NSW Environmental Education Awards 2023

Awards Nomination Form

Environmental Education NSW invites nominations for the
2023 NSW Environmental Education Awards

The Awards are presented to individuals, programs and businesses who have made an exemplary contribution to the field of environmental education. In 2023, the Awards will comprise of six awards across three categories:

1. Excellence in Environmental Education Awards
2. Program Excellence Award
3. Business Excellence Award

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1. Excellence in Environmental Education Awards:

- NSW Environmental Educator of the Year Award
Nominations for individuals with more than 5 years experience across early learning, professionals, volunteers, community, government, tertiary, non-profit sector

- NSW Emerging Leader in Environmental Education
Nominations for individuals with 5 or less years experience across early learning, professionals, volunteers, community, government, tertiary, non-profit sector

- Sustainable Schools NSW Teacher of the Year Award
Nominations for individual educators who have excelled in embedding sustainability in a NSW primary or high school in line with the values of Sustainable Schools NSW.

2. Program Excellence Award:

- Sustainable Schools NSW School of the Year Award
Nominations for a school that has shown excellence in embedding sustainability within their school and in the broader community in line with the values of Sustainable Schools NSW.
Note: the Sustainable Schools NSW program has been focused on Primary and High Schools and therefore only these may apply. We hope to support an early learning program award in the future.

- Return and Earn Program Leader Award
Nominations for a teacher, student or parent who has excelled in embedding the Return and Earn program into their school.

3. Business Excellence Award:

- Sustainability Connect Business of the Year Award
Nominations for organisations or businesses that have excelled in delivery of their environmental education products and services. Businesses must be listed on the Sustainability Connect directory sustainabilityconnect.org.au to be eligible. *Note: this year's*

award is for the business sector, therefore government-funded programs are not eligible.

REQUIREMENTS:
- *To nominate for any of the above awards, please follow the prompts in the form below. A nominee may only be nominated in ONE category.*
- *Please submit a new form for each award submission you would like to submit.*
- *All schools, organisations or individuals nominated must be located in New South Wales or undertake the majority of their activities in New South Wales.*
- *Nominees do not currently have to be an AAEE member, however it is strongly encouraged. You can become a member or check your status* <u>here.</u>
- *All nominations must be received by midnight Friday 6th October 2023*

PLEASE NOTE:
We suggest you prepare your answers in a word document first, then copy and paste them here when you are ready to submit your nomination as you cannot save and return to this form. You can view a PDF summary of the nomination questions for all awards here

* 1. Which award category is your nomination for?

- Educator Excellence Awards
- Program Excellence Awards
- Business Excellence Award

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Educator Excellence Awards

* 2. Which award are you nominating for?

○ **NSW Environmental Educator of the Year Award**
(for individuals with more than 5 years experience across early learning,
professionals, volunteers, community, government, tertiary, non-profit sector)

○ **NSW Emerging Leader in Environmental Education**
(for individuals with 5 years or less experience across early learning, professionals,
volunteers, community, government, tertiary, non-profit sector)

○ **Sustainable Schools NSW Teacher of the Year**
(for individual educators who have excelled in embedding sustainability in a
primary or high school)

* 3. Are you....

○ self-nominating?

○ nominating someone else?

○ nominating someone else in secret? (we will make all attempts to keep it this way,
however we recommend involving the nominee for best outcomes)

*** 4. Provide the details below for the award nominee
(can be self-nominated)**

Full Name	
Organisation	
Role or position in organisation	
Email	
Mobile Number	
Postal address	

* 5. Provide the details below for a professional referee (who knows the nominee well) to support this nomination:

Full name	
Organisation	
Role or position in organisation	
Email	
Mobile Number	

6. If the person completing this form is <u>not</u> either the nominee or the referee listed above (i.e. you are nominating someone else and you are not their referee), please provide the following details for yourself:

Full name	
Organisation	
Role or position in organisation	
Email	
Mobile Number	

*7. Describe with examples how the nominee has developed their skills and understanding and taken effective action for the environment in their work (250 words, dot points fine)

*8. Describe with examples how the nominee has exhibited leadership in the field of environmental education that has influenced others (250 words, dot points fine)

* 9. Describe with examples the nominee's notable achievements in environmental education in recent years (250 words, dot points fine)

Program Excellence Awards

10. Which award are you nominating for?

○ Sustainable Schools NSW School of the Year Award

○ Return and Earn Program Leader Award

Program Excellence Award - Sustainable Schools NSW School of the Year Award

The Sustainable Schools NSW School of the Year Award will recognise a school that has shown excellence in embedding sustainability within their school and in the broader community. *Note: the Sustainable Schools NSW program has been focused on Primary and High Schools and therefore only these may apply. We hope to support an early learning program award in the future.*

* 11. Tell us about the school you are nominating

School Name	
Physical address	
Postal Address	
Website	
Number of students	

* 12. What are some of the key ways the school has embedded sustainability on campus (in the school's grounds, operations and processes)? Please provide examples (dot points okay, max 250 words)

* 13. What are some of the key ways the school has embedded sustainability in curriculum (in the schools' classrooms and teaching and learning settings)? Please provide examples (dot points okay, max 250 words)

* 14. What are some of the key ways sustainability is embedded across the school culture (in the school's student, staff and leadership approach and the ethos of the school community)? Please provide examples (dot points okay, max 250 words)

* 15. Provide the details below for the contact person responsible for this nomination

Full Name	
School	
Position or role in School	
Email	
Mobile Number	

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Program Excellence Award - Return and Earn Program Leader Award

The Return and Earn Program Leader Award recognises a teacher, student or parent who has helped embed the Return and Earn program into their school.

