



Green Gown Awards Australasia Steering Group

Terms of Reference

History

The Green Gown Awards (GGA) were founded in the UK in 2004 and are now run by the Environmental Association for Universities and Colleges (EAUC), with the founding principle that they are a sector owned and valued Awards scheme. This principle is held in good stead and the Awards are now the most prestigious recognition of sustainability best practice in the UK tertiary education sector. The GGA are governed by a cross sector steering group made up of 12 sector based organisations. The Awards were brought to Australasia in 2010 by Australasian Campuses Towards Sustainability (ACTS) and are officially referred to as the Green Gown Awards Australasia (GGAA).

Purpose

As part of the formal commitment with our UK partners, especially with the introduction of the International Green Gown Awards in 2012, the Australasian steering group is responsible for governing the local Awards. The steering group is involved in shaping the direction of the Awards, ensuring they reflect the needs of the sector and encouraging wide spread promotion and dissemination.

Aims of the Group

- Provide direction for the future of the Awards*
- Provide direction on the categories for the Awards*
- Provide dissemination and promotion of all aspects of the Awards through the respective organisations and links, including applications, results and good practice case studies/videos, to raise the profile of the Awards nationally and internationally
- Provide basic support to the Awards through the delivery and promotion of the Awards – such as through workshops, conferences, webinars etc
- Nominate a representative to be part of the judging process (subject to conflict of interest). This does not apply to members of the ACTS Executive board
- Nominate a representative to sit on the International Green Gown Awards panel if needed. (subject to conflict of interest) Australasia has two representatives.

*(Any decision made by the steering group has to be in alignment with the UK and International Awards)

Activities

- Expected time commitment two to three days per year.
- Meet via teleconferencing twice a year



- Provide an advisory function to support ACTS in the delivery of the Awards.
- ACTS will provide an evaluation and recommendations paper at the end of each Award cycle to be reviewed by the group
- ACTS will be the liaison between the UK and international steering groups

Membership

A minimum of four organisations are needed to represent the steering group from both within and outside the tertiary education sector. Ideally an individual will commit to a minimum of two years with continuing organisational representation after that time. The Green Gown Awards Australasia Manager will manage and chair the group.

A list of the current steering group members is available online at www.acts.asn.au