

ECCI LAUNCHES 2015 BUSINESS EXCELLENCE AWARDS

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The Esperance Chamber of Commerce and Industry were very excited to launch the 2015 Business Excellence Awards at the May Business After Hours function hosted by TV Financial Services last night.

Following on from the change in nomination process last year, finalists in the 2015 Awards will again participate in an interview style process, instead of the written submission of previous years.

Tori Castledine, ECCI Corporate Manager, said that last year's change was very warmly welcomed by nominees.

"We had excellent feedback on the new nomination process, and we're very pleased to continue with the interviews this year."





"Last year's judges continually expressed what an absolute pleasure it was to visit local businesses and hear people talk about their passions, and they're very excited about this year's Awards."

The ECCI has introduced two new categories for this year's awards. 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

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

"The awards truly are an excellent opportunity to take a step back and reflect on your business progress and achievements over the last 12 months," Ms Castledine said.

"It's important to be recognised for your successes, and we strongly encourage all businesses to nominate for the awards.

Nomination forms are now available from the ECCI and at www.esperancecci.com.au

Nominations close 5pm Friday 26 June, with the Award ceremony being held on Saturday 29 August.

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PHOTO: Last year's Cliffs Natural Resources Business of the Year Winners TV Financial Services. L to R: Matt Dukes, Jo Daw, Ashley Totten, Tamara Virgo and Brooke Harper.

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