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2013 Hawkesbury Local Business Awards

date of meeting: 30 April 2013

location: council chambers
time: 6:30 p.m.





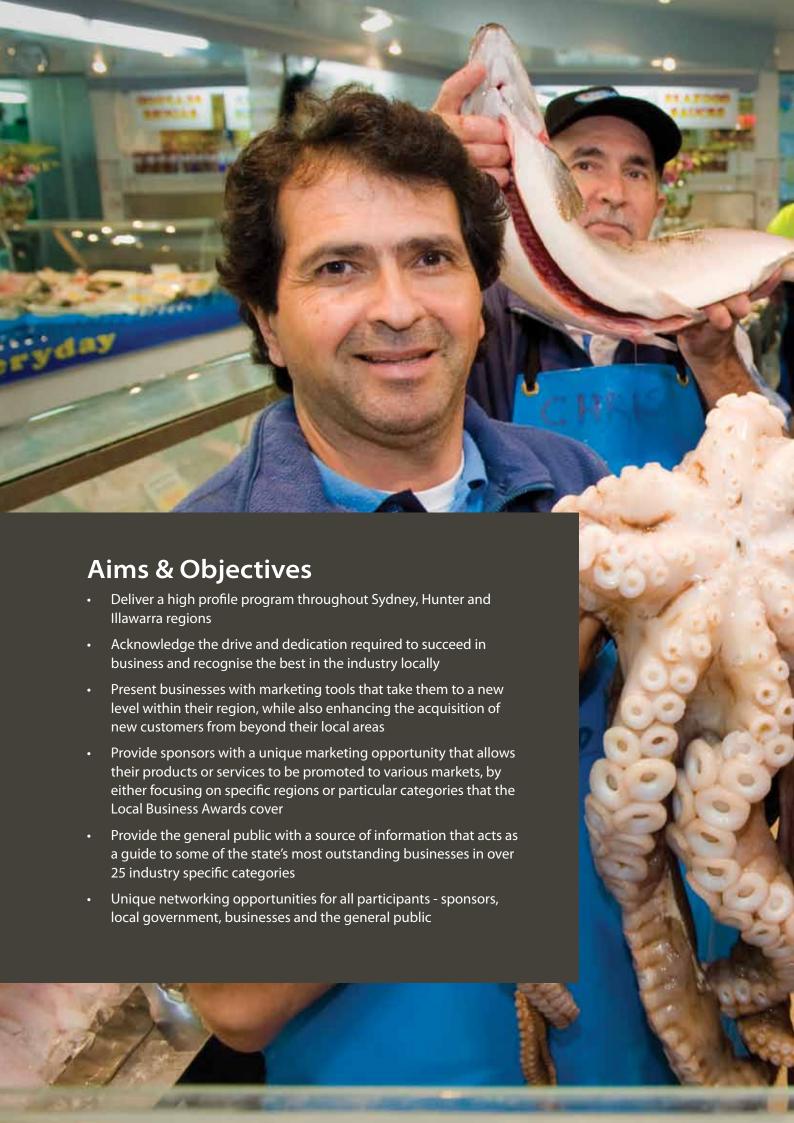
The Local Business Awards recognises the most outstanding businesses in over 20 local areas in Sydney, the Hunter and the Illawarra regions. Precedent Productions established the Local Business Awards brand over 25 years ago and over the years it has grown into a widely recognised and well respected program among the business community.

The Awards is an opportunity for your organisation to build a relationship with and promote itself to business owners, their employees and their customers. Sponsoring organisations are provided with an opportunity to engage with and build lasting relationships with what is considered the backbone of the Australian economy.

