

# Far West NSW Business Awards

# Conditions & Guidelines

# 2019 Far West NSW Excellence in Business Awards

## ABOUT THE AWARDS

The Awards celebrate Far West NSW businesses and recognises outstanding contributions to the growth of our economy. They provide a vibrant showcase of innovation and progression from the region's businesses.

The Awards also recognise the important social and environmental contributions made by organisations through excellence of service, commitment to their customers, philanthropic ideals, ethical behaviour and environmental sustainability.

The Excellence in Business Awards are an opportunity to honour the diversity, innovation and excellence of the Far West region's businesses, small, medium and large.

**NOTE: The Awards Judging Panel are not located in the far west**

2019 Outback spirit Award Presented to the "best of the best"

### "The Outback Spirit Award" Overall Winner

Awarded to the overall winner of the Far West Excellence in Business Awards and selected from one of the 15 category winners.

If you're striving for excellence, the awards nomination process will help you raise the bar, and the significance of winning an award will elevate your business over a long period of time.

The nomination process itself helps businesses review their performance and focus on core strengths and goals, and is a great opportunity to plan for the future. It's also a good way to benchmark against others in similar industries.

*"The Awards put exceptional business people in the spotlight, acknowledging their hard work and commitment in building great businesses within their communities.*

*The Awards exists to reward the drive, persistence and determination shown by so many, and to put regional business on the map"*



## Dates to Remember

### KEY DATES

Entries Open:	01 July 2019
Entries Close:	22 September 2019 midnight
Gala Awards Event:	Saturday 16 November 2019

**All nominations must be submitted online**

[www.farwestnswbusinessawards.com](http://www.farwestnswbusinessawards.com)

**\*\* Except** People's Choice Awards which can be lodged online or by paper copy on the official entry form and delivered to the RDA FW Office  
People's Choice paper copy entry form available at the  
RDA FW office in 353 Blende Street

**NOTE:** THE PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARDS are judged locally by a simple count –  
the business/person with the **most number of nominations** will be declared the winner of that category

## About the Awards Nomination Process

### HOW TO NOMINATE

**All nominations must be submitted online**

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To be eligible to win a Category Award your entry must be submitted online by  
midnight 22 September 2019 ACST, with all questions answered in full.

Nominations for the Far West NSW Excellence in Business Awards are open for 12 weeks and  
we will celebrate the best of the best at the gala event on Saturday 16 November 2019

# What are the benefits of entering the 2019 Far West NSW Excellence in Business Awards?

## HOW THE AWARDS GROW YOUR BUSINESS

*You have the opportunity to reconnect with your business vision, grow your business knowledge and review your goals and aspirations.*

Nominating provides the opportunity to:

- Critically review your current position and reconnect with your business vision
- Strategically review your business and growth
- Benchmark your business against others and identify key areas where current processes can be improved
- Celebrate the journey of your business by taking the time to reflect on your achievements
- Recognise those who have contributed to your success and their role in supporting you and your business
- Obtain recognition in business excellence at a local, regional and or state level
- Build a reputation for excellence and be recognised inside and outside of your industry
- Improve employee engagement by involving your employees in the nomination process



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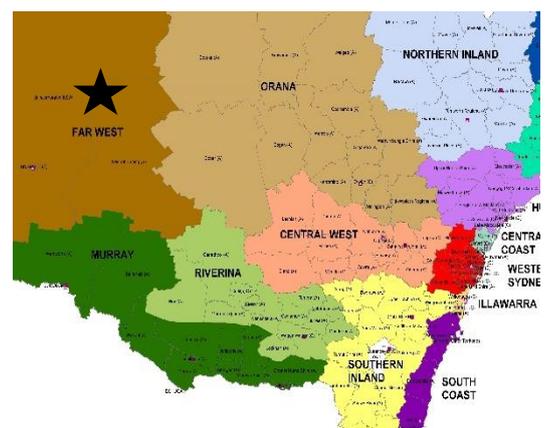
## IS MY BUSINESS ELIGIBLE?

*Nominated business will be eligible to enter the Far West NSW Excellence in Business Awards, providing the following criteria is met.*

The nominated business must:

Reside in Far West NSW; which is classified as the RDA Far West regional footprint as shown below ★

Be a registered trading business



## Conditions of Nomination

1. All entrants or nominations must operate in the Far West of NSW, as defined by the RDA Far West regional footprint
2. The Judging Panel reserves the right to place your entry into a category it feels most appropriate.
3. The Judging Panel reserves the right to create or delete categories based on the number of entries received
4. The applicant acknowledges that if they win an award, that the award is personal to the winner and is not assignable to another person or business
5. Awards presented will be to the organisation or the person named on the application form
6. No alterations to applications will be permitted after the date of submission although submissions may be withdrawn prior to announcement of winners
7. A finalist **MUST** have a representative present at the gala event on 17 November 2019
8. The winner of the **Outback Spirit Award** will be required to deliver a brief acceptance speech
9. Nomination into the Awards is free
10. Your privacy is protected and all entries are regarded as CONFIDENTIAL and all individuals involved in the judging process are required to complete a 'Confidentiality Agreement'
11. Entries must be submitted in the official entry format, online or People's Choice as an online or paper copy. All questions must be addressed in full to be eligible
12. All entrants or nominations must be registered with the ATO as a business and hold a current ABN number, except People's Choice
13. Where there is a tie, the winner will be determined by the business with the most points awarded in the General Question area
14. Sponsors may enter the awards, but may not enter the category that they are sponsoring
15. New Business category – defined as operating less than 2 years
16. Best Small Business category – defined as 20 or less Employees
17. Best Medium to Large Business category – defined as more than 20 Employees
18. People's Choice – entrants must act honestly, fairly and in good faith in participating in the awards. Entries must be submitted in the official entry format online or People's Choice paper copy, – no photocopies accepted
19. No responsibility is accepted for late, lost, incomplete, incorrectly submitted or misdirected entries or due to technical malfunctions that result in an individual being unable to submit an entry online
20. The judge's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into
21. Please ensure your nomination is received by midnight ACST 22 September 2019. Late entries will not be accepted. Plan to get your nomination in early.

# Celebrating Success in the Far West