



CONSERVATION COUNCIL ACT REGION

Environment Awards 2026

Environmental Protection Award

The Environmental Protection Award is to go to an individual or group of individuals living in the ACT region who, in the past 18 months, have made an outstanding contribution to protecting the region's nature, including contributions towards a safe climate future.

Special consideration will be given to nominees who have had to contend with significant government, political, corporate, media or institutional prejudice in their efforts to mobilise public opinion to protect the environment.

Who can apply	An individual or group of individuals living in the ACT region who have contributed to protecting the environment in our region.
Nomination closing date	9am 25 May
How it is judged	The recipient shall be chosen by majority vote of the Judging Panel. The Judging Panel reserves the right, in any given year, not to issue the Award.
Announcement and presentation	ACT Environment Awards, 5 June

Moira and John Rowland Award for Young Environmental Achievement

This annual award is in memory of Moira and John Rowland who were lifelong committed environmentalists and played a lead role in establishing the Canberra Environment Centre and the Conservation Council ACT Region. The Moira and John Rowland Young Environmentalist Award recognises young achievers committed to improving our environment.

The Award is to go to an individual, or group of individuals, aged 28 or younger, living in the ACT Region, who, in the past 12 months, have made an outstanding contribution to protecting nature in the ACT region. This includes contributions towards a safe climate future.

Achievements of all kinds are welcomed and may be through community campaigns, volunteering, political advocacy, events, research or science.

Who can apply	An individual or group of individuals, living in the ACT Region, aged 28 or under who have made a significant contribution to the environment in the ACT region.
Nomination closing date	9am 25 May
How it is judged	The recipient shall be chosen by majority vote of the Judging Panel. The Judging Panel reserves the right, in any given year, not to issue the Award.
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Working Together Award

At the heart of many successful environmental programs to protect nature or create a safe climate future are community groups. Problems are not always solved quickly but these groups help us work together to address environmental issues too large for an individual to tackle. The Working Together Award is to celebrate organisations or groups that have seized the opportunity to build momentum through people working together and are working on a program for the environment which has achieved significant results in the past 12 months. Even if the project is not at a point of ultimate success or completion, groups will be eligible for the award where there has been a measurable milestone along the way or it is clear that they have mobilised and supported others to achieve success.

Who can apply	Group or organisation in the ACT region that is working on a program that has achieved significant results towards our nature or climate thriving.
Nomination closing date	9am 25 May
How it is judged	The recipient shall be chosen by majority vote of the Judging Panel. The Judging Panel reserves the right, in any given year, not to issue the Award.
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Lifetime Achievement Award, supported by Addaxis

The Lifetime Achievement Award goes to an individual or group living or operating within the ACT region who have made an outstanding contribution to protecting the region's nature, including contributions towards a safe climate future, over a long period of time. The judging panel will examine either the lifetime of an individual, or the collective work of an organisation that have been in operation over a long period of time.

Special consideration will be given to nominees who have had to contend with significant government, political, corporate, media or institutional prejudice in their efforts to mobilise to protect the environment.

Who can apply	Individual or group that have achieved significant outcomes for the ACT environment or climate over a long period of time.
Nomination closing date	9am 25 May
How it is judged	The recipient shall be chosen by majority vote of the Judging Panel. The Judging Panel reserves the right, in any given year, not to issue the Award.
Announcement and presentation	ACT Environment Awards, 5 June

Application Process

Applications are accepted [via a google form](#). The form will ask for contact details and short written paragraphs responding to the selection criteria. There are three short answer responses of 200 words or less to the following questions:

1. Tell us about the nominee/s
2. What was the body of work?
3. How has it contributed?

Consider the criteria when responding.

There are many ways to create positive change in the world. Everyone is encouraged to apply, with a diversity of experiences and achievements welcomed and recognised.

We recommend you draft your answers before starting the form and copy-paste it, to avoid losing your work.

Please remember when submitting your nomination that the judges will be basing their decision on the information you submit. You can nominate yourself or someone else, and you are welcome to make multiple nominations.

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Judging panel

Members of the CCACT 2025/26 Board or nominees appointed by the Board.

Not a voting or scoring process. Judges will discuss and base it on the written responses inline with the selection criteria. Referees may be contacted to confirm achievements and in the case of unaligned decision between the judges.