



'26 AWARDS *for* EXCELLENCE

YOUNG LEADERS AWARD NOMINATION KIT



Stockland

Young Leaders Award Sponsor

Award Overview

The UDIA WA & Stockland Young Leaders Award celebrates and encourages the future leaders of our industry.

For over twenty years this annual award has recognised excellence in the next generation of development industry professionals, and promoted dedicated young professionals with the drive to succeed.

The winner of this prestigious award will not only gain entry to a range of educational and networking events throughout the year, they will receive industry wide recognition for their hard work and success to date. On top of a significant cash prize, the prize also includes access to a range of UDIA events and professional development opportunities throughout the year.

Our chosen winner will be the ambassador for young professionals in the development industry in 2026/27 and act as a link between young development professionals, UDIA and the industry at large. The winner for 2026 will be announced at the 2026 UDIA Awards for Excellence Gala to be held on Saturday 12 September 2026 and will be awarded with the 2026 Young Leaders Award Trophy.

Entry into this award is complimentary and does not require an entry fee.

**Applicant must be 34 years old or younger by 31 December 2026*

2026 WINNER PRIZE PACKAGE

As the winner of this prestigious award, you have access to a suite of benefits, including;

- The 2026 Young Leaders Award & Certificate
- Complimentary registration to the UDIA WA Foundations of Property Development Professional Development course in 2027 valued at \$4,950 (please note, this is non transferrable but can alternatively be used for the Built Form Development Course)
- \$2,000 cash prize
- 1 x Complimentary ticket to attend each UDIA WA Industry Luncheon (x4 in 2027)
- 1 x Complimentary ticket to attend each UDIA WA Industry Breakfast (x4 in 2027)
- 1 x Complimentary ticket to attend each UDIA Outlook event (x4 in 2027)
- A position on the Outlook Committee in 2027

2026 KEY DATES*

12 March	Nominations Open
19 June	Nominations Close
21 July - 14 August	Interviews held
12 Sept	Winner announced at the UDIA WA Awards for Excellence Gala Dinner

*Dates subject to change

From the CEO



Tanya Steinbeck
CEO, UDIA (WA)

It is our pleasure to open nominations for the 2026 UDIA WA & Stockland Young Leaders Award.

This award is now in its 22nd year and continues to offer young professionals working in the urban development industry recognition of their hard work and dedication to the industry to date.

Winners of this award have the opportunity to build on their knowledge, skills and connections in the development industry given the outstanding professional development and networking events included in the prize.

Previous winners of this award have gone on to prove what a fantastic opportunity this award can deliver, including career progression and greater involvement in the industry more broadly.

The Young Leaders Award panel will be looking for a young professional who has not only proven they have clear career aspirations, we are also seeking someone who wants to broaden their horizons and act as an ambassador to other young professionals.

We encourage young professionals to take advantage of what this award has to offer, and we look forward to meeting and working with the winner in the year to come.

From the Sponsor



Col Dutton
General Manager Communities, Stockland WA
and President, UDIA National

Stockland is proud to continue our support as the official sponsor of the 2026 Young Leaders Award.

At Stockland, we share the UDIA's commitment to recognising and championing the remarkable contribution young professionals make to our industry every year. Our own initiatives, such as the Stockland Graduate Program, along with our partnership with the CareerTrackers Program, provide incredible opportunities for talented young graduates and undergraduates at the start of their careers.

It's through these programs and the unwavering commitment of the UDIA that our industry continues to go from strength to strength, attracting the brightest, highest calibre talent, leading the way in innovation and developing the future leaders of tomorrow.

I encourage all ambitious, passionate young professionals to apply and embrace the significant opportunities this award presents.

Entry Details

To enter, complete the requirements as stated in this nomination kit/online platform. Entrants can be nominated by their organisation, a third party or be self-nominated.

To nominate someone other than yourself, email events@udiawa.com.au. For nominations, we will send the nominee an alert of the nomination and they will complete the process from there. Nominations can remain anonymous.

[Click here to nominate someone other than yourself](#)

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Judging Criteria

Your submission must address the following criteria:

- Qualifications (including a minimum of five years' experience in the development industry or an associated industry predominantly in Australia)
- Career overview detailing professional achievements and contribution to the industry
- Current position
- Career development goals for the next 5 years and an identified path to achieve these
- Ability to take on a UDIA ambassador role for young professionals and be actively involved in the delivery of new initiatives
- Two references supporting your submission– 1 x personal and 1 x professional (these are additional to the 4 page limit)
- A high-resolution head-shot (minimum size 3MB) and an electronic copy of your biography

JUDGING PROCESS

Submissions will be considered by a panel consisting of:

- The 2025 Award Recipient
- A senior representative from Stockland, the Young Leaders Award Sponsor
- A UDIA Councillor

The panel will select a short list of entries to participate in an interview – the outcome of which will decide the winning nominee. Interviews will be held between 21 July and 14 August 2026.

The 2026 winner will be announced at the 2026 UDIA Awards for Excellence Gala on Saturday 12 September.

Submitting your Entry

Entries close COB Friday 19 June 2026 and are to be submitted through the online portal (udiawa.awardsplatform.com) including entry details and;

Addressed Awards Criteria (max 350 words for each criteria) covering;

Examples of your leadership qualities, indicate how you have demonstrated these qualities throughout your career.

How you act as a role model to other professionals.

Positive contributions and influence that you have made to your organisation/the development industry, above and beyond your job role.

Your CV (maximum five A4 pages)

Your hi-res headshot (min size 1MB)

The winner will be announced at the 2026 UDIA Awards for Excellence Gala on Saturday 12 September 2026.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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