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We were super excited to launch the 2015 ECCI Business Excellence Awards at the May Business After Hours, which was hosted by TV Financial Services, last year's Business of the Year.

Tamara Virgo from TV Financial spoke about her development as a business, from a small home based mortgage broker taking a chance during the Global Financial Crisis to a four person operation providing a fully comprehensive financial advisory service. We were also very lucky to hear from Andrew Embley, ex-West Coast Eagles footballer. Andrew spoke about successes on and off the field, including business orientated post-football career.





Both Tamara and Andrew spoke about the opportunities that arise from nominating for your local Business Excellence Awards. Not only do you receive recognition for your businesses achievements, but nominating provides an opportunity to take a step back and review your business in a structured manner.

This year, we're very excited to launch two new categories – the Virgin Australia Best New Business, which celebrates the achievements of either a new business, or a business that has been purchased by new owners, within the last two years. The Aurizon Judge's Choice Award will allow the judges to recognise a stand-out business, that while might not have won their category, showed excellence in other areas.

Other categories now open for nominations include:

-  Regional Development Australia Goldfields Esperance Best Home Based Business
-  Southern Ports Authority – Port of Esperance Best Micro Business (less than 5 FTE employees)
-  Small Business Development Corporation Best Business with 5 – 10 Employees
-  Best Business with 11 – 20 Employees
-  Best Franchise Business
-  Australia's Golden Outback Best Tourism Business
-  Horizon Power Best Community Service Organisation
-  Goldfields Institute of Technology Best Apprentice/Trainee

Other categories that will either be awarded on the night, or are voted on by the public are:

-  Telstra Best Customer Service Individual
-  Telstra Best Customer Service Business
-  Mackenzie's Marine and Towage Business Service Excellence Award
-  Cliffs Natural Resources Business of the Year

The event's media partners are the Kalgoorlie Miner and Radiowest.

As you can see, there's a category to suit every business! More information on the Awards, including nomination forms and category questions can be found under the events page at [www.esperancecci.com.au](http://www.esperancecci.com.au)

Please don't hesitate to get in touch with our office if you have any questions on nominating for the Awards!