* 16. Provide the details below for the award nominee (can be self-nominated)

Full Name	
Organisation	
Role or position in organisation	
Email	
Mobile Number	
Postal address	

* 17. Are you....

○ self-nominating?

○ nominating someone else?

○ nominating someone else in secret? (we will make all attempts to keep it this way, however we recommend involving the nominee for best outcomes)

* 18. Provide the details below for a professional referee (who knows the nominee well) to support this nomination:

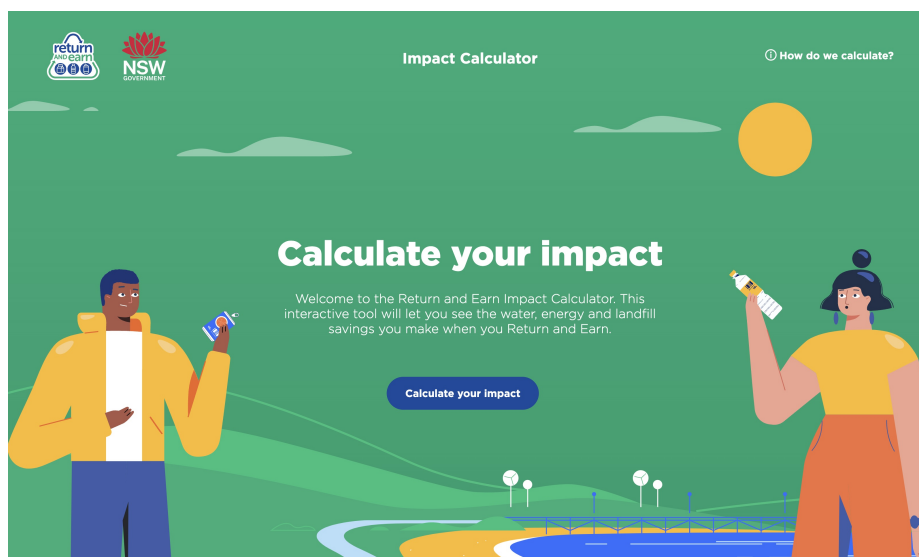|	
Full name	
Organisation	
Role or position in organisation	
Email	
Mobile Number	

19. If the person completing this form is <u>not</u> either the nominee or the referee listed above (i.e. you are nominating someone else and you are not their referee), please provide the following details for yourself:

Full name	
Organisation	
Role or position in organisation	
Email	
Mobile Number	

* 20. Tell us about the program leader you're nominating. How have they championed your Return and Earn program and made the program a success? (dot points OK, max. 250 words)

* 21. Provide details of the way you are using Return and Earn at your school including how you collect and return your containers, amount of money fund raised and how it has been used and how students and the school community are engaged in the program (dot points OK, max. 250 words)

22. The Return and Earn Impact Calculator is a great way to show your school community how small changes can have a big impact on our environment. Simply click here and enter the total number of cans and bottles you have returned for recycling through Return and Earn to find the corresponding energy, water, CO2 and landfill savings. Don't forget to include the results in Q21 of your award submission.

◯ Thanks, I have used the impact calculator for this submission

◯ I didn't use it this time but I may use it in future

Business Excellence Award

The [Sustainability Connect](#) Business of the Year Award will recognise a business that has excelled in delivery of their environmental products and services, and/or any business that has excelled in supporting environmental and environmental education outcomes. Businesses must be listed on the Sustainability Connect directory website to be eligible. *Note: this year's award is for the business sector, therefore majority government-funded programs are not eligible.*

* 23. Is the nominated business listed on Sustainability Connect? [https://www.sustainabilityconnect.org.au/]

◯ Yes

◯ No

* 24. Name of the nominated business:

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* 25. Postal address of the nominated business:

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* 26. Website address of the nominated business:

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* 27. Provide the details below for the contact person responsible for this nomination

Full Name	[ ]
Organisation	[ ]
Position or role in organisation	[ ]
Email	[ ]
Mobile Number	[ ]

* 28. Describe how the products/services of your business support environmental and/or environmental education outcomes for schools, communities or other businesses? Please provide examples (dot points okay, max 250 words)

* 29. Describe the reach and impact your business achieves to your target audience. Please provide examples (dot points okay, max 250 words)

* 30. How does your business embed sustainability practices into everyday operations and practice? (dot points OK, 250 words max.)