

# Get Ready Community Award 2022 Guidelines



## About the award

Every year, communities in NSW work together to prepare for, respond to, and recover from natural disasters. The **NSW Get Ready Community Award** is an annual award established by the NSW Government, that celebrates a NSW community that has worked to make their community more prepared and better able to recover from disasters.

### Who can enter?

Applications can be submitted by local organisations, such as volunteer groups, community organisations or local councils, on behalf of the community. The initiatives must demonstrate community-driven partnerships and collaborations.

The term 'community' can refer to a particular township or region or a group of people that have something in common, for example young people, older community members, people from culturally and linguistically diverse communities or people with disabilities.

Applications need to show participation across the community and are open to initiatives that have been completed along with work that is underway or ongoing. If you can demonstrate the value of the initiative in building your community's resilience to disasters, it will be award worthy!

### How to enter

Simply complete **three easy steps**:

1. Either complete the pdf application form or submit an application via the web form at <https://www.nsw.gov.au/prepare-for-a-disaster/get-ready-community-award>
2. Include all supporting information, including photographs or video footage, as attachments
3. If submitting via email, send your application to [GetReadyNSW@resilience.nsw.gov.au](mailto:GetReadyNSW@resilience.nsw.gov.au) before midnight on **18 July 2022**.

### How will I know if my application was received?

You will receive an email reply to confirm receipt of your application; please keep this as proof of your submission.

## Key dates

Entries Open:

**23 May 2022**

Entries Close:

**18 July 2022**

The Award Ceremony will be held in early October (date TBC) in conjunction with the Resilient Australia Awards 2022. All finalists will be invited.

### Need Help or more information

Reach out to our Awards Convenor for information and tips.

✉ [GetReadyNSW@resilience.nsw.gov.au](mailto:GetReadyNSW@resilience.nsw.gov.au)

🌐 [www.nsw.gov.au/resilience-nsw](http://www.nsw.gov.au/resilience-nsw)

### How will I be notified of the result?

All finalists will be notified by email or a phone call within 6 weeks of the application closing date. Unsuccessful applications will be notified by email and can find out the winning result after the 2022 ceremony.

### Use of information

By submitting your entry for the NSW Get Ready Community Award, you consent to the NSW Government making the project information publicly available for promotional purposes. Entries may be used in future education activities, case studies, government websites, publicity materials or publications.

# Application Form

## Instructions

1. You can complete your application via the pdf application form and send to [GetReadyNSW@resilience.nsw.gov.au](mailto:GetReadyNSW@resilience.nsw.gov.au).  
Alternatively, submit an application via web form at <https://www.nsw.gov.au/prepare-for-a-disaster/get-ready-community-award>
2. Remember to attach and include any supporting information.



**Tip: Keep the email confirming receipt of your application.**

## Selection Criteria

The community initiative or project:

- must be current or recent, launched on or after 1 January 2021
- must be initiated and managed by the local community
- shows strong collaboration and partnerships across the community and involvement of community members
- has strengthened the resilience of the local community to disasters through community participation in disaster planning, preparedness, response and/or recovery.