



Awards for Excellence

OVERVIEW

The Awards for Excellence is the painting and Decorating industry's premier event, providing an opportunity for Painters and Decorators to showcase their work – from the smallest decorative detail to large-scale, multi-storey projects.

The celebration culminates in the prestigious Awards for Excellence Gala Dinner, recognising the skill, dedication, and creativity of painters across our industry.

The awards are open to members of Master Painters Australia NSW Association Inc. and Master Painters ACT (MPA) and are proudly administered by the Association. Awards are generally presented across a range of categories; however, category values may vary depending on the number and type of entries received.

MAJOR AWARDS:

NSW DOMESTIC PROJECT OF THE YEAR	ACT DOMESTIC PROJECT OF THE YEAR
NSW COMMERCIAL PROJECT OF THE YEAR	ACT COMMERCIAL PROJECT OF THE YEAR
THE MASTERS AWARD	HOST TRAINER OF THE YEAR

From the Project categories the judges then choose the following major Awards:

NSW

- > Residential: Under & Over 100K
- > Iconic Building and Structures
- > Difficult Access Project of the Year
- > Presidents Award | Presidents Cup
- > Apprentice of the Year
- > NSW Finalist: Under & Over 100K
- > Iconic Building: Under & Over 100K
- > Intumescent Coatings: Under & Over 100K
- > Commercial: Under & Over 100K
- > Heritage and Restoration: Under & Over 100K
- > Decorative Finishes Residential: Under & Over 100K
- > Timber Finishes Residential: Under & Over 100K
- > Texture Coating Finishes: Under & Over 100K
- > Industrial Coatings: Under & Over 100K
- > Spray Painting: Under & Over 100K
- > Wallcoverings: Under & Over 100K
- > Exceptional High Preparatory Works: Under & Over 100K
- > Difficult Access: Under & Over 100K

ACT

- > Residential: Under & Over 100K
- > Iconic Building and Structures
- > Difficult Access Project of the Year
- > Host Trainer of the Year (Awarded by MPA Panel)
- > Apprentice of the Year
- > ACT Finalist: Under & Over 100K
- > Iconic Building: Under & Over 100K
- > Intumescent Coatings: Under & Over 100K
- > Commercial: Under & Over 100K
- > Heritage and Restoration: Under & Over 100K
- > Decorative Finishes Residential: Under & Over 100K
- > Timber Finishes Residential: Under & Over 100K
- > Texture Coating Finishes: Under & Over 100K
- > Industrial Coatings: Under & Over 100K
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CONDITIONS OF ENTRY:

The competition is open to:

- a. **Master Painters Members in NSW and ACT only.**
- b. NSW entrants must hold a **current painting and decorating contractor's licence.**
- c. As licencing is currently not applied in the ACT, ACT members must provide evidence of a painting and decorating trade qualification.
- d. Contractors may nominate their own projects, or projects may be nominated by third parties such as project owners, suppliers of painting and decorating materials, or service providers.
- e. Eligible projects must have been completed within the 2025 Calander year.
- f. Judging to be executed within two months.
- g. Entrants must ensure that permission is obtained from the property owner and any other relevant parties for the project to be:
 - Entered in the Awards
 - Inspected by the judges
 - Photographed and published, including disclosure of the property location for publicity purposes.
- h. The prescribed **entry fee must accompany the submission.** Entries without payment will not be considered.
- i. It is the sole responsibility of the entrant to provide all relevant details at the time of entry. This includes, but is not limited to:
 - Specific information on areas to be judged
 - Contact details of persons responsible for access
 - Plans identifying any areas to be judged
 - Any other supporting information to ensure correctness of the project location.
- j. All entries remain the property of the MPA. Photographs supplied may be used by MPA in a variety of publications and promotional materials.
- k. Maximum 8 entries per member.

ENTRY CRITERIA:

All entries must comply with, demonstrate, and provide evidence of the following:

1. **Work Health and Safety (WHS):** Provide details of WHS policies and procedures, including information on the personal protective equipment (PPE) used for the project.
2. **Environmental Compliance:** Demonstrate compliance with environmental procedures and explain how these were managed throughout the project.
3. **Hazard Management:** Outline the management of lead paint and asbestos hazards, where applicable.
4. **Customer Service:** Provide evidence of how customer service was maintained during the project.
5. **Entry Forms:** A separate entry form must be submitted **for each project and each category entered.**
6. **Project Description:** Include a brief description of each project/category, with details of the products used.
7. **Work Progress:** Provide details of the work process from start to finish, supported by photographs showing all stages of work.
8. **Photographic Evidence:** Submit before, during, and after photos to demonstrate the project outcomes.
9. **Categories:** Refer to the Awards for Excellence list of categories when preparing entries.