

2024
MASTER BUILDERS VICTORIA
REGIONAL
BUILDING
AWARDS

ENTRY GUIDELINES

ENTRIES CLOSE 11:59PM FRIDAY 1ST MARCH 2024



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THE AWARDS

The Master Builders Victoria Regional Building Awards acknowledge and celebrate the outstanding achievements and high quality construction of members in the residential and commercial sector of the building and construction industry.

ENTRY CRITERIA

- Open to members of Master Builders Victoria who are involved in either residential or commercial construction.
- Eligible entries are restricted to regional building projects that have been constructed by regionally based Master Builders Victoria members (members with reciprocal membership with Master Builders Victoria are also eligible; however projects must not be more than 100km outside the Victorian border).
- Projects must have been completed to practical completion within the 1st March 2022 to 1st March 2024 period.
- Projects entered previously may not be resubmitted.
- Entries must be complete (see the entry requirements for details) at the time of closing date; otherwise entry will not be accepted.
- Builders and clients must be present during the inspection by judges.
- If you have outstanding accounts relating to previous Master Builders Victoria Building Excellence Awards, you may not be eligible to submit entries in the current year's award program until payment is received.

CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES

The closing date for entries is 11.59pm Friday 1st March 2024. Late entries will not be accepted.

ENTRY FEE

FIRST ENTRY ONLY

\$350 (includes one complimentary ticket to the Awards presentation evening)

ADDITIONAL ENTRIES

\$220 (does not include tickets to the Awards presentation evening)

AWARDS PRESENTATION EVENINGS

EASTERN 21st June 2024

WESTERN 28th June 2024

NORTHERN 5th July 2024

Invitations to presentation evenings will be forwarded in April 2024.

KEY DATES

Friday 1st March: Entries close 11:59pm

15th April - 17th May: Judging

June - July 2024: Winners announced at the awards presentation evenings.

PHOTOGRAPHY ASSISTANCE

If you require assistance with professional photography advice, the MBV events team on (03) 9411 4570, (03) 9411 4522; or email: events@mbav.com.au

JUDGING CRITERIA

Entries will be assessed by the following criteria:

RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS

- Quality of construction
- Design
- Client relationship
- Execution of design
- Value for money
- Sustainability/innovation

COMMERCIAL PROJECTS

- Quality of construction
- Project management
- Value for money
- Innovation
- Site management

JUDGING

Judging will take place between 15th April and 17th May 2024.

A judging panel will inspect all projects entered. It is also important that relevant personnel (i.e. Builder and client) attend the on-site inspection and will be able to answer any questions posed by the Judges.

Entrants will receive at least one week's notice of the inspection time and date. There is limited ability to reschedule allocated inspections. Ensure you have advised us of you and your clients' unavailable dates during the submission process. Whilst Master Builders Victoria cannot guarantee that we can accommodate your request, it will be taken into consideration at the time of scheduling. Please allow at least 45 minutes to 1 hour per site for inspection.

The Judges' decision is final and binding. If in the opinion of the Judges the entries do not reach the quality standard for the competition, the judges and Master Builders Victoria in their discretion may decide not to grant an award in that category. The Judges may also at their discretion reclassify any entry. Should this occur, affected entrants will be notified in advance.

MEDIA COVERAGE

Media coverage of the Master Builders Victoria Regional Building Awards includes (but is not limited to) the Master Builders Victoria Construction Awards magazine, Winning Homes magazine, Master Builders Victoria website and social media, and Master Builder Magazine. Please be aware you may be contacted by News Corp, the publishers of the 'Excellence in Construction Awards' and 'Winning Homes' magazines, to discuss advertising opportunities for this publication. Editorial comment on, and photographic display of, the projects entered will be at the discretion of the appropriate media and Master Builders Victoria. Whilst it is the aim of Master Builders Victoria to feature the work of entrants accurately, there will be no responsibility taken for discrepancy, error, omission or misrepresentation of that entry in any media report. Master Builders Victoria will also be promoting pre-, during and post-awards, on all of our social media channels.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Supporting documentation is required to accompany your entry; providing judges with information regarding the project prior to inspection.

