

Good Lighting Awards

International Dark-Sky Association Victoria Inc welcomes nominations of high quality lighting installations for its Good Lighting Awards. Nominations can be from people associated with the installation or from its users or from its neighbours.

When considering nominating please note the Principles of Good Lighting given below, appropriate to the type of lighting installation. In some cases nomination can be made even if not all the principles have been adhered to, as long as the installation is clearly better than similar ones nearby.

When nominating a lighting installation please provide photographs and as much detail as possible. Send nomination by email to good.lighting@darkskyvic.org.

Principles of Good Lighting

Streetlights

- Fittings that direct all light below the horizontal
(to minimise the contribution to sky glow)
- Light sources not visible to drivers and pedestrians
(to ensure good visibility)
- In suburban streets provide yellow illumination (3000K or less)
(to minimise blue light that is disturbing to human health and to wildlife)
- Light levels no more than prescribed by standards
(to reduce disruption to the environment)

Security lights

- Controlled by sensors
(so that they are more effective and less disturbing to neighbours)
- Fittings that direct all light below the horizontal
(to minimise the contribution to sky glow)
- Provide an even light without glare and dark shadows
(to increase safety and visibility and reduce possible hiding places for criminals)
- Switched off when not in use
(to reduce disturbance to neighbours)

Car park lighting

- Fittings that direct all light below the horizontal
(to minimise glare and the contribution to sky glow)
- Provide an even light without glare and dark shadows
(to increase safety and visibility and reduce possible hiding places for criminals)
- In suburban areas the lights provide yellow illumination (3000K or less)
(to minimise blue light that is disturbing to human health and to wildlife)

Decorative lighting

- Lights of low intensity, directed downwards and with warm colours
(to minimise sky glow and dangerous blue light)
- Switched off late at night
(to reduce wastage and minimise disturbance to residents)

Sport field lighting

- High quality fittings to minimise glare and light trespass to neighbouring properties
(to minimise disturbance to residents)
- Fittings placed on poles of sufficient height that direct light does not spill beyond edge of field
(to minimise disturbance to residents)
- Only illuminated when in use and not late at night
(to reduce wastage and minimise disturbance to residents)

Advertising billboards

- If externally lit, lit from above and not below
(to minimise the contribution to sky glow, normally done near airports)
- No light spill from its illumination
(minimise light nuisance to neighbouring properties)
- Switched off late at night
(to reduce wastage and minimise disturbance to residents)