The Local Business Awards are:

- 21 Business Awards programs
- A 12 week media program reaching over 2 million readers
- A database of over 12,000 businesses
- A night of celebration for over 9,000 guests
- A community involvement program with 215,000 locals voting for their favourite businesses







Benefits

As a Sponsoring Partner, benefits include:

- Recognition as a supporter of a reputable program whose status is confirmed within the business community and among the general public
- Opportunities to associate with the local area's most dynamic and successful business people
- Media exposure throughout the twelve weeks of each program sponsored
- Selection from a number of programs that best suit your company's marketing strategy, allowing you to target specific audiences
- Networking with other sponsors and supporters, including other businesses, media partners and local government

Targeting the Market

The Local Business Awards targets a variety of markets including:

Businesses

- Small businesses
- Medium Enterprises
- Franchises
- Chain Stores
- Community Organisations

Employees

Employees have a high influence on business decisions. They are directly involved in the Awards by encouraging customers to make nominations, seeking methods on improving their standards to achieve success.

Community & General Public

The community participate in the Awards by nominating businesses within their local areas. They have come to rely on the Local Business Awards as a vital source of information to locate the most outstanding businesses in their specific region.





Local Business Awards Statistics

Area	Finalists		Nominations		Presentation Attendance	
	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011
Blacktown City	176	165	9,527	6,577	381	435
Fairfield City	186	159	12,717	8,098	616	479
Inner West	188	190	18,099	17,128	488	454
Holroyd City	161	132	10,295	7,472	379	278
Hills	166	167	9,422	12,375	411	414
Campbelltown	172	179	12,230	8,475	588	492
Camden Wollondilly	189	153	14,708	9,979	480	444
Bankstown City	182	166	9,365	6,466	428	299
St George	189	157	18,607	17,896	496	464
Liverpool City	181	147	8,726	5,042	472	367
Illawarra & South Coast	162	164	5,961	8,254	479	508
Northern Beaches	197	183	15,215	11,209	456	450
Parramatta	163	135	6,445	5,702	366	257
Penrith City	182	163	13,067	12,067	568	451
Auburn City	199	123	5,927	3,703	351	244
Mt. Druitt/St. Marys	180	142	7,269	5,141	399	307
Hawkesbury	184	159	9,774	10,773	509	503
Canterbury	163	145	7,659	4,770	311	255
Hunter	191	156	6,735	3,389	532	347
Sutherland Shire	172	147	19,168	22,347	643	617
TOTALS	3,583	3,132	220,916	186,863	9,353	8,065

The Program at a glance

Every Local Business Awards program features weekly editorial

WEEK 1 Nomination coupons available in print,

distributed, delivered to sponsors and on

website

30,000 coupons printed

Awards launch editorial

Coupon appears in media partner newspaper

WEEK 2 Dedicated sponsor advertisement in media

partner newspaper

Nominations collated

WEEK 3 Awards progress editorial

WEEK 4 Voting closes

Finalists determined

WEEK 5 Finalist Kits delivered to successful businesses

WEEK 6 – 8 Judging period for all Finalists

Finalists prepare and submit written documents

detailing their business

WEEK 9 Photographer visits all finalists

WEEK 10 Finalist Feature appears in media partner

newspaper

WEEK 11 Presentation Evening held for Finalists, Sponsors

and Dignitaries

WEEK 12 Winners Feature to appear in media partner

newspaper

Dedicated sponsor advertisement

congratulating winners





Communication

The twelve week Local Business Awards program is highly visible through various mediums throughout the program. This consists of weekly editorials and advertising in local publications outlining the progress of the Awards. There are also two multipage features that highlight the successful Finalists and Winners.

Communication through e-newsletters provides a personalised approach regarding their program and also offers the opportunity to promote sponsors directly to our dedicated market.

The Local Business Awards website is a portal of activity for the community and business people to engage in the program. Sponsors are given prime front-page exposure with hyperlinks directing to their website.



Nomination & Judging

Judging revolves around the customer experience. There are four stages to the Awards process:

- The Awards begin with the call for public nominations of outstanding local businesses
- 2. At the close of nominations, all coupons and online votes are collated and those businesses receiving the greatest number of votes in each category become finalists
- 3. Finalists are assessed by a panel of judges who conduct their evaluations at separate visits anonymously
- 4. Additional information is submitted directly from each Finalist

Winners are determined by the judges' evaluations and the additional information provided by the Finalists.



