



Frequently Asked Questions

Who can enter?

Entry is open to any business based in the Edward River Council area that holds a valid ABN, subject to the entry criteria for each individual award.

Is there an entry fee?

There is no fee for a business or individual to submit their entry.

Can I enter more than one category?

Yes, you can enter as many categories as you like provided your business fits within the category criteria.

Can I enter more than one region?

No, businesses can only enter one Region in the 2024 Business Awards. This also applies to branches of larger organisations.

How and when will finalists be announced?

Finalists will be announced on the Deniliquin Business Chamber website, in the Pastoral Times and on 2QN/Edge FM on 6th August 2024.

How will I know my submission has been received?

Once an entry is submitted an auto confirmation email will be sent. If you do not receive a confirmation email please check your junk inbox or contact businessawards@businessnsw.com

What if there is an error while submitting my entry

If you experience an error, please email businessawards@businessnsw.com

Is my submission confidential?

All submissions are confidential and are handled in line with the [NSWBC Privacy Policy](#) and [Business Awards Program Terms & Conditions](#).



Will I receive feedback on my submission?

Feedback on your submission can be provided on request via businessawards@businessnsw.com

If I have previously entered the Business Awards program, can I enter again?

Yes you can enter the [Deniliquin Business Chamber Excellence Awards](#) each year.

Regional & State

Regional and State winners are eligible to enter the same category in the subsequent year that they have won, up to a maximum of three consecutive years. If the same organisation or person wins the same category at either the Regional or State awards three years in a row, they will be placed in the Hall of Fame for that category. The organisation or person who is placed in the Hall of Fame will then be excluded from entry into that category at both Regional and State for the next two consecutive years.

What is the judging process?

Each category is judged by a panel of up to three judges that are selected from subject matter experts, Business Award program partners or Business NSW and My Business executive management. Each entry is judged individually with all judges scores averaged to achieve the final score.

Contact us

For any enquiries on the submissions feel free to email admin@deniliquinchamber.com.au.

For issues with the entry portal please email businessawards@businessnsw.com or call 13 26 96



Writing Submissions For Deniliquin Business Awards

All winners in categories that are aligned with the Riverina Murray Awards will automatically go on to the regional and then perhaps the State Awards.

Award submissions should be of a standard that will not only give a great chance of winning the local awards but for those that go on to Regional or State a submission that will be competitive at that level.

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Entering your business is a rewarding experience. It provides an opportunity to reflect on the goals, strategies and vision which have shaped your success, and the insights gained will help drive the growth and longevity of your business.

To help you get started or perfect your entry, we have included some tips below on writing a successful award entry:

- **Give yourself enough time:** Ensure you have ample time to draft, review and make necessary changes to your entry. Consider having someone else review it for a fresh perspective.
- **Focus on your message:** Be clear and concise in your response. Addressing all aspects of the questions.
- **Quantify the results:** Reinforce your achievements by including relevant statistics, clearly demonstrating growth and success to the judges.
- **Engage your team:** Writing an award entry is an excellent opportunity to acknowledge and reflect on the hard work and results achieved. A collaborative approach can bring fresh ideas and strengthen your submission.
- **Read your entry out loud and proofread:** Reading your entry out loud helps check the structure of your sentence and how someone else may read your entry. It is also a great tool for checking spelling mistakes and grammar.



What the judges look for

Overall, marks are allocated based on:

- A strategic approach to business planning
- An awareness of their industry or marketplace (looking outside their own business)
- Innovative business practices
- Passion and enthusiasm
- Quantified answers and results using statistical information and figures.

Submissions that lose marks are those that:

- Have meandering answers
- Missed questions and supporting information
- Do not quantify statements/claims

What marks are not allocated for:

- the story and feel good
- any additional information you know outside of what's provided in the entry
- information in hyperlinks or information found through google