DIGITAL BUILT AUSTRALIA

AWARDS

2025 | Application Pack

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DIGITAL BUILT KNOWLEDGE

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WHEN & HOW?
Date: Wednesday 30 April, 2025
Time: 4:00 - 5:00PM AEST
Location: Online via Zoom

WHY?

PURPOSE
To recognise and reward leadership, celebrate best practice and catalyse action towards a digital built future in Australia.

COMMUNITY
An evening of celebration, associated with DIGITAL BUILT WEEK - an event that will become a highlight of the digital built industry in the region.

CATEGORIES
A range of award categories that will showcase the best from government and industry in a way that reflects the depth of impact that digital transformation and data maturity can have on our precincts, infrastructure and cities.

AGENDA

I WEDNESDAY 30 APRIL, 2025
4:00AM - 5:00PM AEST I Online

4:00-4:10PM | **I Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country**
Welcome, overview and agenda

4:10-4:20PM | **I Opening Addess**
An opening address by a Government leader

4:20-4:30PM | **I Award Categories 1 (Policy) and 2 (Program)**

4:30-4:40PM | **I Guest Appearance: Digital Built Pathways in the Era of Trust**
We welcome our international guest to share a short reflection

4:40-5:00PM | **I Award Categories 3 (Projects), 4 (Products) and 5 (People)**

5:00PM | **I Awards Close**

All times are in AEST

THE JURY

I CHAIR, DR. IAN OPPERMAN
Co-Founder, ServiceGen

I Michelle Teis
Managing Partner, GWI

I Prof. Chris Pettit
Director - City Futures Research Centre,
University of New South Wales

I Lucinda Hartley
Co-Founder and
Chief Growth Officer,
Mondus

I Grace de Leon
City Initiatives Lead - Smart Christchurch
Christchurch City Council, New Zealand

I Michael Comninos
Director, Astrolabe Group

CORE VALUES

The way digital and data is shaping the built environment, and the economy, is the challenge for the decade. A decade that is relying on deep action to achieve our climate commitments, productivity gains and enhance human prosperity and wellbeing.

The built environment (that we shape) is one of the most significant contributors to our wellbeing and prosperity, and at TEMPO we believe digital and data can play a critical role.

The three (3) core values of TEMPO Institute that have shaped the award categories and their respective evaluation criteria are:

SUSTAINABILITY
Our built environment is shaped by the core tenants of sustainability - a truly triple bottom line that respects the critical ecological functions of the natural environment in human development, that the economy is critical to our prosperity and that human health and wellbeing is fundamental to our future.

LEADERSHIP
We cannot expect change without doing things differently. And positive change requires leaders to step-up, make difficult decisions and invest in policy, processes and practices that depart from business as usual. Business as usual is not a friend to transformation.

CAPABILITY
A range of award categories that will showcase the best from government and industry in a way that reflects the depth of impact that digital transformation and data maturity can have on our precincts, cities and infrastructure.

DIGITAL BUILT?

WHAT DO WE MEAN BY DIGITAL BUILT?

At TEMPO, we use the 'digital built' term broadly.

For the purposes of the Digital Built Australia Awards, the definition encompasses:

Digitally enabled and data-inspired planning, design, construction, asset operation, and service delivery practices.

Therefore, we see the Digital Built Australia Awards as an opportunity for the following professions and their projects, policies, products and programs to be recognised for their leadership:

- Planning
- Urban Design
- Economics
- Architecture
- Landscape Architecture
- Social Science
- Geospatial
- Engineering
- Construction
- Asset Management
- Technology Development
- Information Management
- Service Delivery.

THE CATEGORIES

1. POLICY

Open to any government organisation that has created policy or a policy environment supporting the advancement of digitally-enabled and data inspired planning, design, construction, asset operation or service delivery practices for the built environment.

2. PROGRAM

Open to any government organisation or government owned entity that has developed a program for sustained digital transformation of planning, design, construction, asset operation or service delivery practices for the built environment.

3. PROJECT

Open to any government organisation, government owned entity or private sector organisation that has delivered or is delivering a project focused on the digital transformation of planning, design, construction, asset operation or service delivery practices for the built environment.

4. PRODUCT

Open to any government organisation, government owned entity, private sector entity or research institution that has developed software or a digitally-enabled product that supports the transformation of planning, design, construction, asset operation or service delivery practices for the built environment.

