



Application Guidelines

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1. The Waste NoT 2025 Awards program

AIM: *To recognise and reward sustainable circular economy practices in Northern Tasmania*

The Waste NoT Awards 2025 aim is to celebrate and recognise those within the community who have made the effort to change the way they manage their waste during the past twelve months. From waste avoidance, waste processing and education initiatives, through to recycling, re-invention and upcycling, these awards will recognise efforts made to improve waste management and recycling. The awards will highlight the importance of better waste management practices to the broader community.

2. The award

The winner of each category will receive a \$500 eftpos card to spend however the winner wishes, along with a custom-made engraved trophy. The trophies have been created from materials that would otherwise have been thrown away.

The winners will be announced at the annual awards ceremony where there is an additional \$500 bonus for the overall winner. There will also be a media release to promote the winner's achievements to the broader community.

3. Award categories and eligible applicants

Categories

There are nine award categories. One winner will be selected under each category. Entry is free for all applicants. The categories include:

- Waste NoT Award Overall
- Waste NoT Award primary school
- Waste NoT Awards secondary / tertiary school
- Waste NoT Award small / medium organisations – under 150 employees
- Waste NoT Award large organisations – over 150 employees
- Waste NoT Award not-for-profit/community groups
- Waste NoT Award for local government

Eligible applicants

Applicants and their projects must be based and operate within the following northern local government boundaries:

- Break O'Day
- Dorset
- George Town
- Launceston
- Meander Valley
- Northern Midlands
- West Tamar
- Flinders Island

General eligibility criteria

In order for projects to be eligible for consideration, the following criteria must be met:

- a. Applications must be submitted by eligible applicants (see section 3).
- b. Applications must be submitted on time.
- c. Applications must be correctly and fully completed.
- d. Applicants may nominate more than one project or initiative for the awards, but a separate nomination form must be submitted for each project or initiative.
- e. Nominated projects or initiatives must already be in action or completed in the last twelve months prior to the awards opening.
- f. All projects must meet relevant standards and legal obligations.
- g. Applicants must not be working/volunteering for the Circular North Waste awards program (paid or unpaid).

4. Projects considered

Projects which demonstrate an improvement to how waste is managed – be it waste diverted from landfill by recycling, avoiding waste generation through production improvements or upcycling discarded products – will be considered for an award.

Examples of the types of projects which may be considered for an award include:

- a craftsperson creating artwork from discarded waste materials;
- a school operating a composting program, worm farm, or recycling program;
- a manufacturing firm finding an alternative use for by-products or changing processes to minimise waste;
- a business initiating a recycling program for waste generated by staff or production processes.

5. Assessment

Applications will be assessed by a panel of experienced waste management specialists.

Applications will be assessed against the following four award program criteria:

- Innovation
- Environmental benefits, including waste diverted or avoided, as well as social and / or economic benefits
- Replication potential
- Community involvement and partnerships

Note: if there is not an application of sufficient quality to award a winner in each category then that category will be withdrawn.

6. Closing date

Applications close at 5:00 pm Friday 16 May 2025

Please ensure your application is submitted by the closing time on the closing date. Late applications will **not** be considered unless Circular North are satisfied that the circumstances are exceptional and Circular North have been advised of those circumstances prior to the closing date.

- A confirmation email will be sent once an application has successfully been received

7. How to apply

To apply, applicants must complete the following steps:

STEP 1	Check if your organisation is eligible to apply.
STEP 2	Complete the application form.
STEP 3	Attach supporting documents where applicable.
STEP 4	<p>Submit your application, by 5:00 pm Friday 16 May 2025, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Visit - www.circularnorth.org.au to complete the electronic application form or complete the form and return via email to circularnorth@nrmnorth.org.au b. Alternative application submission If you are unable to submit your application electronically via email, you may post your application. Please email circularnorth@nrmnorth.org.au to get a copy of the application form. All mailed applications must be postmarked Friday 16 May 2025 or earlier. Applications can be mailed to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Circular North - Waste NoT Awards 2025 PO Box 1224 LAUNCESTON TAS 7250 <p>Circular North does not accept any responsibility or liability for applications sent by post or that are not correctly postmarked or not received by the closing date. Registered post is recommended.</p>