

## 3.0 FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**Why should I enter?** – By entering the Awards your business taps into the promotion and prestige surrounding this longstanding and highly regarded event including promotion to consumers and others via the LQ website, publicity through various media outlets and consumer magazines and Awards logos for use in your own marketing initiatives

**When do entries open?** – June 2023

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**How old can projects be and still be eligible to enter?** - Projects must have been completed between 30 June 2021 & 30 June 2023

**How many categories are there?** – There are 22 categories (including training, maintenance, design, landscape feature) most of them eligible for the overall Queensland Residential or Commercial Landscape Construction of the Year Awards

**Can I enter more than one category?** – Yes

**Can I enter the same project into more than one category?** - Yes

**How much does it cost to enter?** - \$250 for first entry, \$220 for second entry and \$200 for third and subsequent entries (all prices include GST)

**How do I enter?** – Complete a Nomination of Entries form, return signed Client Consent (Residential entries) OR Acknowledgement / Verification Form (Commercial entries) forms and pay Entry fees by 30 June 2023. Send submission form/s, any further documentation and plans and high-resolution photos etc. of the project to the LQ office by 31 July 2023. Submissions, documentation and photos can be lodged by uploading to Dropbox – please share the folder with [awards@landscapequeensland.com.au](mailto:awards@landscapequeensland.com.au) – one entry per folder clearly noted with contactor name and entry category [www.dropbox.com](http://www.dropbox.com)

**What is the total cost of the project?** - This is the full and final cost of the project including any variations and GST. LQ may ask for a copy of the contract documentation for the purposes of cost verification and to ensure the project has been entered into the correct category

**Why do I need high resolution photos?** -These are required to best represent your entry and also for reproduction in various magazines and the professional audio-visual presentation at the Awards Gala Dinner – see also Entry Requirements

**Do I have to provide plans?** - Yes, judges require as much information about the project as possible to assist the judging process. In most categories provide the construction drawings. In categories 6 & 7 the design documents are also required. In category 8 provide the Independent Professional Designed documents upon which the construction was based

**Who judges the entries?** –Entries are judged by qualified Landscape Architects who visit each project on site. Entrant information provided to judges is anonymous. The judging process is undertaken completely external to Landscape Queensland

**What are the judges looking for?** – In addition to how well the project has been constructed (and designed if applicable) tell them what makes this job a winner, what elements of the job were especially challenging and how did you overcome them? Why is this job a standout? Is there any interesting history or interesting story attached to the project? Ensure any work not completed by you is noted. The judges are looking for excellence and consistency. They expect a high level of attention to detail at all scales of the work relevant to the particular category. In categories 8-16 the judges also examine the skill of interpretation and implementation of work defined in documents prepared by an Independent Professional Designer (if applicable)

**What if my client doesn't want me to enter the project** – Clients' consents MUST be received!

**I am a small contractor – can I still enter?** – Yes, all LQ members large or small are able to enter the Awards

**I have a garden maintenance business – can I enter?** – Yes, there are categories for Garden Maintenance both Residential and Commercial. Please refer to section 2.9 for full details. There is a separate entry form in 2023.

**My business supplies products or services to the landscaping industry – can I enter?** Yes, as a current LQ Supplier Member you are automatically entered into the Landscape Industry Supplier of the Year category. Voting is open during August each year with voting lodged via SMS received from current LQ members. Winners of Bronze, Silver & Gold Landscape Industry Supplier of the Year Awards are announced at the Awards presentation in November.

**I have a great Apprentice/Trainee who deserves recognition** – Enter him/her in the Apprentice or Trainee of the Year categories (entrant must have been a final year apprentice/trainee between 1/7/22 and 30/6/23)

**My residential project was designed by a Landscape Architect or Landscape Designer** – This project can be entered in the relevant residential category and could also be entered into Category 8 – Independent Professional Designed Construction

**I designed my project** – can I receive recognition for that? – Yes, enter your project into the relevant residential category and you could also enter it into either category 6 or 7 depending on the total value of the project

**I have a project to enter into one of the design categories – can I enter the same project into a residential category?** – Yes, ALL entries into design categories 6,7 & 8 MUST ALSO be entered into any of categories 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5

**How do I know I am a Finalist?** Entrants will receive notice once all documentation has been received, processed, and reviewed, informing them if they have progressed as a finalist for a judging inspection. The judging inspections will be arranged between the judge and project client during August/September. Entrants must not be present at the inspection. All project entry information provided to the judges is does not contain the contractor's name.

**How are the Finalists, Highly Commended and Winners announced?** The Landscape Queensland Construction Excellence Awards Presentation Gala Dinner will take place on Saturday, 18 November 2023, where all finalists will gather with industry. The category Winners and Highly Commended Finalists will be announced at the event. It is essential each Finalist business has a representative present. **All entrants** to the Training Awards must attend.

**Is my entry considered for the overall Queensland Landscape Construction of the Year Awards?** - All winners of the residential & commercial construction categories 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9,10,11,12,13,14 are in the running for these Awards. Separate Residential and Commercial overall winners!

**If I win the category or am a finalist how can I promote this?** - You will receive an award winner or finalist logo and be featured in various consumer magazines, websites, and promotional materials.

**Can I get feedback on my entry?** – Yes, on completion of the Awards program, entrants are able to request judging feedback.

**If I have a question, who do I contact?**

Contact LQ office on **1300 883 966** or email [admin@landscapequeensland.com.au](mailto:admin@landscapequeensland.com.au)

**Please ensure that the identity of the entrant is removed from all supporting documents!**