



Permanent Way Institution NSW Section

2026 Alan Barham Maintenance Award

The **PWI Alan Barham Maintenance Award** is open to submissions from Australian Rail Track Corporation, UGL Regional Linx, Sydney Trains and other large-scale RIM's

What is a Maintenance Team?

A typical Routine Maintenance team undertakes surveillance inspections, servicing, minor corrective maintenance, and emergency response, for track, bridges, right of way assets, and possibly signal assets.

How will it be judged?

A panel of PWI members will complete the judging.

Submission documentation, site visits, reference checks and any other relevant sources of information will all be used in the judge's review. The team also needs to be operating within NSW.

What are the judging criteria?

The period under consideration is 1 October 2025 to 30 September 2026. Nominating teams will be assessed against specific criteria and the judges will evaluate outcomes which are within the Maintenance Team's control as far as possible. It is recognised that track configuration, investment programs and operating parameters are often outside the Maintenance Team's control.



2026 Alan Barham Maintenance Award Winners – ARTC Gunnedah Provisioning Centre

Judging Criteria

ACHIEVEMENT – 25%

Summary of the Maintenance Team's most significant challenge overcome during the 12-month period

Innovation: New ideas implemented.

TEAM LEADERSHIP, COMMITMENT AND ENGAGEMENT – 30%

Capability

Responsiveness and Commitment

Team Engagement

Community Engagement

Succession Planning

Leadership

COMPLIANCE AND ASSURANCE – 30%

Workplace Health and Safety

Infrastructure Compliance

Operational Assurance

Environmental Compliance

PRODUCTIVITY (Effectiveness and Efficiency) – 15%

Scoping

Short-term Work Planning

Long Term Work Planning

Strategic Engagement

Effectiveness and/or Efficiency Strategies

Submission

Your submission will be the completion of a template slide deck. This slide deck provides additional guidance as to what the judges will be looking for.

Included in the slide deck will be a collection of digital images depicting your team working, your track and infrastructure, your depot and other aspects of your team and maintenance environment which can be displayed at the Annual PWI Awards night in February 2027.

Closing date is 31st October 2026 with judging to commence in November.

Please contact Scott Chapman at scott.chapman@lycopodium.com to request a submission template.