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Nomination Guide



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ABOUT THE AWARDS

The Australasian Rail Industry Awards (ARI Awards) provide a national platform to recognise and celebrate excellence and innovation by individuals, project and companies in the Australian and New Zealand rail industry.

Nominations are open to any employees working in the rail industry, rail-related projects and organisations operating in or affiliated with rail (in Australia and New Zealand only).

Winners will be announced and celebrated at the ARI Awards Gala Dinner on Wednesday 7 August at the Hilton Hotel, Sydney.

Proceeds from the ARI Awards go to the TrackSAFE Foundation, a registered harm prevention charity established by the rail industry to reduce near collisions, injuries and fatalities on the rail network from suicide and reckless behaviour.

Key dates

Nominations open
15 February

Nominations close
5 April

Finalists notified
27 May

Finalists announced
28 May

Awards night registrations open
28 May

Awards dinner
Wednesday 7 August
6:30pm - 11:30pm
Hilton Hotel, Sydney.





ABOUT THE AWARDS

In 2024, awards are being offered in the following categories:

Awards categories

Individual awards

- Signalling and Systems Engineering Excellence (IRSE) (judged by the IRSE)
- Emerging Rail Specialist Award (judged by the RTAA)
- Young Achiever Award (judged by the PWI NSW)
- Young Rail Professional Award (judged by the RTSA)
- Career Achievement Award (judged by the ARA)

Project or organisation awards

- Freight Rail Excellence Award (ARA)
- Passenger Operations Excellence Award (ARA)
- Infrastructure Project Excellence Award (RTSA)
- Supplier Excellence Award (ARA)
- Safety Excellence Award (RISSB)
- Customer Service Excellence Award (ARA)
- Employee Engagement Excellence Award (ARA)
- Rail Innovation of the Year Award (ARA)
- Sustainability Excellence Award (ARA)
- Diversity and Inclusion Excellence Award (ARA)
- Keeping communities safe on and around rail (TrackSAFE Foundation)

*Please note, each award category has its own selection criteria that nominations will be judged against..





Tips for your nomination

Nominations received under each ARI Award category are assessed by an independent judging panel. Each judge will review several nominations. Consider the following tips to help your submission stand out:

- Review and write to the selection criteria for that award.
- Be brief, clear and concise. Word limits must be adhered to, but they do not have to be reached.
- Dot points can be used.
- Highlight new innovations, practical and applicable solutions.
- Substantiate any claims such as “Australian first” or “New Zealand first”.
- Be specific and use examples or data where possible.
- Try not to repeat information.

Prizes

Award winners

Each award winner will be announced at the ARI Awards Gala Dinner and receive:

- A trophy presented on stage at the Gala Dinner.
- A feature article in media partner’s publication.
- Exclusive use of the ARI Awards winner logo.
- Other benefits may be arranged by RTAA, RTSA, IRSE, PWI and RISSB specific to their respective awards (see award information for more details).

Award finalists

Judges will select up to four entries as finalists for each award category. Finalists will be notified on Monday 27 May 2024.





How to Nominate

The ARI Awards are open to all sectors of the Australia and New Zealand rail industry.

We strive to celebrate all aspects of our industry and encourage all to participate. Individuals, projects and organisations can self-nominate or be nominated.

All nominations must be submitted online via Evalato, an online awards management platform, accessible **here**.

Each award category has its own nomination form within the platform. To nominate for an award, create an account, complete the submission form and submit your nomination/s through the portal. You can save a nomination, close and return later to submit.

Following the judging process, finalists will be announced on Tuesday 28 May 2024. All applicants will be advised whether their nomination has progressed at this time.

Questions

Award winners

For any enquiries about the nomination process, sponsorship or other details, please contact us at awards@ara.net.au.





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Frauscher Sensor Technology Australia strongly supports the encouragement of young people into the rail industry and is proud to sponsor the Career Achievement Award.





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Employee Engagement Excellence Award



Rail Innovation of the Year Award



Sustainability Excellence Award



Diversity and Inclusion Excellence Award

TrackSAFE Foundation

Keeping communities safe on and around rail Award

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Supporting partners





Become a sponsor

The ARI Awards Dinner offers a unique opportunity to applaud and support excellence and innovation in the Australasian rail industry. This will provide exceptionally broad promotional and branding opportunities to the awards sponsors.

