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Dates for your Diary

17th February—Workcover OH&S Workshop
Mackellar Motel
Free Workshop, bookings essential
14th March—Business & Service Awards
Gunnedah Town Hall

This month's Newsletter is solely promoting our Business & Service Awards being held on the 14th March 2009. Award nomination forms have been sent out to everyone, however if you need one, you can collect it from the GDDB Office or online @ www.gunnedah.org.au. The online voting forms are for the Customer Service Awards as well as the Small and Large Business Award. If you require any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Michael @ the GDDB Office.

OH&S Workshop Reminder.....

You are invited to the Workplace Safety Essentials – Occupational Health and Safety workshop, where you will receive free workplace safety advice and learn how to comply with your workplace safety responsibilities and meet your OHS obligations.

Date: Tuesday 17th February 2009

Venue: Mackellar Motel, Conadilly Street Gunnedah

Session time: 10.30am Registration for 11.00am start (ceases @ 1.00pm)

Lunch will be provided

Employers who attend this workshop may qualify for a \$500 Safety Solutions Rebate

Bookings: Please contact Michael Ruff @ the GDDB 6742 3600

or email gddb@gunnedah.org.au

Numbers limited to 25 – Bookings Are Essential!



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Business & Service Awards Categories, Nomination & Entry Forms



Listed below are the categories for this year's awards. Why not enter your business or nominate someone in the Public Vote Categories below.

BUSINESS NOMINATED CATEGORIES:

These categories are nominated by the businesses who wish to nominate for a category. The nomination forms are obtainable from the GDDB Office, online @ gunnedah.org.au and will be emailed to businesses over coming days.

New Business Award (less than 3 years)

This award is only open to applicant businesses of all sectors that have been in operation for three or less years. This does not include businesses that have been purchased as an existing business.

Industry Service Award

Open to all businesses involved in the manufacturing or production of a finished product, ready for the consumer.

Examples – Engineering, Builders Food Processing, Craftsmen etc.

Tourism/Hospitality Award

Open to all sectors of the Hospitality & Tourism industry.

Examples – Cafes, Restaurants, Catering, Accommodation, Tourist Attractions etc.

People Development Award

Open to all businesses that show investment in ensuring their staff is trained and suitably skilled, ensuring their workplace encourages personal growth through structured performance management and reward & recognition.

Environmental Sustainability Award

This award is open to applicant businesses whose focus is on the environmental conservation, protection, education etc.

Business Presentation & Marketing Award

Open to all businesses that can prove that their business successfully promotes itself within the town through all forms of marketing including word of mouth. The overall presentation of the business will be.

Workplace Safety Award

Open to all businesses that show evidence of a reduction in workplace accidents resulting from strategies put in place by the employer and employees. There must also be evidence in a reduction in loss of man hours and be able to demonstrate management and training of workplace safety

Retail Award

Open to all businesses in the retail sector – ie that deal directly with the consumer.

Examples – Gift Stores, Clothing Stores, etc

Community Service Award

Businesses or organisations that provide a valued service to the Community.

Examples – Sporting bodies, Educational facilities, Charitable organisations, Community/Welfare groups.

Best in the Business Award

All nominations will be considered. This award is given to the 'Category Winner' which is judged to be the most outstanding.

Apprentice of the Year

Open to all sectors

Trainee of the Year

Open to all sectors

PUBLIC NOMINATED CATEGORIES

These categories are nominated by the people of Gunnedah. The nomination form for these categories will appear in the Namoi Valley Independent, online @ gunnedah.org.au or can be collected from the GDDB Office.

These are categories are nominated by the residents of the Gunnedah Shire. The nomination forms for these categories will appear in the NVI and will be available from the GDDB Office in Conadilly Street. Nominations will also be accepted on the www.gunnedah.org.au website.

Service Award (Trade & Other)

As voted by the Gunnedah locals.

Open to all businesses offering a Qualified Trade or Unqualified service to the consumer or other businesses.

Examples – Electricians, Hairdressers, Mechanics, Wholesalers etc

Service Award (Professional)

As voted by the Gunnedah locals.

Open to all businesses offering a Professional Service to the consumer or other Businesses

Examples – Accountants, Physicians, Legal, Optical, Chemists etc

Customer Service Award (Individual)

As voted by the Gunnedah locals.

Open to all businesses. Criteria for consideration: good general knowledge of community including events, tourism attractions, people skills, product knowledge, awareness of customer expectations, willingness to assist and excel.

Small Business Award

As voted by the Gunnedah locals.

This award is only open to businesses with less than 10 FTE staff.

Large Business Award

As voted by the Gunnedah locals.

This award is only open to businesses with more than 10 FTE staff.

ENTRIES CLOSE WEDNESDAY 18TH FEBRUARY 2009 @ 5.00PM

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