

EMERGING LEADERS AWARD

Recognises and celebrates young professionals who are making a significant impact within Community Housing Providers. It highlights emerging leaders who demonstrate leadership, innovation, and drive, and who are actively contributing to shaping the future of community housing through their work.

Nominations are open to:

Young professionals working across all disciplines within Community Housing Providers, including:

- Development and project delivery teams
- Property and asset management teams
- Tenancy and housing services roles
- Maintenance and contractor coordination
- Internal corporate and support functions (e.g. finance, policy, systems, compliance)

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

Eligible nominees are individuals who are:

- Employed by a current ACH Community Housing Provider member
- Aged under 35 as of 31 December 2026
- Does not currently hold an executive or leadership position but has demonstrated significant contribution to the work of their CHP

Nominees must demonstrate each of the following:

Leadership within their organisation

- Demonstrated leadership qualities and how these have been applied in a community housing context.

Innovation and initiative

- Evidence of innovative thinking, problem-solving, or improved ways of delivering outcomes within community housing.

Role modelling

- Evidence of acting as a role model to colleagues within their organisation.

Contribution beyond role

- Demonstrated positive contribution to their organisation that goes beyond their formal job responsibilities.

Evidence may include:

- Examples of contributions and achievements,
- Supporting testimonials or recommendation letters,
- And work products that demonstrate leadership, innovation, or impact.

Nominees will:

- Be recognised as part of the Emerging Leaders Nominee cohort
- Participate in the Emerging Leaders Program at the annual conference

Scholarships:

- A \$4,000 scholarship will be awarded (subject to ACH and employer approval)
- Two additional scholarships of \$1,500 will also be awarded (subject to ACH and employer approval)

OUTSTANDING INDUSTRY LEADERSHIP AWARD

Recognises an executive whose long-term leadership, advocacy, and dedication have made a significant contribution to community housing and helped shape the growth, strength, and future direction of the sector.

Nominations are open to:

Leaders working within Community Housing Providers, including:

- Chief Executive Officers
- Executive and senior leadership leaders
- Development and housing delivery leaders
- Policy, strategy, and operational leaders

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

Eligible nominees are individuals who are:

- Employed by a current ACH Community Housing Provider member
- Nominees should demonstrate a sustained and influential contribution to community housing over an extended period of time.

Nominees must address each of the following:

Leadership and vision

- Demonstrated leadership and commitment that has positively influenced their organisation and the direction of community housing.

Industry impact and advocacy

- Evidence of meaningful contribution, advocacy, or influence that has strengthened Community Housing Providers or advanced community housing outcomes.

Commitment and legacy

- Demonstrated long-term dedication and lasting impact through their work, leadership, and professional contribution.

Inspiration and mentorship

- Evidence of supporting, mentoring, or inspiring others within the organisation or community housing profession.

Evidence may include:

- Examples of strategic leadership, sector advocacy, organisational achievements
- Major initiatives or reforms led by the nominee,
- Testimonials or letters of support,
- And other evidence demonstrating their long-term contribution and impact on community housing