

OSGeo Oceania Community Recognition Awards

Preamble

The OSGeo Oceania Community Recognition Awards are designed to showcase the amazing community we have in Oceania and to recognize those who have made a significant contribution to it and the work that they have produced.

Recognition

There are four types of recognition that are available, as follows:

- *Diversity and Inclusion Champion of the Year*: awarded to someone who has contributed to increasing the diversity and inclusion of our community or a related area.
- *Community Member of the Year*: awarded to someone who has made a significant contribution to the OSGeo Oceania community or in a related area
- *Team of the Year*: awarded to a group of people or an organisation who are part of, promoting or representing the OSGeo Oceania community in an outstanding way
- *Product of the Year*: awarded to an individual or a team for producing something that is outstanding. This could be a map, a software product, an open data product, an event or any other kind of work output.

Process

- Day 0: Call for nominations for each category is opened to the community
- Day 0-30: Nominations are sent privately to awards@foss4g-oceania.org
- Day 30: Valid nominations are listed on the OSGeo wiki
- Day 30-60: Open voting process
- Day X: Present FOSS4G SOTM Oceania Conference
- Update wiki page with results and celebrate

Recognition details

Community Member

Recognise an OSGeo Oceania community member's contribution to FOSS4G and/or Open Street Map. For example this could be a person who:

- Created and /or led lead community events
- Active in the OSGeo Oceania organisation
- Active OSM mapper
- Active FOSS4G contributor.

Diversity and Inclusion Champion

Recognise someone who has been active in supporting diversity and inclusion initiatives across Oceania, specifically in the OpenStreetMap and FOSS4G domain.

- Criteria?
- Demonstrated leadership in promoting diversity, through implementing measures that promote representation from marginalised groups
- Demonstrated awareness-raising for diversity issues in the FOSS domain

Team

Recognise an organisation, a team or a group who are contributing to the community. For example, this might be a team that:

- Criteria?

Product

Rather than recognising the team, this is to recognise the outputs of an individual or a team. It's about celebrating a great piece of software, science communication or any other output. This might be something that:

- Criteria?

Key questions

1. Should the nomination and selection be private (as per [OSGeo Sol Katz Award](#)) or should we allow community participation and voting?
 - Private nominations, open voting.
2. Have awards at dinner or at the closing plenary?
 - Awards handed out at the dinner. Opportunity for a video for those who can't make it in person.
3. What sort of prizes/recognition should we offer (if any).
 - Certificate. Recognition on the website. Socks?

Next steps

- Agree on award format
- Design timeline
- Prepare communications
- Run the vote

FAQ

Does the candidate need to be an OSGeo Oceania member?

- Not, not at all, but we do remind you that membership is free.

Does the candidate/entity need to be resident in Oceania?

- No, but we would expect a close affinity to Oceania, i.e., has worked in Oceania or on Oceania-based products. The contribution, service or product must be of interest to Oceania residents.

Does the product/service/map need to be completely created using FOSS or OSM?

- We recognize that in some cases proprietary tools may need to be used, but we would expect the majority of the product/service/map would utilise FOSS4G and/or OSM/open data.