



'Celebrating passion, performance & our people'

Why Enter?

Businesses and organisations that enter the awards will have the chance to:

- Benchmark their progress and achievements against competitors and other sectors.
- Network with other SC businesses and professionals.
- Focus on your business strengths and the competitive advantages that make your organisation a worthy candidate for being an exceptional business.
- Acknowledge the contribution made by you and your employees in growing and developing your business.
- Recognise your business/organisation's contribution to the local economy.
- A reward and acknowledgement of the contribution made by employees in growing and developing your business.
- Be involved in a premiere local event that celebrates achievement and promote pride in your organisation.

Additionally award finalists will have access to:

- A high profile platform to showcase your products and services to a wider audience.
- Increased marketing opportunities as a result of the public recognition of being judged as an outstanding business success.
- Exposure in the Timaru Herald Tabloid Newspaper promoting all of the finalists in the Business Excellence Awards.
- Finalists receive a free promotional DVD on their business
- Finalists and category winners receive certificates and category winners receive a prestigious trophy.

BEA Award Categories

1. The Port FM Music Network - Emerging Business Award.

Open to businesses that have been trading less than 3 years across all categories.

2. DB Mainland Brewery - Hospitality & Tourism Award

Open to businesses whose principal business activities provide a tourism activity, food or accommodation service in the region e.g. restaurants, cafes, wineries, accommodation, motels, hotels, retirement villages, bed & breakfast, tourist attraction, adventure tourism, family entertainment or visitor related services.

3. Alpine Energy - Primary & Manufacturing Award

Open to businesses whose principal activity is involved in or related to agricultural or horticultural sectors and/or manufacturing for distribution either locally, nationally or internationally, e.g. manufacturer, viticulture, agriculture, farming, wholesaler, distributor.

4. ANZ - Exporter Award

Open to businesses whose core products or services are exported. This category also recognises the positive impact on the region's reputation as an internationally successful exporter of products or services.

5. The Timaru Herald - Retail Award

Open to businesses whose principal activity is the sale of goods to the consumer or for use by other businesses, e.g. retailers, garden centre's.

6. Chorus - Technology & Innovation Award

Open to businesses that are creatively using technology to their advantage in achieving success or have adopted new innovative methods or systems in their company. The technology (or technologies) not limited to IT, will provide a competitive advantage through its application and leverage.

7. Community Trust of Mid & South Canterbury Inc - Community Organisation Business Award

Open to not for profit organisations, educational institutions, health service providers, local government organisations, community trusts etc, that demonstrate excellence and make a significant impact in their field.

8. The Aoraki Polytechnic - Service Award

Open to business whose principal activity is to provide assistance/support or advice to other businesses or the consumer, including professional services or any business service.

9. The Timaru Herald - Supreme Business Award.

This award acknowledges the overall business selected from all the category winners

Entry Eligibility

1. Businesses/organisations can be public or private, sole traders, profit or not for profit.
2. Organisations and businesses may only enter **ONE** category, however the organisers of the event may contact the entrant to suggest an alternative or more suitable category.
3. Organisations and businesses must be located within the South Canterbury region eg. Timaru District, Mackenzie District or Waimate District.
4. You can nominate your own organisation or business, or others.
5. If part of a larger organisation, organisations and businesses must be able to demonstrate that they operate as a separate business unit.
6. Organisations and businesses must disclose any issues that may compromise the integrity of the awards or cause a business/organisation to discontinue in the next year. Issues may include legal action, law changes, cash flow difficulties, insolvency, possible loss of funding or other risks.
7. Judging will be based on the evidence provided in the initial application. Once shortlisted, to the final four on a category, supplementary information may be required.
8. Finalists and winners agree to being involved in publicity related to the awards including photo and other media opportunities with sponsors, judges and SC Chamber and Aoraki Development Trust.
9. The Aoraki Development Trust reserves the right to decline an application where it believes a business is not located in South Canterbury district or where it believes a conflict of interest exists with Aoraki Development Trust staff, trustees, award sponsors and/or judges.
10. Category finalists must be available to attend the Business Awards ceremony in Timaru on the evening of Thursday 9 September 2010.

Confidentiality and Judging Ethics:

1. All awards entry documentation and entry forms are treated as confidential by the organising team and judges.
2. Applicants are not expected to provide or reveal proprietary information regarding products, processes or services.
3. Judges will be asked to declare any conflicts of interest and if necessary alternative judging arrangements will be made.
4. For the award process to be effective there must be unquestionable fairness and objectivity for all concerned.
5. All judges and the organising team will sign non-disclosure agreements.
6. Each judge has volunteered their time without compensation and is committed to assist with the success of the South Canterbury Chamber of Commerce Business Excellence Awards.
7. Judging scores remains confidential to judges and no correspondence will be entered into regarding the outcome of the awards.

Preparing Your Entry:

1. Read the entry form thoroughly prior. Choose which place the information you want to convey best fits to get maximum mileage out of the limited word count.
2. Please type your answers. Bullet points are fine to use. Answer all questions clearly, concisely and avoid narrative as a substitute for hard facts. Let your passion for your business come through in your entry.
3. Entering can be a real team effort so consider brainstorming the questions with your staff, business partners, advisors etc. You might be surprised at the level of involvement and interest shown.
4. Detail how long your business has been working towards developing its expertise in the category entered (Note: The judges will want to see consistency of exceptional delivery over a period of time)
5. Appendices are not allowed. Your answers should be within the specified word limit.

What do previous participants say?

.....was inspiring to hear of the business enterprises in the region and their standards...
.....I think the benefit from events like last night means companies who do compete, start to think about how they can lift their game and be motivated by other businesses within our region.....
.....It was great to see that South Canterbury has such a good range of businesses of high calibre.....
.....this was a really well run event (congratulations to you all) and it was fantastic to see all the South Canterbury business talent on show.....
.....I thought all competing companies in all categories were very worthy participants. We support the concept of the evening because it gives local businesses an opportunity to showcase who they are.....
.....our team are still smiling today which is just great!.....
.....Was a privilege and honour to be there.....Just One word, awesome!

Entries close 4:30 pm on Friday 30th July

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