



Our annual awards recognise and celebrate the valuable contribution, effort and achievement made by volunteers. Nominations are now being accepted under 6 award categories.

- **Activity Leadership Award**
For outstanding leadership in the outdoor activity program. Up to 3 awards may be granted.
- **Local Achievement Award**
For outstanding contribution to nature protection, nature appreciation or organisational support at the local or regional level. Up to 1 award may be granted per branch or other group.
- **State-wide Achievement Award**
For outstanding contribution to nature protection, nature appreciation or organisational support at the State level. Up to 2 awards may be granted.
- **Best Project Award**
For the best overall project or program implemented by an NPA group, based on its ambition, creativity, resourcefulness, member involvement, community engagement and success. Open to branch committees, specialist groups and subgroups. Up to 1 award may be granted.
- **Distinguished Service Award**
For distinguished service to the protection or appreciation of nature over an extended period exceeding 10 years. This award is granted only occasionally.
- **Allen and Beryl Strom Award**
For exceptional lifetime service to NPA, the nature conservation sector and the wider community. This award is granted only occasionally.

Eligibility and criteria for awards

Awards may be granted to individual members or a group of members. Non-members may also be considered. A nominee must have:

- performed significant voluntary work aiding the protection or appreciation of nature,
- achieved results through extraordinary effort, commitment, initiative, innovation or creativity,
- provided a fitting role model for others.

Making a nomination

Nominations may only be made by:

- current NPA members
- branch committees
- NPA staff.

Please complete the form overleaf and send it by email or post. Or you can use the online form at www.npansw.org.au. Nominations close on Tuesday 6 October 2026.

What to include in your nomination

Your nomination must:

- describe the nominee's work and achievements
- include relevant dates or other evidence
- explain why the nominee deserves an award
- include one or more photos of the nominee.

If we need more information, we'll get back to you.

Nominations for the *Allen and Beryl Strom Award* require more detailed documentation. For example, biographical notes, outstanding qualities, periods of service, major successes, reminiscences, anecdotes or other awards.

Determination of awards

Local achievement awards will be determined by the relevant branch committee. All other awards will be determined by the Recruitment and Awards Group. Nominators and award recipients will be notified of the outcome in late October.

Presentation of awards

Awards will be presented in November, details to be announced in *Nature News* (e-newsletter).

Awards may be also presented at local functions organised by the relevant branch committee. Award recipients will receive a certificate, together with any prizes or gift vouchers that may be available.

Enquiries

For further information, please telephone 02 9299 0000, or email npansw@npansw.org.au

Nomination for Volunteer Award

**A. Your details** (person or branch committee making the nomination)**Name(s) ***

Email *

Telephone *

B. Nominee's details (person or group you are nominating for an award)**Name ***

Email *

Telephone *

C. Award category * *Tick one only*
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Activity Leadership Award

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Best Project Award

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Local Achievement Award

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Distinguished Service Award

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State-wide Achievement Award

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Allen & Beryl Strom Award

D. Describe the nominee's work and achievements, and include relevant dates. We need more than just a sentence or two. Explain why they deserve an award **Provide attachments if necessary. If we need more information, we'll get back to you.***E. Photos and other documents***I have attached additional supporting information (tick as appropriate).*
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Photos * *required*
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Other documents – *optional***HOW TO LODGE YOUR NOMINATION**

Email:

Save the form (choose 'Save As' from the file menu)
and email it to npansw@npansw.org.au

Post:

Post to: National Parks Association of NSW
PO Box K12, Haymarket NSW 1240**IMPORTANT**Nominations close Tuesday 6 October 2026.
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