Remaining sponsorship opportunities:

- Gold Sponsor x 2
- Silver Sponsor x 3

Category sponsors:

- Passenger Operations Excellence Award sponsor
- Supplier Excellence Award sponsor

Explore the sponsorship prospectus [here](#).

To discuss sponsorship opportunities, please contact the awards team at awards@ara.net.au.





AWARDS CRITERIA

Nominations are now open for the below award categories and can be **submitted by our online platform**. For more information on how to nominate, click on the award category to view the full terms and conditions.

Individual awards

Signalling and Systems Engineering Excellence Award



Judged by the Institution of Railway Signal Engineers (IRSE)

Recognises individuals who have contributed to the overall success of the operation of our railways.

View the selection criteria here.

Emerging Rail Specialist Award



Judged by the Rail Track Association Australia (RTAA)

Recognises and encourages the contribution of emerging rail specialists with less than 10 years' relevant experience in the rail industry.

View the selection criteria here.

Young Rail Professional Award



Judged by the Railway Technical Society of Australasia (RTSA)

Recognises and encourages young individuals pursuing a career in the rail industry.

View the selection criteria here.

Young Achiever Award



Judged by the Permanent Way Institution (PWI) (NSW)

Recognises excellence and innovation by a young rail specialist in the rail infrastructure industry, to support their professional development.

View the selection criteria here.

Career Achievement Award



Judged by the Australasian Railway Association (ARA)

Recognises the passion and commitment of an individual who has spent many years in rail, and made a difference for a company or the greater industry.

View the selection criteria here.



Project or organisation awards

Freight Rail Excellence Award



Recognises excellence in the rail freight sector.

[View the selection criteria here.](#)

Passenger Operations Excellence Award



Recognises excellence in the passenger rail sector.

[View the selection criteria here.](#)

Infrastructure Project Excellence Award



Recognises an outstanding rail infrastructure project, including consideration of innovation, sustainability and the delivery of positive community and industry outcomes.

[View the selection criteria here.](#)

Supplier Excellence Award



Recognises outstanding projects or initiatives by rail suppliers that have demonstrated leadership, delivered efficiency or productivity improvements, or achieved business or industry growth.

[View the selection criteria here.](#)

Safety Excellence Award



Judged by the Rail Industry Safety Standards Board (RISSB)

Recognises individuals and/or companies that contribute to ensuring rail operations are safe and reliable.

[View the selection criteria here.](#)

Customer Service Excellence Award



Recognises outstanding customer service provided by a company in the rail industry.

[View the selection criteria here.](#)

Employee Engagement Excellence Award



Recognises the spirit of cooperation between and organization and its employees, and encourages organisations to constructively engage their employees to support industry growth.

[View the selection criteria here.](#)



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Rail Innovation of the Year Award



Recognises leadership through the practical application of innovation solutions for new and existing market needs, resulting in a commercial, environmental or social benefit.

[View the selection criteria here.](#)

Sustainability Excellence Award



Recognises and promotes progress towards sustainability excellence and innovation in the rail industry.

[View the selection criteria here.](#)

Diversity and Inclusion Excellence Award



Recognises programs aimed at improving diversity and inclusion in the rail industry.

[View the selection criteria here.](#)

Keeping communities safe on and around rail Award



Recognises the diverse range of activities organisations have implemented to keep the R U OK? Conversation going in their workplace throughout the year.

[View the selection criteria here.](#)





TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The following terms and conditions apply to all ARI Awards entrants:

- In the interests of fairness, no late applications will be accepted
- Applications must be made via the online platform, **evalato**
- Supporting documents may be uploaded as part of the online nomination process
- Nominees must be working in the rail industry, or be affiliated with the rail industry i.e. consulting, supplying etc
- Applicants must meet the entry criteria for the specific award to be eligible
- Self-nominations are allowed, but individuals submitting self-nominations must supply third party endorsement and referee contact details
- Winners will be announced at the ARI Awards Gala Dinner on Wednesday 7 August 2024. The only exception is the Young Achiever Award (PWI NSW). PWI will contact the winner before the event
- Finalist companies will be asked to select one representative to accept the award on stage at the ARI Awards Gala Dinner.
- The ARA reserves the right to use non-confidential details, distribute media and owns photographs for publicity purposes pertaining to the Awards and the ARA
- Contact details may be made available to sponsors (with permission)
- All applications are treated with the strictest confidence
- The decision by the judging panel in each category is final.

