

<b><u>Categories</u></b>	<b><u>Descriptions</u></b>
<b>1. Accommodation</b>	Hotels, Motels, Farm Stays, B&B, Caravan Parks, Backpackers, Serviced Apartments etc.
<b>2. Automotive Services</b>	New & Used Sales, Repairers, Towing, Servicing, Parts & Accessories, Hire & Leasing.
<b>3. Childcare, Education &amp; Training</b>	Pre-Schools, Schools & Colleges, Training Institutions, Training Facilitators, Driving Instructors, Flight Schools.
<b>4. Community &amp; Social Services</b>	Not for Profits, Charities, Job Services, Supported Employment, Drug & Alcohol & Family Support Services, Respite Care, Aged Care, NDIS providers.
<b>5. Construction</b>	Builders, Building Contractors, Construction Trades, Trade Suppliers including Nurseries, Garden and Landscape Suppliers.
<b>6. Creative Services &amp; Communications</b>	Interior Designers, Graphic Designers & Agencies, Marketing Agencies, PR, Film & Video Makers, Photography Studios, Media.
<b>7. Financial Services</b>	Banks, Credit Unions, Lending & Financial service providers.
<b>8. Food Production &amp; Catering</b>	Catering, Primary Producers, Food and/or Beverage processing/manufacturing, Food vans & vendors.
<b>9. Hair &amp; Beauty Services</b>	Hairdressers, Salons, Day Spas, Barbers, Beauty Training Services.
<b>10. Hotels, Clubs &amp; Bars</b>	Hotels, Pubs, Clubs, Bars, Nightclubs.
<b>11. Industry, Manufacturing &amp; Engineering</b>	Manufacturers, Engineering Services.
<b>12. Medical, Healthcare &amp; Fitness</b>	Hospitals, Pharmacies, Medical Practices, Medical Schools, Personal Training, Gym's & Fitness Studios.
<b>13. New Business</b>	Automatic entry. Business commencement on or after 1 July 2017.
<b>14. Professional &amp; Business Services (5 or less employees)</b>	Consultants, Business Coaches, IT services, Lawyers, Solicitors, Conveyancing, Insurances Agencies, and Advisors with local or external based Head office are included.
<b>15. Professional &amp; Business Services (6 or more employees)</b>	Consultants, Business Coaches, IT services, Lawyers, Solicitors, Conveyancing, Insurances Agencies, and Advisors with local or external based Head office are included
<b>16. Real Estate &amp; Residential Services</b>	Real Estates, Property Maintenance, Pre Purchase Inspection Services, Strata & Managing Agencies, Property Valuers.
<b>17. Restaurants &amp; Cafes</b>	Restaurants, Cafes, Takeaways, Bakeries, Juice Bars.

<b>18. Retail (5 or less employees)</b>	1 Store, up to 5 employees. Any business selling products to the public for use or consumption rather than for resale.
<b>19. Retail (6 or more employees)</b>	1 Store or Multi Stores, Franchises, Large Retail or Bulky Goods with 6 or more employees in total. Any business selling products to the public for use or consumption rather than for resale.
<b>20. Tourism &amp; Attractions</b>	Attractions, Themed Entertainment, Tours, Booking Services.
<b>21. People's Choice</b>	<b>- voted by the public via the Port News &amp; forms available from Holiday Coast Credit Union branches.</b>

**Woman in Business Award – HBWN:**

<b>22. Woman in Business</b>	For females who have owned their own business (or co-owned) for at least 12 months and who have fostered growth and development in their business while contributing to the local community.
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**Excellence in Business (winners go through to Regional Awards):**

<b>23. Outstanding Young Employee (aged 18 – 35)</b>	The Outstanding Young Employee award recognises an inspirational young employee aged between 18-35 years. To enter into this award the individual must have been employed by their current employer for a minimum of 18 months at the time of entry.
<b>24. Outstanding Young Entrepreneur (aged 18 – 35)</b>	The Outstanding Young Entrepreneur award recognises an inspirational young person aged between 18-35 years who, through their own commitment and passion, owns or part owns a successful business. This award recognises young business people who demonstrate outstanding entrepreneurial spirit, strategic direction and innovative ideas whilst providing inspiration to a new generation of upcoming young business people.
<b>25. Outstanding Business Leader (aged 36+)</b>	The Outstanding Business Leader award recognises the positive contribution made to business by business people and professionals. The award recognises those who demonstrate outstanding entrepreneurial spirit, strategic business direction and innovative ideas, whilst providing inspiration to a new generation of upcoming business leaders. Individuals entering into this category can be self-employed or employed by a business.
<b>26. Excellence in Social Enterprise</b>	The Excellence in Social Enterprise Award is open to organisations that have been established or exist to further a social purpose that benefits the community. These organisations have commercial activities, products or services (other than government grants and donations) that provide an income stream to fund social purpose activities.

<b>27. Start Up Superstar</b>	This category recognises a business that has been operating for less than two years that delivers a product/service/idea/invention with credible potential. This award recognises early-stage start ups that have a solid chance of market success, and strongly displays the entrepreneurial spirit.
<b>28. Excellence in Innovation</b>	This Award recognises businesses that have made significant contributions to their industry through the introduction or improvement of an idea, method, technology, process or application.
<b>29. Excellence in Sustainability</b>	The Excellence in Sustainability award recognises businesses that are working to reduce the impact of their operations on the environment and/or provide products and services that have positive environmental outcomes.
<b>30. Excellence in Export</b>	The Excellence in Export award recognises leading examples of businesses that are exporting their products internationally and are forging a strong reputation for Australian products and services in international markets. This applies to businesses that are exporting directly or through a third party.
<b>31. Outstanding Employer of Choice</b>	The Employer of Choice award recognises organisations that put in place strategies and initiatives to create stimulating and supportive workplace environments for their employees. These strategies or initiatives must have a positive impact on both employees and the organisation as a whole.
<b>32. Excellence in Work Health &amp; Safety</b>	This Award recognises demonstrated commitment to continuous improvement of workplace health and safety outcomes in small business through the implementation of an integrated business approach. It is open for any business with 20 full time equivalent employees or less.
<b>33. Excellence in Small Business</b>	The Excellence in Small Business award recognises a business, employing less than 20 that has attained significant growth and is able to demonstrate the specific strategies and processes implemented to achieve sustainable growth in the previous 24 months.
<b>34. Excellence in Business</b>	The Excellence in Business award recognises a business that has attained significant growth and is able to demonstrate the specific strategies and processes implemented to achieve sustainable growth over the previous 24 months.
<b>35. Business of the Year</b>	A new Award in 2017. This winner is selected from the winners of the Excellence in Business Awards categories.