

REGIONAL WOMAN OF THE YEAR



PURPOSE AND RECOGNITION

This award recognises the contribution and achievements of women to the construction or related industries while being regionally based, by way of leadership, sustainability, construction, design, safety or innovation.

The three finalists for this award will be reimbursed (up to the value of \$800 per person) for the cost of travel to and from the NAWIC Awards Night from their place of residence in Regional New South Wales, as well as 1 nights' accommodation. The reimbursement will be provided upon receipt of evidence of costs incurred.

ELIGIBILITY

Any woman who permanently resides in regional NSW, or resided regionally while project based **and** works in the construction or related industries in regional New South Wales is eligible for this award. 'Regional New South Wales' means all areas outside Greater Sydney. The individual must demonstrate their leadership or substantial contribution to sustainability, construction, design, safety or innovation.

Nominations for this award may be made by the individual themselves or by a third party, provided that the nominee has provided their consent.

NOMINATION ATTACHMENTS

1. Nominee biography (access template [here](#))
2. Letter of endorsement to support nomination (from CEO/Managing Director/Manager/Supervisor)
3. Letter confirming the nominee's employment **AND** that the nominee is working on a project in regional New South Wales
4. Proof of evidence that the nominee resides in regional New South Wales
5. High quality, professional headshot of the nominee (portrait orientation)
6. An image of the nominee 'in action' (onsite, in the office, with their team etc)

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ACOUSTIC
LOGIC



SUBMISSIONS QUESTIONS & WORD COUNT

1. Describe how the contributions made by the nominee enhanced their regional organisation or project (max. 300 words)
2. Explain how these contributions were particularly innovative or significant (max. 300 words)
3. Provide details of challenges the nominee faced and how these were overcome, including the traditional challenges associated with being located regionally (max. 300 words)
4. Explain how the nominee has displayed unwavering perseverance, dedication and leadership, and the impact this has had on their project or organisation (max. 300 words)
5. Explain how the nominee has encouraged the professional growth of other women in their team, organisation or regional community (max. 300 words)



2023 WINNER | ASHLEY BARNES, RICHARD CROOKES CONSTRUCTION

A true trailblazer in the Hunter and New England region, Ashley Barnes is known for delivering projects that combine technical brilliance with innovation, as seen in the delivery of the \$109 million East End Stage 1 and heritage-listed QT Hotel in Newcastle. Ashley is also a strong advocate for gender equity and has volunteered as a mentor to female high school students considering careers in property and construction.



2022 WINNER | VIVIEN MURNANE, TRANSPORT FOR NSW

Wollongong-based Vivien Murnane balances strong technical skills with innovative thinking to deliver infrastructure that enhances connectivity, builds community and respects local heritage. The \$258 million Batemans Bay Bridge replacement project, for instance, involved complex deconstruction in a sensitive marine park. Vivien developed new technical requirements for projects over navigable waters that are now being used across NSW.