

The Richard J Evans Award for Excellence

The Award Certificate bears a reproduction of Richard Evan's signature and states that it is given "in recognition of outstanding contributions to planning in Victoria".

A statement made on behalf of the VPELA Board in 1998 seeks inclusion of the words "and Environmental Law" after the word "planning" in that citation. Award criteria are set out in that statement as follows:

"Eligibility

The Award is given by the Association to persons who, in its opinion, have satisfied all of the following criteria:

- a lifelong sustainable endeavour to town planning or the environment;
- an outstanding contribution to town planning or the environment;
- outstanding leadership in the practice of their professions; and
- through their professional activities have been an inspiration to others.

Professional requirements:

Nominees must satisfy all of the following requirements:

- have been engaged in practice related to town planning or the environment for at least 20 years prior to nomination;
- have achieved a high level of general knowledge of their profession;
- have served their profession with distinction;
- be of good character and personal repute, have established a high professional reputation, have high ethical and moral standards and be held in high esteem within their profession and associated professions."

The Richard J Evans Award replaced the VPELA Award of Merit in 1993. The inaugural presentation of the Richard J Evans Award was made in 1993 by His Honour Sir James Gobbo (as he then was) to the late Les Perrott AM.