Your completed entry will comprise of the following components:

A. ONLINE ENTRY

A completed official online entry, including relevant authorisations, must be submitted at masterbuildersvic.awardsplatform.com

B. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

RESIDENTIAL CATEGORIES CRITERIA

1. Provide a brief history and description of your business including any unique or interesting facts about it
2. Scope of works
3. Quality of construction
4. Client relationship
5. Design
6. Execution of design
7. Value for money
8. Sustainability/innovation
9. Principal Contractors
10. Key personnel

COMMERCIAL CATEGORIES CRITERIA

1. Provide a brief history and description of your business including any unique or interesting facts about it
2. Scope of works
3. Quality of construction
4. Project management
5. Value for money
6. Innovation
7. Site management
8. Principal Contractors
9. Key personnel

BEST SUSTAINABLE HOME / PROJECT CRITERIA

Contact the [Master Builders Victoria events team](#) for the criteria and checklist that is required to enter in this category.

C. DIGITAL IMAGES

Images must be taken by a professional Photographer. Entrants are responsible for the quality of all images. These images are used in the audiovisual presentation and media; so good quality material will better profile your entry. If providing 'before' shots, please ensure these are clearly identified as 'before' shots.

If entering into the Best Sustainable Home or Best Sustainable Project Categories, please include images that highlight the sustainable features. Digital images must meet the following specifications:

- Images must reflect the category entered.
- Images must highlight any special features of the project as well as general shots.
- A minimum of eight images (mix of internal and external images). Please supply landscape format rather than portrait.
- If entering a renovation/addition category please include two (2) before images and clearly identify them as the before images.
- Resolution of 300dpi with an image size of 21cm x 29cm (i.e. equates to A4 in size maximum) in JPEG file type only (please no PDF, PPT or TIFF file types).
- No mobile phone images will be accepted.

If your images are not of high quality you could be asked to resubmit them.

D. PLANS

Max A3 size include elevations/floorplan.

E. ENTRY FEE

\$350 (first entry) \$220 (additional entry)

F. CONTRACT AND PERMITS

Please provide the following:

- Building permit
- Occupancy permit or certificate of final inspection
- Contract - title page including; name of Builder, client information, address of project; the page that displays contract price, and final statement (signing page)

In the instance that the builder is entering their own home or that of a next-of-kin a warranty certificate is a requirement of entry and will need to be supplied. To support your entry we recommend that you provide additional information including: promotional brochures, client satisfaction letters, media articles and/or video/time lapse videos.

G. WRITTEN CONFIRMATION

A written confirmation on your company letterhead that there were no serious injuries or deaths that occurred on-site during construction. A written confirmation on your company letterhead that there are no outstanding debts or complaints relating to the project.

MASTER BUILDERS VICTORIA AWARD CATEGORIES

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BEST RENOVATION / ADDITION

- UNDER \$300,000
- \$300,000 - \$500,000
- OVER \$500,000

BEST DISPLAY HOME

To be eligible for this category you must build less than 100 homes in a particular region per year. Display Homes must be nominated in the price category that reflects the AS DISPLAY PRICE (not the base price) and must include ALL optional extras displayed. If entering into a display home category entrant must provide evidence that the property has been open for inspection by the public. This could include advertisements. If a contract is not available to confirm the final price of the Display

Home, a breakdown of costings is required.

- UNDER \$250,000
- \$250,000 - \$350,000
- \$350,000 - \$500,000
- OVER \$500,000

BEST VOLUME BUILDER DISPLAY HOME

To be eligible for this category you must build 100+ homes in a particular region per year. If you enter this category you are not eligible to enter into the Best Display Home Category. Display Homes must be nominated in the price category that reflects the AS DISPLAY PRICE (not the base price) and must include ALL optional extras displayed. If entering into a display home category entrant must provide evidence that the property has been open for inspection by the public. This could include advertisements. If a contract is not available to confirm the final price of the Display Home, a breakdown of costings is required.

