



Frequently Asked Questions

About the Awards

Our community is proud of the thousands of businesses striving for excellence around the Tamworth region and these awards are dedicated to the people who make this possible.

From Nundle to Tamworth, Attunga to Barraba, any business throughout the region can self-nominate across 27 industry categories.

The community are also encouraged to reward their favourite business with a nomination, and to then vote in the Northern Daily Leader's People's Choice Award once finalists are announced.

What are the award categories?

With the changing face of progressive businesses today, the awards are open to all industries and sizes, from a single operator in a home-based setting, to retail shop fronts, tradies and the larger corporations competing nationally and internationally.

Innovation and economic priorities feature highly with awards for businesses that promote safety, innovation and creativity. Those committed to social inclusion will be honoured alongside one of the long-standing industries in Tamworth, being hospitality, accommodation and tourism.

It is also the chance to recognise the faces behind the businesses with award categories for individuals who have made an outstanding contribution, employers, entrepreneurs and leaders of the future.

In 2021 there will be new awards with hair and beauty separated into two customer service categories and a dedicated animal services award.

Amongst the 27 regional awards, nine winners will go on to the regional finalist awards hosted by Business NSW.

Who should enter?

It is open to all businesses, 'not for profits' and social enterprises operating in the Tamworth Local Government Area - you don't need to be member of the Tamworth Business Chamber and there is no cost to enter.

How do I nominate someone?

Hardcopy nominations are available at businesses around the Region and there are entry barrels (and forms) located in the Tamworth Business Chamber Office, Centrepont, Tamworth Shopping World, Tamworth Square and Tamworth Regional Council offices in Tamworth, Manilla, Barraba and Nundle.

I heard there are prizes to be won for nominating my favourite business

Every Friday during the nomination period, we will draw one lucky winner live on air with 92.2FM to win a great weekly prize just for nominating their favourite business. It's an added bonus for supporting the Awards, and the local business community

If I have entered in the past or been nominated previously, can I enter again?

Experience matters and for all the entrants, finalists and winners from previous years, the Tamworth Business Chamber welcomes you back for a chance to measure your continuing successes against the best in your category.

What are the benefits of entering?

Previous entrants speak of it being one of the greatest opportunities to focus on 'working on the business' and not 'in the business'. Many were amazed by how the submission process and opportunity of networking with other thriving business operators, guided their strategic business plans into the future.

All entrants receive a "nominated" sticker to proudly display at your workplace and if your business is judged a finalist or winner, you'll want to put Friday 10 September in your diary for the Gala Awards night at TRECC.

Where can I find the Terms & Conditions for the Awards?

A copy can be found on the "information for business" Awards page on our website www.tamworth.org.au

Can anyone from Chamber help me with my nomination?

Whilst Chamber can't write your submission, we can provide guidance and ideas on how to shape your responses. Simply call the Chamber office during office hours and book some time with one of our staff

When do nominations close?

Friday 26 July 2021

What should business do if nominated?

If you have been nominated, to accept your nomination you must complete your acceptance using the link we provide you.

It is such a compliment to be nominated by a customer that we strongly encourage you to accept this recognition – after all, you'd hate to lose their business!

If you are self-nominating for the NSW Business Chamber Aligned Categories, then jump into the portal now and start your submission.

What's the difference between Customer Service Awards and Aligned Category Awards?

There are a total of 17 Customer Service Awards that the community nominate their favourite businesses into. The remaining 10 categories require businesses to self-nominate and take the time to reflect on recent goals and achievements

Where can I find a summary of the categories?

Visit the dedicated Award Categories page on our website or log into the Awards portal

Is there a People's Choice Award?

Yes. All finalists will be automatically eligible, and we will open voting on 23 August 2021. You will be given all the details to promote yourself to your customers, should you be named as a finalist.

Who judges the Awards?

Over 60 professional judges have been recruited from a range of industries and experience to ensure we undertake a robust and transparent judging process

KEY DATES

18 June	Nominations open
26 July	Nominations close
30 July	Award acceptance close
1 August	Tickets on Sale
20 August	Finalists announced
23 August	People Choice Award voting commences
30 August	Last chance to purchase tickets
10 Sept	2021 Quality Business Awards