Illawarra Business Chamber

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Finalists for 2016 Illawarra Business Awards Announced

The Illawarra Business Chamber (IBC) is proud to announce the finalists for the IMB Bank Illawarra Business Awards.

Illawarra Business Chamber Executive Director, Chris Lamont, said this year has seen a record number of entrants and a very high standard of submissions.

The IMB Bank Illawarra Business Awards are a celebration of excellence in business and recognise the achievements of business professionals across the region. Entries are assessed by a panel of independent judges and these judges have now decided upon a list of finalists for each award category.

Winners of the IMB Bank Illawarra Business Awards will be announced at the WIN Entertainment Centre on Friday 21 October 2016.

In total there are 66 finalists in 14 award categories. Winners of aligned categories will represent the Illawarra at the NSW Business Chamber State Awards to be held on the 26th of November 2016.

"I would like to congratulate all entrants who through their applications demonstrated considerable expertise and commitment in operating and developing businesses across the region. Business development and growth is critical to providing employment opportunities across the region and Illawarra businesses continue to demonstrate leadership and excellence," said Chris Lamont

This year's IMB Bank Illawarra Business Awards event has been organised to ensure the focus of the evening recognises the achievement of finalists and award category winners through a gala awards ceremony. The MC for the evening is Marty Haynes OAM from i98FM and there will be many special guests from across the region and NSW.

"All participants are congratulated. Special recognition and congratulations is extended to the 66 finalists assessed by the independent judging panel as demonstrating standout performance against assigned award criteria," said Chris Lamont.

Don't miss out on the biggest event on the Illawarra business calendar. Tickets are still available at the WIN Entertainment Centre Box Office or www.wsec.com.au

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List of 2016 finalists:

Category	Company
Young Business Executive	Eliza De Paoli, Nowchem Jacinta Cali, Internetrix
Young Entrepreneur presented by BlueScope	Adam Murphy, Humber, Heyday, MCT Solutions Troy Ritchie, Ritchie Group Ross Thompson, WorkforceXS Nowra
Business Leader presented by Access Law Group	Gino Arcella, Aceit Work, Sport, Promo David Hiscox, Dapto Leagues Club Simon Kersten, Property Rejuvenators Grant Gleeson, RMB Lawyers Charlie Emery, Soilco Pty Ltd Roy Rogers, The Flagstaff Group
Excellence in Innovation presented by Wollongong City Council	Fibre Optics Design & Construct Pty Ltd IRT Group Digital Business Hub Soilco Pty Ltd Southern Cross Housing Destination Southern Highlands
Employer of Choice	CareSouth Peoplecare Health Limited
Excellence in Business Ethics presented by Defence Force Recruiting	Bohmer's Tree Care CareSouth Community Sector Banking Highlands Drive Safe Peoplecare Health Limited G.J. Gardner Homes Wollongong
Excellence in Export presented by Export Growth China	Aceit Work, Sport, Promo Central Data Networks Cherub Rubs Plain & Simple Australia

Excellence in Sustainability presented by TAFE Illawarra	Nowchem Switched On Mechanical Symbio Wildlife Park
Excellence in Small Business presented by Illawarra Mercury	Aceit Work, Sport, Promo Bohmer's Tree Care Burnetts on Barney LBPR Simmark Waples Marketing Group Pty Ltd
Excellence in Business presented by University of Wollongong	Lagoon Seafood Restaurant Greenacres Disability Services Peoplecare Health Limited Pillar Property Rejuvenators Soilco Pty Ltd Specsavers Nowra
Local Chamber of Commerce presented by Kiama Council	Corrimal Chamber of Commerce Kiama & District Chamber of Commerce Northern Illawarra Chamber of Commerce Shoalhaven Business Chamber
Outstanding New Illawarra Business	Boab Services Get Dressed Hire Humber G.J. Gardner Homes Wollongong SuCo Supervised Contact Services The Hungry Monkey
Excellence in Customer Service presented by Peoplecare	Dapto Leagues Club Lagoon Seafood Restaurant Learning e-Fex Pillar Switched on Mechanical Destination Southern Highlands Wollongong City Security
Excellence in Age-Friendly Business presented by IRT Foundation	Fibre Optics Design & Construct Pty Ltd Greenacres Disability Services Highlands Drive Safe Warrigal