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Waterwise Council

2023/24
Platinum application

## Waterwise Council Program Overview

Each year, the Waterwise Council Program recognises an eligible Gold Waterwise Council as ‘Platinum’, where extraordinary waterwise leadership has been demonstrated. New Platinum Waterwise Councils are promoted in a range of different ways to show industry and the community that local governments are implementing fantastic and innovative initiatives to save water and build waterwise communities.

Applying for Platinum recognition is done at the same time as submitting the annual Waterwise Council Action Plan Annual Report, by completing an additional Application Form below.

Judging of the Platinum Waterwise Council of the Year is based on your below application, Gold actions/updates, and water management. There is only a limit of 3 Platinum actions, so please provide as much detail as possible to support your submission. Platinum Actions must have been completed between October 2023 to October 2024.

To apply for Platinum, eligible Gold Waterwise Councils must provide the following:

* A **Waterwise Council Action Plan** and/or **Annual Report**.
* Provide updates on all **Waterwise Gold actions**.

And the following in this application form:

* Write a **500-word justification** about why your local government should be recognised as the Platinum Waterwise Council of the Year.
* Provide **your top 3 new actions** from the year that goes **above and beyond ‘business as usual’** and demonstrates innovation and contribution to creating waterwise communities.

## Benefits of Platinum Waterwise Council of the Year

Winner of the Platinum Waterwise Council of the Year for 2023 will be able to access:

* An additional $10,000 on top of the usual $10,000 of available co-funding (total of $20K) through the Waterwise Greening Scheme for one year only. The Platinum winner must adhere to the Schemes Terms and Conditions.
* Platinum Waterwise Councils receive priority as Waterwise opportunities as they become available throughout the year.

## Platinum application form

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| Contact details |  |
| Local Government: |  |
| Contact name: |  |
| Phone number: |  |
| Email address: |  |
| Platinum Application | **Commentary** |
| Please provide a 500-word explanation about why your local government should be the next ‘Platinum Waterwise Council of the Year’ and how your actions are contributing to creating waterwise cities and communities. | *500 words max**Our local government…**What are we looking for?** + *Innovation and collaboration*
	+ *Water savings and best practice*
	+ *Community involvement and engagement*
	+ *Leadership and vision*
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| Platinum Action 1 | **Commentary** |
| Platinum Action Name: |  |
| Water Sensitive Cities indicator/s: | *Refer to the WCAP template* |
| Summary: | *Summary of the action/initiative.* |
| Timeframes: | *Delivery times of initiative/program* |
| Objectives and benefits: | *Benefits to your local government/community/environment/water cycle balance?* |
| What did you do? | *What actions were taken to deliver the action/initiative? What did your local government do, change, or implement? Did the action/initiative require any specific equipment/innovation/specialist? Did you use any Waterwise Specialists or Waterwise Approved products e.g. plumber, garden centre, plants etc.?* |
| Key outcomes: | *What outcomes did you achieve? (E.g. clear policy direction, increased public awareness)? How much water did/will you save? (I.e. litres/year.) What was the attendee participation rate or community reach? Are there any estimated annual financial savings (existing or expected) associated with this action/initiative? Are there any additional savings, such as electricity costs or reduced temperatures/ carbon dioxide?* |
| Learnings: | *What is your council doing to maintain water efficiency and continue to make progress towards a waterwise city? (Staff training, additional action/initiatives, new policies, community engagement, water use monitoring).**Did the action/initiative experience any challenges and how did you overcome these?* |
| Next Steps: | *What is next for the project? Will this project be replicated in other areas of your LGA? Is there a maintenance plan if relevant?* |
| Evidence: | *Please include links to relevant documentation, such as policies, strategy documents and reports. If a document is available online, feel free to include a hyperlink. Where relevant, please also provide additional evidence (such as copies of newsletters, articles, social media posts, photos etc.) as an appendix.* |
| Platinum Action 2 | **Commentary** |
| Platinum Action Name: |  |
| Water Sensitive Cities indicator/s: |  |
| Summary: |  |
| Timeframes: |  |
| Objectives and benefits: |  |
| What did you do? |  |
| Key outcomes: |  |
| Learnings: |  |
| Next Steps: |  |
| Evidence: |  |
| Platinum Action 3 | **Commentary** |
| Platinum Action Name: |  |
| Water Sensitive Cities indicator/s: |  |
| Summary: |  |
| Timeframes: |  |
| Objectives and benefits: |  |
| What did you do? |  |
| Key outcomes: |  |
| Learnings: |  |
| Next Steps: |  |
| Evidence: |  |

 I confirm that all the information provided in this application is accurate as of the date of submission \_\_/\_\_/2023.

Name: Signature:

Role:

Submit your application to WEPartnerships@watercorporation.com.au by the annual reporting due date each year.