**2023 Awards for Excellence in Concrete**

The Concrete Institute of Australia is pleased to announce that entries for the 2023 Awards for Excellence in Concrete program are now invited. Established in 1971, the Awards for Excellence in Concrete recognise and publicise the many significant contributions to excellence in concrete design, construction and materials in Australia.

Concrete related projects, technologies and innovations are all eligible to receive an award. The Institute’s Awards program caters for both large and small projects, as well as large and small organisations.

For full details on the Awards for Excellence in Concrete, you can download the [2023 Entry Guidelines & Conditions](https://concreteinstitute.com.au/awards-for-excellence-in-concrete/#flipbook-pdf_button/1/) document.

**Submissions**

All entries for the Institute’s Awards program must be made by a submission through the [2023 Awards for Excellence in Concrete portal](https://excellenceinconcrete.secure-platform.com/a/).

The entry process provides for all information which is required for the judges to assess each entry, including the entrant’s contact details, the entry description, specific information related to the various judging criteria, and supporting information and photographs which can be uploaded.

The process also allows for the entrant to return to the application to add more detail or to make changes, provided these are done by the closing date which is 31 March 2023.

An entry fee of **$770 (incl. GST)** must be paid for each submission. You can submit more than one entry but must pay an entry fee for each submission. Fees are to be paid prior to entering submission materials, and completed by the closing date, 31 March 2023.

**Criteria**

There will be a consistent set of criteria for the judging of entries in all categories. The following 5 points are consistent with judging criteria that will be considered.

* Materials & Concrete Technology
* Design & Engineering
* Construction & Construction Practices
* Architectural & Environment
* Sustainability & Resilience

To assist in preparing your entry, feel free to use this document before finalising your submission on the portal.

Entrants will find that each criteria has the following explanation included:

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| **Criterion** | **Explanation** |
| Entry Summary | Provide a summary of why the entry exemplifies Excellence in Concrete. This summary will provide the judges an overview of the entry and will be used for promotional and marketing purposes. |
|  | *(250 words max)* |
| Materials & Concrete Technology | How has this entry excelled, or made advances, in concrete materials, concrete repair materials, or other related materials with respect to concrete (i.e. in research, design, durability, construction, technology etc.). How have they achieved or exceeded required outcomes? Elements to consider (but not limited to) include:* Innovative use of concrete and/or concrete technology
* Innovate use of SCM’s to achieve results
* Innovative or efficient use of non-traditional concrete types or concrete materials
* New materials used to advance concrete technology
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|  | *(250 words max)* |
| Design & Engineering | How has concrete been used to achieve a superior design or specification solution with respect to the entry? Has it contributed to new or improved design or specification methods and processes? Does the detailing of the concrete elements in the entry demonstrate above average standards or improvements on existing practices? Elements to consider (but not limited to) are – * Unique and effective design solutions
* Solutions that consider construction challenges
* Solutions that are focused on being enduring over time
* Designs and specifications that meet the needs of the user/owner
* In relation to the concrete, do the specification, design, detailing and construction practices demonstrate appropriate or superior consideration of the exposure and environmental conditions for the project?
* Where durability consideration is important, does this entry provide advances in concrete’s performance?
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|  | *(250 words max)* |
| Construction & Construction Practices | How does the entry provide evidence of high quality or new and improved construction techniques and practices? Factors to consider (but not limited to) include:* Formwork details
* Control of reinforcement placement and cover
* Concrete placing compaction finishing and curing,
* Above average attention to practices achieving high quality and durable surface finishes.

Other relevant aspects can include:* Technologies and practices which led to notable cost or time efficiencies
* Minimising impact on the project’s environment
* Whether new or improved practices have been used to achieve the required design and project outcomes – in relation to the concrete elements.
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|  | *(250 words max)* |
| Architectural & Environment | How does the entry display attributes such as how concrete has been used to achieve outstanding aesthetics in terms of appearance and/or the relationship to the project’s environment.Elements to consider (but not limited to) are – * Does the detailing of the concrete elements demonstrate above average standards or improvements on existing practices?
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|  | *(250 words max)* |
| Sustainability & Resilience | How has, or will, this entry lead to improved performance in terms of sustainability and resilience? How does the use of concrete contribute to this? This can include attributes of the entry such as management systems, procurement & purchasing, and climate change adaptation in relation to the concrete aspects. In relation to the concrete, consider all aspects of resources sourcing, use and transport and replacement, recycling, and end-of-life reuse. Elements to consider (but not limited to) are – * Does the entry incorporate features, materials, or technology that will lead to an extended service life?
* Does the entry demonstrate low embodied energy?
* Does the entry incorporate the re-use or recycle of a significant percentage of materials in concrete?
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|  | *(250 words max)* |

Entrants should also have a minimum of 5, maximum of 10, high resolution images available to upload with their submissions. There is also scope to upload a video and other supporting documentation.