



Community Industry Group

*Community Service
Awards 2023*

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About the Awards

The Community Industry Group **2023 Community Service Awards** will celebrate the achievement and contribution of individuals and organisations in Southern NSW. These awards are an opportunity to publicly acknowledge our members who have made an extraordinary contribution to their communities with activities from **June 2021 to July 2023**.

Award Category	Award Description	Sub Categories
A Brilliant Idea	<p>Do you know an individual or team in your service who has had a 'Pearler of an Idea' and made it happen?</p> <p>Tell us about that Something Unique that made a special contribution to a program or service outcome.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual • Team
Above & Beyond	<p>Is there an employee, a volunteer or team that has gone above and beyond – a 'Performance Pearl'?</p> <p>Tell us about that shining example of a person or team who just blew you away with their dedication to keep going no matter what. Let's celebrate the heroes who don't wear capes!</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual • Team
Sector Star of the Future	<p>Do you have an intern/trainee or new recruit (employed 12 months or less) who is a 'Pearl in the Making'?</p> <p>Here is your chance to acknowledge the stars of the future.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual in a Small Organisation (less than 20 employees) • Individual in a Large Organisation (20+)
Business Partnership	<p>We want to extend our recognition to other businesses and organisations who see a need in the community and go 'Diving for Pearls' outside their everyday business or for-profit activity.</p> <p>This could be a one-off community service activity/special event or a unique partnership for community benefit</p> <p>Business must be based or wholly operate in the Illawarra or Southern NSW – and must be nominated by a CI Group Member</p>	
Leadership	<p>Nominate a colleague who embodies leadership, who guides and inspires, everyone everyday with their 'Pearls of Wisdom'.</p> <p>Who provides an outstanding contribution to their team or your whole organisation? The stalwarts who keep everything going day in day out.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Team Leader • Small organisation Leader (<20) • Large Organisational leader (20 +)



Conditions of Entry

1. The nominee, or their organisation, must be a current financial member of Community Industry Group. To find out if you are a current member please call our office on 02 4256 4333. It's never too late to join.
2. You may nominate yourself or your organisation (with permission from your CEO). If you are nominating someone else they must sign the form to indicate they give their permission to be considered for the nomination.
3. Please use a separate application form for each nomination.
4. Please do not send originals of any supporting documentation, as all documentation will be retained by Community Industry Group.
5. Community Industry Group employees and their families are eligible to apply for the awards.
6. Nominees do not need to attend the awards to be eligible to win, however participation in the awards night, on Friday 22 September 2023, is encouraged.
7. Finalists for each category will be announced once nominations have been judged.
8. Nominations close on midnight Sunday 30 July 2023.
9. The decision of the judges is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

Please return completed nominations to:

Email: events@cigroup.org.au

Post: Awards Nomination, Community Industry Group, PO Box 6, Lake Heights 2502

Any queries should be directed to the Community Industry Group office on 02 4256 4333 or events@cigroup.org.au. For more information about membership see www.communityindustrygroup.org.au.

Further Information/FAQ

In celebration of our 30th year as the peak organisation for community service providers in Southern NSW Community Industry Group is hosting our second community service awards ceremony on Friday 22 September 2023, from 6:30pm at the Grand Hall of the University of Wollongong.

In 2021 we held our first awards night to recognise and celebrate the truly magic way our industry managed to continue to provide support and service to their communities through fire and flood and even COVID lockdowns.

Two years on and the pressure has not abated. COVID is still with us but we have learnt to live with it. Natural disasters continue to threaten but our amazing members keep rising to the challenge to keep their doors open.

The 30th anniversary is Pearl, and everyone knows that pearls are formed from small grains of sand that cause irritation and persevere to create something beautiful and valuable. Just like everyone in the community service industry!

Sponsorship Opportunities?

We are looking for organisations and businesses who want to add their own thanks and recognition to our community service providers who are always there when things get tough.

Your support will help us put on a luminescent evening of inspiration and celebration. It will help us cover the cost of our finalists from remote and rural services attending so they can be recognised and rewarded in person at our gala awards ceremony.

Please see our Sponsorship Opportunity flyer for further information on sponsorship packages and opportunities.

When will the Awards be presented?

The awards will be presented on 22 September 2023 at an awards ceremony and gala dinner in the Great Hall University of Wollongong.

Check our website for the booking link.

Do I have to attend the awards night to receive an award?

We would like to see all of our finalists in person at the awards night, if possible. We understand that this might be financially demanding so please talk to us about sponsorship. If attending in person is really not an option, a representative can accept the award on your behalf.

Can I talk to someone about our project to see if it's nomination worthy?

Yes, please contact our Event Manager, Tessa Parsons, on tparsons@cigroup.org.au and she will get back to you.

Can I become a Community Industry Group member to enter the awards?

Of course! For more information about membership see: <https://communityindustrygroup.org.au/membership/>

Can we have an extension to the nomination deadline?

Unfortunately, no. We know that many community service organisations are extremely busy but to keep to our schedule for judging we are not able to provide deadline extensions, however if you have questions please contact our office on 02 4256 4333.

Entry Form

Individual, Team or Organisation/Business being nominated:

Name:	
Organisation/Business:	
Member Number:	
Position Title (if applicable):	
Address:	
Phone:	
Email:	

Person Making the Nomination (if not a self nomination)

Name:	
Organisation:	
Member Number:	
Position Title:	
Address:	
Phone:	
Email:	

Category for this nomination (please circle one only)

Please note you can apply for as many categories as you wish but we need one form for each nomination. Please see page 2 of the Information Booklet for more information about categories.

A Brilliant Idea:	Individual	Team	
Above & Beyond:	Individual	Team	
Sector Star of the Future:	Individual in a small Organisation (<20)	Individual in a large Organisation (+20)	
Business Partnership:	Business based or wholly operating in the Illawarra/Southern NSW		
Leadership:	Team Leader	Small Organisation Leader (<20)	Large Organisational Leader(+20)

Selection Criteria

Tell us how you have fulfilled the criteria as described in your chosen category. It helps if you describe your story as it might appear in a newspaper or online. Who is the main character? What happened? How did circumstances evolve/change what was the outcome?

Just give us the story (500 words max). If we need more details we will contact you.

You are welcome to send images, videos or other supporting evidence if you feel it will enhance the explanation of your nomination. For large files (over 10mb) we can give you a dropbox link upon request.

Statement of the Person/Organisation that is being nominated for the award

I declare that the information in this nomination is true and correct and that I have permission of my organisation (if applicable) to submit the nomination on their behalf.

Name:

Position Title:

Signature: Date:

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