

The
Bluett
AWARD












Our A R Bluett Award Journey

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Regional Leadership



Mayor Peta Pinson
August 2017 - Present

 <p>Mayor Peter Besseling <i>(September 2012 - May 2017)</i></p> <p>> Communication, Governance and Community Relations</p>	 <p>Councillor Justin Levido</p> <p>> Major Projects</p>	 <p>Councillor Rob Turner</p> <p>> Economic and Cultural Development</p>
 <p>Councillor Lee Dixon</p> <p>> Towns, Villages and Public Spaces</p>	 <p>Councillor Lisa Intemann <i>Deputy Mayor 2015-2017</i></p> <p>> Water, Stormwater, Sewer and Waste</p>	 <p>Councillor Geoff Hawkins</p> <p>> Finance, Corporate Services and Information Technology</p>
 <p>Councillor Michael Cusato</p> <p>> External Grants and Revenue</p>	 <p>Councillor Peter Alley</p> <p>> Planning, Environment and Sustainability</p>	 <p>Councillor Sharon Griffiths</p> <p>> Roads and Transport Infrastructure</p>

Evolution:

PMHC first applied for the Bluett Award in 2016, with a theme based on our organisational evolution. This focused on the rebuilding of pride in our organisation (both internal & external), following close to 5 years of administration and with the return of elected Councillors in September 2012.

In 2016, the Bluett Award for the City / Regional Council category was won by Albury City Council.



Transformation:

PMHC applied for the Bluett Award again in 2017, with a theme based around the organisations ongoing transformation.

We were able to demonstrate significant achievements in financial management, asset management and people management and were able to show how we had progressed from the days of administration to where we are today.

In 2017, we were successful in winning the Bluett Award for the City / Regional Council category.



Our key to winning the Bluett Award:

...being able to demonstrate over several years, how we are working with our community, our Councillors and our staff, to manage and progress as a leading, high growth regional city and to ensure that we are a place where people want to live, learn, work, play and invest.

It was important to be able to demonstrate our commitment to innovation, strategic planning, continuous improvement and engagement with the community, all with a view to better understanding our community and delivering on local aspirations and expectations.



Community Theme 1

**LEADERSHIP AND
GOVERNANCE**



Community Theme 2

**YOUR COMMUNITY
LIFE**



Community Theme 3

**YOUR BUSINESS
AND INDUSTRY**



Community Theme 4

**YOUR NATURAL AND
BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

Applying for the Bluett Award – Data Collection:

Let's be honest – applying for the Bluett Award does take a lot of time and resources, but if you are smart about it, you can limit the impact this has on your organisation.

Develop a working document that includes all the key Principle Activities required as part of the award and then allow this document to be shared and co-contributed to by your management team or other designated staff.



Applying for the Bluett Award – Data Collection:

Utilise all existing documents at your disposal, for example:

- Community Strategic Plan
- Delivery Program
- Operational Plan
- Annual Report
- Other Council Strategies
- Sectional Business Plans etc



Applying for the Bluett Award – Editing:

Once all the data has been collected around what projects and actions have taken place under each of the Principle Activities, the editing begins.

