***Supporting Tennis – Local Government Award***

Award period: 1 March 2023 – 29 February 2024

An award will be presented to one Local Government Authority (LGA), who is judged to be the most engaged with, and supportive of, tennis in their community.

Eligibility criteria

This award is open to all 79 Victorian LGAs, excluding the winner of the 2023 Victorian Tennis Awards – Supporting Tennis – Local Government Award.

Selection Criteria

The selection panel will consider the following in assessing nominations:

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| **No.** | **Description** |
|  | LGA has actively engaged with Tennis Victoria over the award period. |
|  | LGA has developed / is in the process of developing a current tennis strategy or is currently actively engaged in tennis facility planning or the Thriving Tennis Communities project. |
|  | LGA can demonstrate direct council investment in tennis and / or supported State Government investment. |
|  | LGA has provided support to clubs to be sustainable, accessible, accountable and deliver community benefit e.g. tennis specific leases, forums, local area promotion, club development, innovation in facility design. |

**All** nominations for the 2024 Victorian Community Tennis Awards are to be submitted online via [the Tennis Victoria website.](https://www.tennis.com.au/vic/victoriantennisawards)

**The form on page 3 of this document can be used to collate your nomination information before submitting online. The online submission will not save your information as you go and must be completed in one attempt. Please note word restrictions are in place to keep nominations succinct.**

Only information provided via the online nomination portal and the supporting information attached to the submission will be considered by the selection panel. A maximum of three (3) attachments may be submitted. One **must** be a high-resolution photo of the nominee. If the nomination is named as a finalist, this image will be used for event collateral related to the Victorian Community Tennis Awards.

Tennis Victoria reserves the right to submit nominations for each award category.

All decisions in relation to the 2024 Victorian Community Tennis Awards (including any questions in relation to eligibility) will be determined by the selection panel in its absolute discretion. All decisions are final, and no correspondence will be entered into.

***Timeline***

* The award period is 1 March 2023 – 29 February 2024
* Nominations Open – Thursday 29 February 2024
* Nominations Close – 10am Tuesday 2 April 2024
* All finalists will be notified in writing by Monday 29 April
* Awards will be presented at the Victorian Community Tennis Awards on Thursday 23 May 2024

***Requirements of award recipients***

Finalists will be entitled to two (2) free of charge tickets to attend the Victorian Community Tennis Awards event. Further tickets will be available for purchase subject to capacity.

Successful recipients may be required to participate in marketing and promotional activities in the 12 months following the award.

***Nomination form***

Please use the below to collate your responses addressing the criteria before completing online. The online portal will not save responses as you go, so collating answers first and then pasting into the online form will assist with your submission.

Please limit responses to strictly 200 words per criteria. The online portal will not accept entries outside of these parameters.

**Eligibility Criteria:**

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| The nominee successfully meets all Eligibility criteria set out for this award | Yes  No |

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| **No.** | **Description** |
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| 2 | LGA has developed / is in the process of developing a current tennis strategy or is currently actively engaged in tennis facility planning or the Thriving Tennis Communities project. |
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| 3 | LGA can demonstrate direct council investment in tennis and / or supported State Government investment. |
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| 4 | LGA has provided support to clubs to be sustainable, accessible, accountable and deliver community benefit e.g. tennis specific leases, forums, local area promotion, club development, innovation in facility design. |
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\*\* Complete responses in space provided before pasting into the online submission portal. Two (2) additional supporting documents and one (1) nominee image may be attached separately in the online submission\*\*