

MOST OUTSTANDING ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVE – Selection Criteria & Process

The purpose of this award is to recognise a golf club, facility, place to play or individual that has implemented exemplary environmental practices, demonstrating leadership in sustainability and contributing positively to the natural environment.

Award Period

- 1 July 2024 – 30 June 2025

Eligibility Criteria

Nominations are open to:

- Clubs, facilities, places to play or individuals (e.g. staff, volunteers, or members) based in Australia who have led or implemented an environmental initiative.

To be eligible for consideration:

- The initiative must be clearly defined and demonstrate a positive impact on the natural environment.
- Eligible initiatives may include, but are not limited to:
 - Water conservation and management
 - Renewable energy implementation
 - Biodiversity and habitat protection
 - Sustainable turf management and pesticide reduction
 - Waste reduction and recycling programs
 - Education and awareness campaigns around environmental sustainability
- Long-standing initiatives are eligible if they demonstrate measurable progress or enhancement within the eligible timeframe.
- The initiative must show evidence of leadership, innovation, and a proactive approach to environmental responsibility.
- It must demonstrate a positive and measurable impact, either locally or more broadly (e.g. environmental outcomes, cost savings, stakeholder engagement).
- The nominated individual or organisation must operate in accordance with all relevant local, state, and federal environmental regulations.

Nomination Process

- Nominations open on: Wednesday 4 June 2025
- Nominations close on: Sunday 13 July 2025
- All nominations must be submitted by 11:59 PM AEST on the closing date. Late or incomplete submissions will not be accepted.
- Nominations may be submitted by club or facility staff, members, volunteers, community organisations, or governing bodies.
- Self-nominations are accepted and encouraged, provided they include supporting documentation/testimonials.

Selection Criteria

The recipient of this award will be selected based on achieving one or more of the following criteria and at the discretion of the Golf Australia National Awards of Excellence Selection Committee:

- Created a golf club, facility or place to play that has demonstrated leadership and has pioneered programs of sustainability in golf.
- Has developed and implemented an environmental sustainability strategy framework.
- Has made excellent contributions to the environmental sustainability of the land the club, facility or place to play is situated on.
- Conveyed messages to their communities that golf plays a pivotal role in environmental sustainability.
- Engagement and alignment with the strategy for Australian Golf 2022– 2025.

Supporting Documentation

You may upload up to five (5) supporting documents to assist the selection committee in assessing and comparing nominations, such as:

- a. Photos or videos of the initiative in action.
- b. Testimonials (from staff, members, community partners etc.).
- c. Data or impact reports showing measurable environmental outcomes.
- d. Media coverage (e.g. articles, social posts, newsletters).
- e. Project plans or documentation outlining the initiative's goal and implementation.

Selection Process & Timelines

Activity	Date/Timeline
Promotion Commences & Nominations Open	Wednesday 4 June 2025
Nominations Close	Sunday 13 July 2025
Judging Period & Selection	Monday 21 July – Friday 25 July 2025
Finalist Announcement	Week commencing 28 July 2025
Award Announcements	From 1 September 2025

Requirements of Award Recipients

The successful recipients will be required to fulfill the following items upon reasonable request:

- Participate in marketing and promotional activities in the 12 months following the award.
- Participate in Golf Australia pilot programs and initiatives.