• where that business offers maintenance as a service</li> </ul> <p><b>Registered Landscape Builder</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• where that business offers maintenance as a service</li> </ul>
Restrictions	Evidence must be supplied that entrant has been providing maintenance on site for at least 12 months at the time of judging. Please note that for Commercial entries this should be in the form of a contract or other written documentation.
Entry Criteria <i>(refer to entry form for full details)</i>	Project Brief, Management Plans (if available), Client details, Photos, copy of quote/contract and On-site judging (if required).
Judging Criteria <i>(refer to Judging Sheet for full details)</i>	Overall professionalism, weed management, water efficiency, maintenance program, reporting systems, chemical use, manual skills, health of plants etc.
Application Parameters	Commercial applications are eligible for entry. OHS management plan up to date.

## ***Hard Structures in the Landscape***

Overview	The emphasis is on construction skill and methodology.
Open to Member categories	<p><b>Registered Landscape Builder (Domestic or Commercial)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• where that business offers landscape construction as a service</li> </ul>
Restrictions	Business must hold RBP certification.
Entry Criteria <i>(refer to entry form for full details)</i>	RBP certificate, Project Brief, Project Plans, Project Contract, Client details, Photos, On-site judging (if applicable) and Name of Designer, Building Permits and Project Specifications.
Judging Criteria <i>(refer to Judging Sheet for full details)</i>	Overall professionalism, construction set out 2D and 3D, material quality, gaps and joins, cuts, control joints, drainage, degree of difficulty etc.
Application Parameters	Both Domestic and Commercial applications are eligible for entry. All hard surfaces within the job can fall under the assessment, or it is possible to isolate one single element (this must be described in the application form, otherwise all Hard Structures will be considered for judging).





## ***Landscape Design***

- Landscape Design under 60m<sup>2</sup>
- Landscape Design > 60m<sup>2</sup> and < 200m<sup>2</sup>
- Landscape Design > 200m<sup>2</sup>

### Overview

The emphasis is on design and should never be confused with the quality of construction, although this will have some influence on how the design is graded.

### Open to Member categories

#### **Landscape Designer**

#### **Registered Landscape Builder**

- where that business offers design services

### Restrictions

None

### Entry Criteria

*(refer to entry form for full details)*

Project Brief, Project Plans, Client details, Photos, On-site judging (if applicable) and Name of Contractor, Project Specifications, RBP certificate and Building Permits, Project Contract etc.

### Judging Criteria

*(refer to Judging Sheet for full details)*

Overall professionalism, graphic representation, design development, design aesthetics, design function etc.

### Application Parameters

Domestic applications are eligible for entry from small space courtyards/roof gardens to acreage, and Commercial applications executed in any public space relevant to the specific size category.

Entrant must be the author of the design.

## ***Plants in the Landscape***

Overview	The emphasis is on design/layout and good installation will have an influence. Judges will also look at how well existing planting has been incorporated into the project space.
Open to Member categories	<p><b>Landscape Gardener Category</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• where that business offers soft landscape as a service</li> </ul> <p><b>Landscape Designer Category</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• where that business offers soft landscape as a service</li> </ul> <p><b>Registered Landscape Builder</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• where that business offers soft landscape as a service</li> </ul>
Restrictions	Entrant must be the author of the plant design/plan/schedule.
Entry Criteria <i>(refer to entry form for full details)</i>	Project Brief, Project Plans, Client details, Photos, On-site judging (if applicable) and Name of Designer, Planning Permits (if available), Project Specifications and Project Contract.
Judging Criteria <i>(refer to Judging Sheet for full details)</i>	Overall professionalism, plant scale, plant selection, planting techniques, integration of new and existing, overall impact, design integrity and creative use of plants/creative response etc.
Application Parameters	Both Domestic and Commercial applications are eligible for entry.