5. PEOPLE

Three (3) awards will be offered to individuals that have played a significant role in shaping positive impact through the digital transformation of planning, design, construction, asset operation or service delivery practices. There are three awards available with one each for a 'Government', 'Private Sector' and 'Future Leader' representative. The Future Leader award is open to any sector.
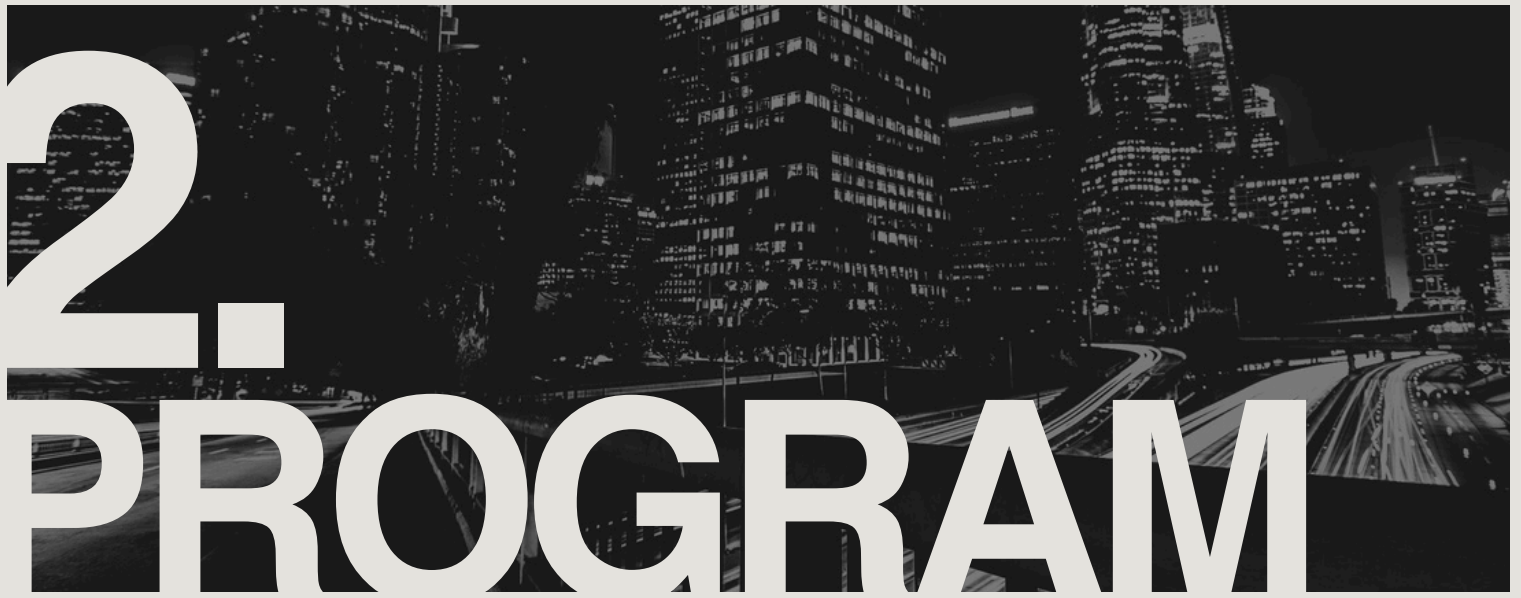
CATEGORY 1: POLICY

This award recognises government organisations that are strategically guiding their digital built transformation investments through the implementation of policies, regulations and other mechanisms to guide decision-making.

This category is open to any government organisation that has created policy or a policy environment supporting the advancement of digitally-enabled and data inspired planning, design, construction, asset operation or service delivery practices for the built environment.

CATEGORY CRITERIA

1. Evidence the organisation has developed a policy initiative that enables long-term direction setting for 'digital built' and supports the development of specific actions, programs and initiatives as they relate to planning, design, construction, asset operation or service delivery for the built environment.

2. Evidence the policy initiative has contributed to advancing one or more of TEMPO's core values.

CATEGORY 2: PROGRAM

This award recognises government organisations or government owned entities that are strategically guiding their digital built transformation investments through the implementation of comprehensive strategies, roadmaps, guidelines, and frameworks.

Open to any government organisation or government owned entity that has developed a program for sustained digitally-enabled and data inspired transformation of planning, design, construction, asset operation or service delivery practices for the built environment.

CATEGORY CRITERIA

1. The organisation has developed a program or set of initiatives to guide the implementation of a policy. Evidence of detailed actions supported by the allocation of resources and guided by targets are required.

2. Evidence the program has contributed to advancing one or more of TEMPO's core values.

CATEGORY 3: PROJECT

This award recognises organisations that are using digital built transformation practices on their projects to enable sustainable outcomes.

Open to any government, government-owned entity, or private sector organisation that has delivered or is delivering a project focused on digitally-enabled and data inspired transformation of planning, design, construction, asset operation or service delivery practices for the built environment.

CATEGORY CRITERIA

1. The applicant must provide a case study* of the project presenting a digital built service or solution that delivers significant impact for a client and/or the community including the problem, the solution, the outcomes, and the lessons learned.

2. Evidence the program has contributed to advancing one** or more of TEMPO's core values.

*Case study's must include the following sections only: Title, overview, scope, implementation, outcomes, and lessons learned. All case studies will be published on the TEMPO website and freely accessible to all.

