



Nomination Acceptance Form

Congratulations on being nominated in the Commonwealth Bank Greater Port Macquarie Business Awards!

By participating in the awards your business can be part of this great celebration of local business success, gain recognition for your business or team achievements, raise your profile and take the opportunity to assess and receive feedback on your business performance. Awards are a great recognition of your team's work and can provide you with instant credibility – they are like a wonderful referral from someone who your customers respect.

The 2011 Awards comprise three category types – people's choice (voted by the public), business choice (categories voted by the local business community) and independently judged categories. Any business with premises in the Port Macquarie local government area can be nominated for the awards or self-nominate. Businesses are automatically entered into the popularly voted categories and can choose to enter the independently judged categories.

Further details and the criteria for the Judged Categories is available on the Port Chamber website at: www.portchamber.com.au.

Business Details

Business Name: _____

Awards Contact: _____

Position: _____

Business Commencement Date: _____

Premise Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Postal Address: _____

Business Phone: _____

Mobile Phone: _____

1. Your Business

Please describe your business. This will be used for promoting your business during the voting process and sharing with other businesses and the community what it is that you do. Make sure you include a sentence on what you do best. (50 words or less)



2. Business Award Categories

The Awards Categories for this year are detailed below. Please mark below from the Independently Judged Categories and the Voted by Business categories, which category/ies your business would like to participate in.

- You may enter as many of the **Independently Judged** Categories as you see relevant to your business.
- All nominees are automatically registered for the People's Choice Category.
- You may **select one only** of the **Voted By Business** Category.

INDEPENDENTLY JUDGED CATEGORIES (Nominees can opt in to participate in these categories)	
Excellence in Business	For businesses that achieve outstanding results in business revenue, community contribution, business planning and processes and innovation.
Embracing Technology	For businesses who have introduced new technology to improve their business operations
Environmentally Sustainable	For business that are working to reduce the impact of their operations on the environment, and/or provide products or services that have positive environment outcomes.
Disability Friendly	For businesses that have introduced initiatives to ensure products and services are accessible to people with a disability.
VOTED BY THE PUBLIC (All nominees will be automatically included in this category)	
People's choice	This award is chosen by the general public who will vote for the business they believe to be the best in the Greater Port Macquarie Hastings Region.
VOTED BY BUSINESS (Nominees opt-in to one of these industry categories)	
Business to Business Choice The four finalists from the categories below, will be included in voting by local business for their choice of the business they believe excels in our community.	
Accommodation	Hotels, Motels, Farm Stays, B&B, Caravan Parks, Backpackers
Automotive Services	Sales, Repairers, Servicing, Parts & Accessories, Hire & Leasing
Building, Trade Services & Suppliers	Construction, Trades, Trade Suppliers
Community & Social Services	Job Services, Supported Employment, Drug & Alcohol & Family Support Services, Aged Care
Childcare, Education & Training	Pre-Schools, Schools & Colleges, Training Institutions, Training Facilitators, Driving Instructors, Flight Schools
Medical, Healthcare & Fitness	Pharmacies, Medical Practices, Medical Schools, Personal Training, Gyms & Fitness Studios
Legal, Financial & Insurance Services (Large –10 or more staff)	Lawyers, Solicitors, Conveyancing, Financial Planners, Insurance Agencies, Advisors, Banks, Credit Unions, Accountants
Legal, Financial & Insurance Services (small – up to 9 staff)	Lawyers, Solicitors, Conveyancing, Financial Planners, Insurance Agencies, Advisors, Banks, Credit Unions, Accountants
Hair & Beauty Services	Beauticians, Hairdressers, Salons, Barbers, Beauty Training Services
Industry, Manufacturing & Engineering	Primary Producers, Manufacturers, Engineering Services, Food and/or Beverage Processing/Manufacturing
Hotels, Clubs & Bars	Hotels, Pubs, Clubs, Bars, Nightclubs
New Business	For businesses established after 1st January 2010
Professional & Business Services	Local or externally based head office, (eg vets, business coaches, recruitment agencies)
Real Estate & Residential Services	Real Estates, Strata & Managing Agencies, Property Valuers
Restaurants, Cafes & Catering Services	Restaurants, Cafes, Takeaways, Catering, Food Vans
Retail (Small)	1 store up to 9 staff, Local head office
Retail (Large)	Multi stores, 10+ staff, Franchises
Tourism & Attractions	Attractions, Themed Entertainment, Tours, Booking Services
Creative Services, IT & Communications	Interior Designers, Graphic Design Agencies, Web Development Agencies, IT Services, Marketing Agencies, PR, Film & Video Makers, Photography Studios, Media Outlets

3. Consent Approval

The Port Macquarie Chamber of Commerce is the sole organiser of the 2011 Business Awards. The Chamber could not put on the Awards without the support of its sponsors, local newspaper, radio and TV media outlets.

By signing here you agree to be part of the awards and for your business details above to be made public to Awards sponsors, the Commonwealth Bank and the Port Macquarie News and for them to be used for their own promotional purposes. While we support our sponsors in this way, you are under no obligation to accept any offers or proposals that may be forthcoming from our sponsors.

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Note please: emailed acceptances will not require a signature, but please provide your name as indication of consent approval.

If available, when returning this form, please also email a photo of your business and/or team for promotional purposes.

Fax or email completed acceptance forms to the Port Chamber Office on

Fax: 6583 2766 or info@portchamber.com.au

FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please visit www.portchamber.com.au or ring the Port Macquarie Chamber of Commerce on 02 6583 4412 or email info@portchamber.com.au.

ACCEPTANCE FORMS MUST BE RETURNED BY 21st JULY 2011

Contact: Katherine AT THE PORT CHAMBER OFFICE ON

Tel: 02 6583 4412 or email info@portchamber.com.au
