

# Most Accessible Communities Western Australia (MACWA) Awards 2025/26



## Nomination Form

The MACWA Awards, to be celebrated in 2026 at the WALGA Local Government Awards, recognise Local Governments that demonstrate leadership, innovation and commitment to access and inclusion across their communities.

The MACWA Awards celebrate initiatives that create inclusive environments for people with disability, while also supporting broader community groups including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, LGBTQIA+ communities, young people, families and seniors, strengthening access and inclusion where it matters most at the heart of our communities.

## Categories

There are two award categories:

- Access
- Inclusion

Projects may be:

- Completed initiatives
- Projects scheduled for completion in 2026
- New or enhanced initiatives that go beyond legislative requirements
- Projects aligned to your Strategic Community Plan, Disability Access and Inclusion Plan (DAIP) or the State Disability Strategy

## Eligibility and Alignment

All nominations must demonstrate alignment with:

- One or more of the seven DAIP Outcomes<sup>1</sup>, and
- One or more of the Four Pillars of the State Disability Strategy<sup>2</sup>

These frameworks are the key drivers for assessment.

## Nomination Requirements

- Minimum 250 word explanation
- Clear description of the initiative and its outcomes
- Evidence of impact for the Local Government Area (LGA) and community
- Demonstrated alignment with relevant plans and strategies

## Evidence

Evidence is required. Accepted file formats are Word, PDF and JPEG only. Supporting evidence can include:

- |                  |                     |  |
|------------------|---------------------|--|
| • Media releases | • Website links     | • Character reference                                  |
| • Photos         | • Budget approvals  | • Support letters from community and LGA Access Groups |
| • Speeches       | • Development plans |  |

## Nomination Details

**Local Government name:**

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**Local Government classification:**

Town     Shire     City

**Location:**

Metro     Regional/remote

**Local Government Area address:**

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### Nomination contact

Name 

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Position 

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Email 

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Phone 

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## Project Description (minimum 250 words)

**Please address all sections below in your response.**

### 1. Project Overview

Describe the project, initiative or program being nominated.

### 2. Community and Organisational Benefit

Explain how the project benefited:

- Your Local Government Area, and
- The community (including people with disability and other groups).

### 3. Strategic Alignment

Explain how the project aligns with one or more of the following:

- Disability Access and Inclusion Plan (DAIP)
- Access and Inclusion Plans (AIP)
- State Disability Strategy (SDS)
- Strategic Community Plan (SCP)

**Response** (a separate Word document or PDF is accepted)

## Compliance Checklist

### Please confirm the following:

Does this nomination align with one or more DAIP Outcomes?

Yes       No

Does this nomination align with one or more of the Four Pillars of the State Disability Strategy?

Yes       No

### Authorisation

Name and Signature of Nominating Officer: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Is the CEO and/or Mayor aware of this nomination? (for data purposes only)

Yes       No

## Key Frameworks

### <sup>1</sup> Disability Access and Inclusion Plan (DAIP) Seven Outcomes

- 1 Services and Events
- 2 Buildings and Facilities
- 3 Information Services
- 4 Quality of Service
- 5 Complaints Process
- 6 Public Consultation
- 7 Employment

### <sup>2</sup> State Disability Strategy Four Pillars

- 1 Participate and Contribute
- 2 Rights and Equity
- 3 Inclusive Communities
- 4 Living Well

### Important dates

**Nominations Open: 24/03/26**

**Nominations Close: 5/05/26**

### Ready to nominate?

Please send your completed nomination form and evidence to [info@walga.asn.au](mailto:info@walga.asn.au)