**The 'Sustainability' core value must be included in your response to this criteria.

4. PRODUCT

CATEGORY 4: PRODUCT

This award recognises those who have developed software or a digitally-enabled product that supports the digital transformation of planning, design, construction, asset operation, or service delivery practices for the built environment.

Open to any government organisation, government-owned entity, private sector entity, or research institution.

CATEGORY CRITERIA

1. The applicant must provide a case study* of the product and how it delivers significant impact for a client and/or the community including the problem, the solution, the outcomes the solution delivers, and the lessons learned.

2. Evidence the program has contributed to advancing one** or more of TEMPO's core values.

*Case study's must include the following sections only: Title, overview, scope, implementation, outcomes, and lessons learned. All case studies will be published on the TEMPO website and freely accessible to all.

**The 'Sustainability' core value must be included in your response to this criteria.

5. PEOPLE

CATEGORY 4: PEOPLE

This award category recognises individuals within all sectors who have made a significant contribution to advancing the digital built agenda.

Three awards are offered to individuals who have played a significant role in shaping the digital transformation of planning, design, construction, asset operation, or service delivery practices for the built environment in Australia.

There are three (3) awards with one each for a Government, Private Sector, and Future Leader* representative. The Future Leader award is open to any sector.

CATEGORY CRITERIA

1. Demonstrated leadership qualities of the individual within their organisation and their sector.

2. Commitment to and proven contribution toward advancing their organisation's actions and investments in digital built solutions across planning, design, construction, asset operation or service delivery practices.

3. Evidence the individual has contributed to advancing one or more of TEMPO's core values.

*Only submissions from individuals within the first 10 years of their career (first tertiary qualification or equivalent) are eligible for this award.

KEY DATES

Wednesday 2nd October 2024
Submission portal opens.

Friday 31 January 2025
Submissions close 12:00AM AEDT.

Tuesday 25 February 2025
Finalists announced.

Wednesday 30 April 2025
Awards reception and announcement of winners.

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SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

REQUIREMENTS

- Organisations can lodge multiple submissions for any award category. Separate submissions are required for each.
- Only submissions from organisations, individuals, programs, products and projects in Australia will be accepted.
- All organisations submitting for the awards must do so via the submissions portal on the TEMPO website. Only submissions lodged via this platform will be accepted.
- Responses to each of the category criteria are mandatory, must be consolidated into one (1) unformatted Word document and start on a new page.
- Responses to each category criteria must be no more than 600 words.
- Each submission must be accompanied two (2) high resolution images that the submitter has copyright licenses for and can be used for reproduction by TEMPO Institute.
- Finalists may be asked to provide additional information for evaluation and/or marketing purposes.
- Any questions about the submissions process must be directed to: info@tempoinstitute.co

OTHER NOTES

- Finalists and winners are selected based on an evaluation process performed by an independent awards jury, supervised by an independent Chair. Further information can be found here.
- Finalists will be notified approximately four (4) business days prior to TEMPO announcing them on Tuesday 25th February 2025.
- It is a condition of eligibility that finalists have at least one (1) representative attend the online Awards reception on Wednesday 30th April 2025.
- Information provided in the finalists submission(s) may be used by TEMPO for marketing purposes, so it is recommended that no sensitive information be included in the submission.

ABOUT TEMPO

WHAT IS TEMPO?

TEMPO Institute is a digital built environment education platform that supports government and industry accelerate their sustainability journey through the strategic use of technology and data.

WHO IS TEMPO?

Two built environment leaders who have championed digital and data-led transformation make up TEMPO - Gavin Cotterill and Adam Beck.

THE CHALLENGE THAT DRIVES US

The built environment sector and the policy making that shapes it, along with the practitioners who plan and design it, have at times struggled to keep pace with digital transformation.

And the challenge is real - the pace of change is eyewatering!

The way digital and data is shaping the built environment, and the economy, is the challenge for the decade. A decade that is relying on deep action to achieve our climate commitments, productivity gains and enhance human prosperity and wellbeing.

The built environment (that we shape) is one of the most significant contributors to our wellbeing and prosperity, and at TEMPO we believe digital and data can play a critical role.

But one of the biggest barriers confronting this challenge is knowledge and capability - an area that needs a lot of support.

And this challenge has helped position TEMPO as a leading digital built knowledge facilitator.

OUR WORK

Digital Twin Microcredential - the world's first dedicated training program for Digital Twin capability development.

DIGITAL BUILT WEEK - an annual online leadership summit for the digital built environment sector.

CANVAS - a quarterly digital magazine showcasing digital built environment news and views.

Digital Built Australia - the nations leading digital built podcast series.

PULSE - Monthly 30min rapid networking and knowledge exchange meetings.

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