## ***Rising Star***

Overview	This award identifies an up and coming business whose operation reflects the qualities and values of the Association.
Open to Member categories	<b>Landscape Gardener</b> <b>Landscape Designer</b> <b>Registered Landscape Builder (Domestic or Commercial)</b>
Restrictions	Business must be less than 5 years old (Business Registration Certificate must be provided)
Entry Criteria <i>(refer to entry form for full details)</i>	Details of 3 projects inc. Project Brief, Project Plans, Client details, Photos, On-site judging (if applicable), RBP certificate (if applicable), Building Permits and Project Specifications, Project Contract etc. Must also supply Business Plan, OH&S policy, copies of quotes etc.
Judging Criteria <i>(refer to Judging Sheet for full details)</i>	<p>Applicants will be assessed on professional skills, client liaison skills, business acumen and innovation, and their level of passion for the industry.</p> <p>Assessment is based on inspection of three (3) nominated projects or designs, presentation of a business plan at an interview, and client references. Additional contribution to the industry will also be taken into account.</p>



## ***Commercial Landscape Construction***

- Commercial Landscape Construction under \$500,000
- Commercial Landscape Construction over \$500,000

### Overview

The emphasis is on construction and should never be confused with the integrity and success of the design, although this will have some influence on how the project is graded.

### Open to Member categories

**Registered Landscape Builder (Commercial)**

### Restrictions

Business must hold RBP certification as required to be a member of this category, must have proof of ColInvest payment to employees.

### Entry Criteria

*(refer to entry form for full details)*

Project Brief, Project Plans, RBP Certificate, Client details, Photos, On-site judging (if required), Name of Designer (if applicable), Project Specifications, Building Permits, Contract including any variations etc.

### Judging Criteria

*(refer to Judging Sheet for full details)*

Overall professionalism, client satisfaction, site management, contractual obligations, construction set out 2D and 3D, material quality, gaps and joins, cuts, control joints, drainage, soil preparation, plant selection, statutory and utilities requirements etc.

### Application Parameters

Commercial applications where the contracted price of the landscape falls within the entry parameters.

## ***Pool in the Landscape***

Overview	This category is open to Construction and Design Members. Subject to the entrant profile, the emphasis is on construction and/or design. The integrity and success of the design will have an impact on the successful construction and vice versa, therefore each is integral to how the project is graded.
Open to Member categories	<p><b>Registered Landscape Builder (Domestic)</b></p> <p><b>Landscape Designers</b></p> <p>If both the Builder and Designer are LV Members, both parties will receive due recognition for this award category, regardless of the main entrant name. (If both parties are LV members, a joint application is recommended)</p>
Restrictions	Construction Business must hold RBP certification as required to be a member of this category.
Entry Criteria <i>(refer to entry form for full details)</i>	RBP certification (especially relevant to Pool Building), RBP certificate, Project Brief, Project Plans, Client details, Photos, On-site judging (if required), Name of Designer, Project Specifications, Building Permits, contract and variations etc.
Judging Criteria <i>(refer to Judging Sheet for full details)</i>	Overall professionalism, client satisfaction, construction set out 2D and 3D, material quality, gaps and joins, cuts, control joints, drainage, soil preparation, plant selection etc.
Application Parameters	Residential applications.

## ***Residential Landscape Construction***

- Residential Landscape Construction under \$30K
- Residential Landscape Construction \$30K – \$75K
- Residential Landscape Construction \$75K – \$150K
- Residential Landscape Construction \$150K – \$250K
- Residential Landscape Construction over \$250K

### Overview

The emphasis is on construction and should never be confused with the integrity and success of the design, although this will have some influence on how the project is graded.

### Open to Member categories

**Registered Landscape Builder (Domestic)**

### Restrictions

Business must hold RBP certification as required to be a member of this category.

### Entry Criteria

*(refer to entry form for full details)*

RBP certification, Project Brief, Project Plans, RBP certificate, Client details, Photos, On-site judging (if required), Project Specifications, Building Permits, Contract including variations, and Name of Designer (if applicable) etc.

### Judging Criteria

*(refer to Judging Sheet for full details)*

Overall professionalism and quality of presentation on final product, material quality, gaps and joins, cuts, control joints, drainage, soil preparation, plant selection etc.

### Application Parameters

Residential applications where the contracted price of the landscape falls within the entry parameters, noting that cost of variations are to be considered in the final price.