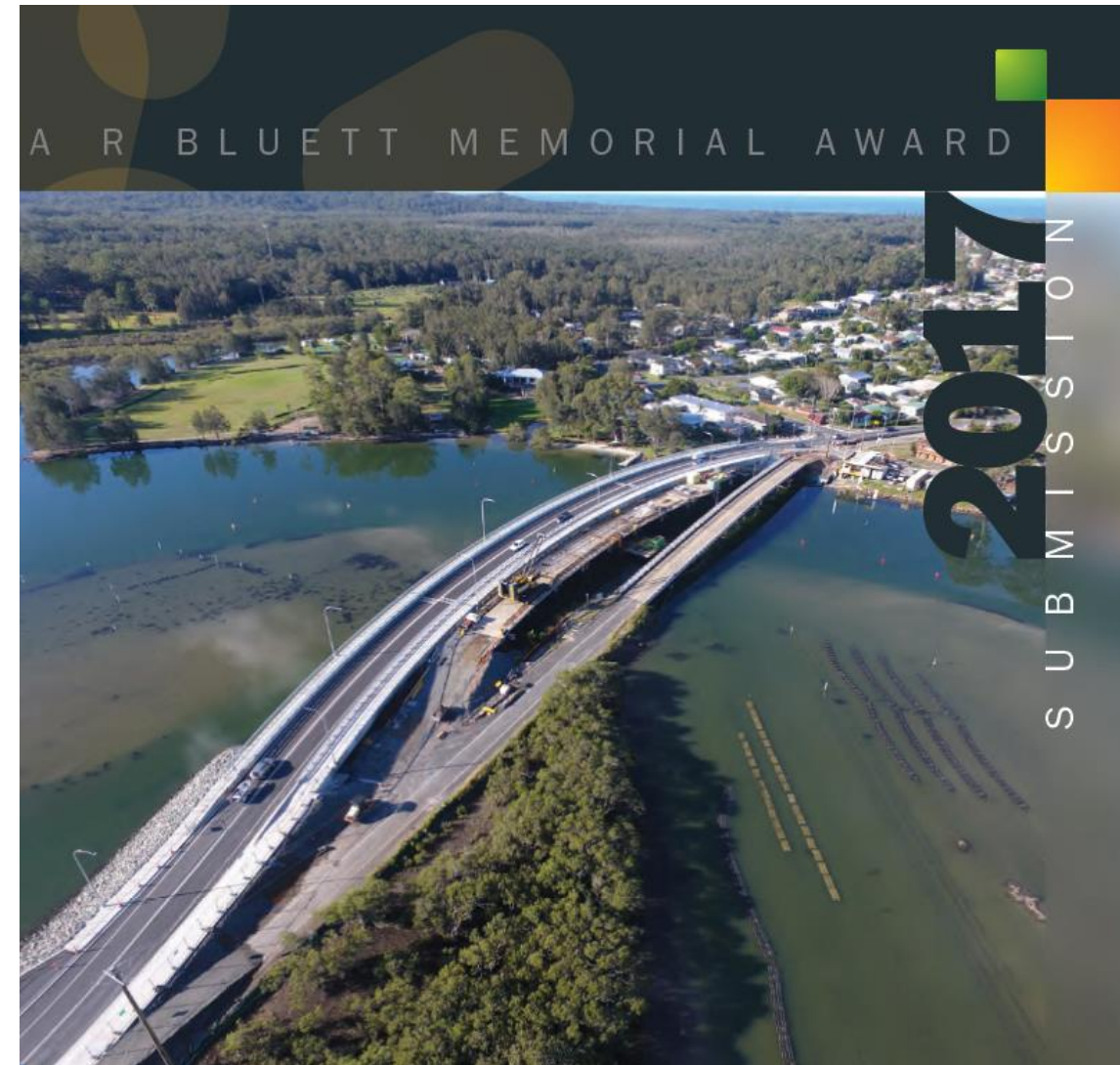
This process can be time consuming but remember, keep it short & sweet so that your Bluett application is as sharp and as ‘on-message’ as it can be.



Applying for the Bluett Award – Design:

Whilst the Bluett Award now utilises an online application, there is the ability to be able to include attachments.

We took the opportunity to design and develop a hard copy submission that included all the relevant Bluett Award information and this document has been used to showcase our organisation and the work we do for our community.



What does it mean to win the Bluett Award?

- Pride
- Validation
- Recognition
- Success

...but, the journey is not over yet.

We have taken winning the Bluett Award as the baseline for everything we do now and into the future as our transformation continues...





What does it mean to win the Bluett Award?

‘This award recognises a standard of excellence and innovation that should be the goal of all public service, in all spheres of government.

But the real winners are the communities who benefit from the hard work and commitment of their elected representatives and professional staff in the local government.’

Immediate Past President of LGNSW, Clr Keith Rhoades, Coffs Harbour City Council