- UNDER \$250,000
- \$250,000 - \$350,000
- \$350,000 - \$500,000
- OVER \$500,000

BEST CUSTOM HOME

- UNDER \$300,000
- \$300,000 - \$400,000
- \$400,000 - \$500,000
- \$500,000 - \$600,000
- \$600,000 - \$800,000
- \$800,000 - \$1M
- \$1M - \$2M
- OVER \$2M

BEST MULTI UNIT DEVELOPMENT

For multi-unit developments, judge access to a minimum of two units is required.

- UP TO 3 UNITS
- OVER 12 UNITS
- 4 TO 12 UNITS

BEST SUSTAINABLE HOME

Open to new homes and renovations, entrants are judged on a range of sustainability and energy saving features. This may include features such as the materials used, passive solar design elements, low energy use appliances and renewable energy.

COMMERCIAL AWARD CATEGORIES

EXCELLENCE IN CONSTRUCTION OF

COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS

Projects include new construction, renovations, additions, refurbishments and high rise units/apartments.

- UNDER \$1M
- \$1M - \$3M
- \$3M - \$6M
- OVER \$6M

BEST SUSTAINABLE PROJECT

Entries in this category are judged on a range of sustainability, energy saving features and occupant health. This may include features such as the materials used, passive solar design elements, low energy use appliances and/or renewable energy.

JUDGES' CHOICE AWARDS

Self nomination is not applicable for the following categories:

- REGIONAL RESIDENTIAL BUILDER OF THE YEAR*
- REGIONAL COMMERCIAL BUILDER OF THE YEAR*

Note: *all entries will be automatically reviewed for these categories.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Who can enter the Master Builders Victoria Building Excellence Awards?

The awards are open to all Master Builders Victoria members within the commercial sector and/or the residential sector of the building and construction industry. To be eligible for entry the project must have been completed within a two-year period prior and have reached practical completion by the entry closing date.

Why should I enter?

To gain a competitive edge. Past winners of these awards have gained a valuable self promotion tool. All entrants are showcased in the glossy awards magazine distributed after the presentations. These magazines are distributed to all Master Builders Victoria members. Winners are promoted on the Master Builders Victoria website for 12 months and Master Builders Victoria social media. You receive one complimentary ticket to the awards presentation evening. The awards presentation evening provides the opportunity for you to thank and recognise the hard work of your staff, contractors and to show appreciation to your clients by treating them to a prestigious gala event and night out.

How should I put my entry together?

Members are asked to register via masterbuildersvic.awardsplatform.com (online awards platform) and follow the step-by-step process to submit all required information and images. Judging criteria and entry requirements can be viewed once you create your first entry. You can continue to make changes or update your submission right up until deadline. It really is just simply following the prompts once you have registered. Judges will view your completed submissions online and will still conduct an inspection of the entered project.

Can I enter the same project as last year?

No, previous entries may not be resubmitted.

What sort of photos are required to be submitted with my entry and when are they required?

Images of the project must be submitted at the time you submit your entry. Images are to be taken by a professional photographer and should include an assortment of internal and external shots. All images are to be landscape page layout. Images must be 300dpi in resolution in JPEG file type only.

Do you have a photographer you can recommend?

Yes, we work closely with and can recommend a professional Photographer. Please Phone (03) 9411 4570 to request further information.

What are the photos used for?

The images are used for a variety of purposes: social media, media, newspaper and magazine print but most importantly these images are used within the audiovisual presentation of the awards night. Therefore good quality images will better profile your entry on the night and in various publications if used. Photos of your project are not viewed as part of the judging process.

Are there finalists announced in each category?

No. Master Builders Victoria do not have finalists. All entries are eligible for an award unless previously advised that the entry does not meet the Judges' criteria.

Are the winners notified before the awards presentation evening?

All winners are announced on the night during the award presentations. No winners are notified prior to this.

FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact the events team on (03) 9411 4522, (03) 9411 4570, or e-mail events@mbav.com.au

HOW TO ENTER:

All entries for the 2024 Master Builders Victoria Regional Building Awards are to be submitted online by 11:59pm Friday 1st March 2024.

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