Sponsorship Benefits

MAJOR SPONSOR

\$8,500 (PER PROGRAM PLUS GST)

Nomination Coupons

Logo on newspaper coupon Logo on printed coupon pads (at least 30,000 per area)

Finalist Kits (average 180 per area)

Logo on Certificates Logo on Finalist Information Logo on Invitations Opportunity to include marketing material

Finalists and Winners Lists

Access to Finalists and Winners lists

Media Coverage

Pre-program Teaser Ads - Appears for 2 weeks prior to program launch Logo and comment in launch advertisement

Logo and comment in Winners Feature advertisement Mentioned in editorials throughout 12 week program

Website

Logo on program web pages Direct link to Sponsor's website

Presentation Evening

Logo on Program
Logo on Guest List Billboards
30 second Audio Visual Commercial
Logo appearing on Large Screen
Two Speaking opportunities
Presentation of 3-6 categories
Six Complimentary Tickets
Logo on Award Trophies
Promotional material at event
Corporate signage in venue
Logo on Winner's Poster
Opportunity to present a prize draw

Acknowledgement

List of Award Sponsors for networking purposes Award trophy as Major Sponsor

SUPPORT SPONSOR

\$4,500 (PER PROGRAM PLUS GST)

Nomination Coupons

Logo on newspaper coupon Logo on printed coupon pads (at least 30,000 per area)

Finalist Kits (average 180 per area)

Logo on Certificates Logo on Finalist Information Logo on Invitations

Media Coverage

Logo and comment in launch advertisement Logo and comment in Winners Feature advertisement Mentioned in editorials throughout 12 week program

Website

Logo on program web pages Direct link to Sponsor's website

Presentation Evening

Logo on Program
Logo on Guest List Billboards
Logo appearing on Large Screen
One Speaking opportunity
Presentation of 2-3 categories
Two Complimentary Tickets
Promotional material at event

Acknowledgement

List of Award Sponsors for networking purposes Certificate of Appreciation









2013 Program Schedule

Program	Media Partner	Launch Date	Presentation Date	
Sydney Hills	Hills News	Monday, 18 February	Wednesday, 1 May	
Fairfield City	Fairfield City Champion	Monday, 25 February	Wednesday, 8 May	
Blacktown City	Blacktown Sun	Monday, 4 March	Wednesday, 15 May	
Inner West	Ciao Magazine, Burwood Scene and 2RDJ	Monday, 18 March	Wednesday, 29 May	
Campbelltown	Campbelltown Macarthur Advertiser	Monday, 1 April	Wednesday, 12 June	
Camden Wollondilly	Camden-Narellan and Wollondilly Advertisers	Monday, 8 April	Wednesday, 19 June	
Northern Beaches	Peninsula Living	Monday, 1 April	Wednesday, 3 July	
St George	St George and Sutherland Shire Leader	Monday, 29 April	Wednesday, 10 July	
Holroyd City	Holroyd Sun	Monday, 13 May	Wednesday, 24 July	
Liverpool City	Liverpool City Champion	Monday, 20 May	Wednesday, 31 July	
Bankstown City	Bankstown Torch	Monday, 27 May	Wednesday, 7 August	
Illawarra & South Coast	Lake Times, Kiama Independent and Wollongong Advertiser	Monday, 3 June	Wednesday, 14 August	
Randwick City	Southern Courier	Monday, 6 May	Wednesday, 21 August	
Parramatta	Parramatta Sun	Monday, 24 June	Wednesday, 4 September	
Auburn City	Auburn Review	Monday, 1 July	Wednesday, 11 September	
Penrith City	Penrith City Star	Monday, 15 July	Wednesday, 25 September	
Hawkesbury	Hawkesbury Courier	Monday, 22 July	Wednesday, 2 October	
Canterbury	Canterbury-Bankstown Torch and Valley Times	Monday, 5 August	Wednesday, 16 October	
Mt Druitt / St Marys	St Marys Mt Druitt Star	Monday, 12 August	Wednesday, 23 October	
Hunter	The Newcastle Herald	Monday, 19 August	Wednesday, 30 October	
Sutherland Shire	St George and Sutherland Shire Leader	Monday, 2 September	Wednesday, 13 November	

Program dates are subject to change











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