## ***The Natural Built Environment***

Overview	Consideration should be given to evidence of sustainability practices across the entire project from design consideration, material selection and work procedures.
Open to Member categories	<b>Landscape Gardener</b> <b>Landscape Designer</b> <b>Registered Landscape Builder (Domestic or Commercial)</b>
Restrictions	Business must hold RBP certification if the construction of the landscape requires a Building Permit.
Entry Criteria <i>(refer to entry form for full details)</i>	Project Brief, Project Plans, Client details, Photos, On-site judging (if applicable), RBP certificate (if applicable), Name of Designer/Contractor, Building Permits, Project Specifications and Project Contract.
Judging Criteria <i>(refer to Judging Sheet for full details)</i>	Overall professionalism, client satisfaction, water sensitive urban design, ecology and biodiversity, waste prevention and minimisation, plant selection, construction materials and construction practice, maintenance, degree of difficulty etc.

## ***Feature in the Landscape*** ***(The Grant Saltmarsh Memorial Award)***

Overview	The emphasis is on how well the feature serves as a keystone to the entire project.
Open to Member categories	<p><b>Landscape Gardener</b></p> <p><b>Landscape Designer</b></p> <p><b>Registered Landscape Builder (Domestic or Commercial)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• where that business offers design services.</li> </ul>
Restrictions	Business must hold RBP certification if the construction of the feature requires a Building Permit. A whole landscape is not eligible to be considered a 'feature'. The feature must account for less than 50% of the overall landscape.
Entry Criteria <i>(refer to entry form for full details)</i>	Project Brief, Project Plans, Client details, Photos, On-site judging (if applicable), RBP certificate (if applicable), Building Permits, Project Specifications and Project Contract.
Judging Criteria <i>(refer to Judging Sheet for full details)</i>	Overall intent of feature, selection of feature, installation, theme, originality, success of feature within the landscape etc.
Application Parameters	<p>Both Domestic and Commercial applications are eligible for entry.</p> <p>The entrant must be the author of the design.</p>



## ***Supplier of the Year***

### Overview

This award is a great way to recognise and reward good business practice, and acknowledge the support that our Supplier Members provide to the industry.

The businesses should have demonstrated exemplary business practice in the areas of:

- Customer service excellence
- Quality products and product knowledge
- Effective communication
- Efficient point of sale and after sale service
- Recognise and acknowledge good business practice in our Association

### Open to Member categories

### **Suppliers**

### Restrictions

None

### Entry Criteria

*(refer to entry form for full details)*

All Supplier members are automatically entered and members vote for the Supplier of the Year category via an online form.

### Judging Criteria

*(refer to the online Voting Form when released for full details)*

Member votes determine the winner of this category.

Voting is open to all members of Landscaping Victoria Master Landscapers, and takes place in the form of an online Voting poll with a 3, 2, 1 Brownlow-style system.



## ***Apprentice of the Year***

Overview	This award recognises the outstanding achievements of an individual in an area critical to the ongoing success of the industry.
Open to Member categories	<b>Open to apprentices who are employed by Landscaping Victoria Master Landscapers Members.</b> This can include all apprenticeship types, construction, horticulture, nursery etc.
Restrictions	Nominee must hold an active apprentice as at the 1 <sup>st</sup> of July, 2018. Previous winners of this Award are not eligible for nomination. Previous entrants who did NOT win are eligible for entry, pursuant to still being an active apprentice as at 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2018.
Entry Criteria <i>(refer to entry form for full details)</i>	Assessment of the Apprentice of the Year category is based on reports from the employer and his/her teacher, as well as an interview with the nominated apprentice.
Judging Criteria <i>(refer to Judging Sheet for full details)</i>	Apprentices nominated by their employers are judged on their work skills, academic grades, attitude to work, and professional approach. Additional skills and/or achievements, such as participation in World Skills, are also taken into account.
	<b>Please note there is no entry cost for nominations for Apprentice of the Year.</b>

## *Landscape of the Year*

### Overview

Landscape of the Year is awarded to the best overall project from the winning entries across all entries. It is the project itself that is deemed the winner of this category. Where the project has been entered into multiple categories by different Members (e.g. a Designer has taken out a Design Award, and a Builder has taken out a Construction Award for the same project) both parties will receive recognition.

**Cost of entry:** all entries will be charged at a flat rate of \$100 +GST per submission, excluding 'Apprentice of the Year' which has no associated cost for entry.