



IWIB Businesswomen's Awards 2026

APPLICATION FOR

IWIB Outstanding Commitment to the Community 2026



Presentation at the IWIB Businesswomen's Awards Lunch

11.00am - Friday, 24th April 2026

at Fraternity Club, Fairy Meadow

This award recognises Illawarra women who are committed to making a difference in our local community, through their **charitable endeavours** and **voluntary commitment**, giving back to the community for the betterment of our community and local area.

Illawarra people in general are known for their generosity in giving their time to charity/not for profit organisations and voluntary commitment in our community.

The 2026 IWIB Outstanding Commitment to the Community Awardee will be an **individual woman** who has made a noticeable impact on a local charity/not for profit organisation/s OR community group/s giving her time, talents and commitment on a **voluntary basis** OR an employee (not an employee of a Charity/Not for Profit) leading the Business in social responsibility within the community.

The award will be presented at a celebratory Lunchtime event held on Friday 24th April 2026 and **finalists must attend this event.**

1. **APPLICATION for IWIB Outstanding Commitment to the Community 2026** (please include this page in your application as page 1)

Applicants Last Name:

Applicants First Name:

Company Name / Name of Business:

ABN:

Business Address:

Position in Business:

Email Address:

Applicants Phone Number:

Referee 1

Name:

Business Name:

Phone Number:

Referee 2

Name:

Business Name:

Phone Number:

2. DECLARATION

I, being (), warrant that the information provided is true and correct as at the time of completing this nomination. I understand and abide by the rules as stated on this entry form I agree to abide by the conditions of entry as stated.

Signature of Applicant:

Date

Signature of Business Owner or CEO:

Date

3. QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED IN YOUR APPLICATION

(please answer each question on a separate page – include the question and question number at the top of each page and each question has a **maximum word count of 400 words**)

Please answer the following: -

1. Objective – What community, charitable / voluntary projects have you been involved in over the past 12 months? And why?

2. Impact – Give details of the contribution the project/s has made to the charity/not for profit or community organisation/s.

3. Commitment to future – Give details of future projects and explain how current projects require continuous support.

Include supporting material such supporting letters and testimonials of your fundraising/support from the nominated charities / not for profits you/the business supported

*Please bring photos, newspaper clippings and articles with you to your judges interview – do not include in your application.

HOW WE NEED YOU TO PUT YOUR APPLICATION TOGETHER:

Please put your completed Application together in the following order:

- ✓ **Completed Applicant Details** (No. 1 of the application) as your Front page
- ✓ **Declaration completed** (No. 2 of the application)
- ✓ **Your Answers to Questions 1 – 3** (No. 3 of this application).

Each question is to be on a separate page with a maximum 400 word count per question – include the question you are answering at the top of each page with the question number

- ✓ The full application must be emailed (**one complete application in ONE PDF FILE**) email to events@iwib.com.au)
- ✓ You will receive confirmation of receipt of your application by email, within **48hours**. If you do not receive this confirmation, email us at events@iwib.com.au
- ✓ You may include an index & testimonials
- ✓ **Do not** email newspaper clippings & articles separately – scan them and place at the back of your application – to be included in the 1 pdf file for your application.
- ✓ If you are entering **MORE** than one (1) category – each category is to be on a separate application. Each category application needs to be emailed in it's own PDF file – 1 PDF file per category entered

All entries must be EMAILED to events@iwib.com.au in **ONE** PDF FILE – to be received before 5pm Monday 2nd March 2026 deadline.

[No entries will be accepted after this date.](#)

JUDGING

- ✓ All applicants will be notified within one week after 2nd March 2026 and advised if they have made it to a shortlist of finalists.
 - ✓ All shortlisted finalists will be asked to a judging day. Your category Judge will contact you regarding the date & time.
 - ✓ The winner will be announced at the IWIB Business Women's Awards Day on Friday 24th April 2026
 - ✓ A Judging Panel made up of well respected and experienced members of the Illawarra business community will judge the awards. Two (2) judges will conduct the interviews with the successful candidates who reach this stage.
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- All finalists must attend the IWIB Businesswomen's Awards Day event on Friday 24th April 2026
 - *Tickets to the event will go on sale 8th February 2026*

Terms and Conditions

- ✓ Entries for the 2026 Awards are now open
- ✓ IWIB Business Women's Awards Sponsors and their employees are ineligible to enter the IWIB Business Women's Awards
- ✓ All entries must be emailed to events@iwib.com.au in **ONE PDF FILE** to be received before **5pm Monday 2nd March 2026 deadline.**
- ✓ No entries after this date will be accepted.
- ✓ You will receive confirmation of receipt of your application by email, within 48hours. If you do not receive this confirmation, email us at events@iwib.com.au
- ✓ The IWIB Businesswomen's Awards are free to enter and open to any female over the age of 18 provided they operate or work as an employee in a business located in the *Illawarra.
- ✓ IWIB defines the *Illawarra area to cover the local governments of Wollongong, Shellharbour, Kiama, the Shoalhaven & Camden LGA's. Applicants must conduct their business in one of these areas of local government.
- ✓ The business can be a sole trader, a private or public limited company, a partnership or limited liability partnership, a business unit within a company or a not-for-profit organisation. Businesses can operate in any trading sector.
- ✓ **It is a condition that entrants must declare** whether they, or the business they represent, are involved in (or could be involved in) any dispute or judgement that could in any way significantly interfere with the proper conduct of the Illawarra Women in Business Businesswomen Awards.
- ✓ Responsibility within the scope of these conditions cannot be accepted for any failure of confidentiality. Entrants will be expected to protect those aspects of their business that may be patentable, registerable or otherwise secret and governed by intellectual property, copyright or similar legislation.
- ✓ All information provided will be considered as confidential by Illawarra Women in Business and will only be accessible to the directors of Illawarra Women in Business and to the Judging Panels. Judges will observe the requirements of confidentiality and will declare any possible conflict of interest.
- ✓ Winners may refer to the competition in their own publicity material following approval by the organisers of such material.
- ✓ By entering the competition, applicants agree that their name may be held on an awards database.
- ✓ By entering the competition, applicants agree that their name and photo may be used in any future promotion of IWIB and similar IWIB awards, and used in any media releases associated with IWIB
- ✓ There can be no appeal against the decisions of the judges and these decisions must be accepted as final in respect of all matters concerning the IWIB Businesswomen's Awards, including the interpretation of the conditions of entry.
- ✓ All applications will be destroyed 3 months after the Award Day
- ✓ No correspondence will be entered into

WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR APPLICATION

The IWIB Businesswomen's Awards 2026 are an initiative of IWIB Pty Ltd.

We thank you for entering the awards and wish all candidates the best of luck!

PLEASE NOTE

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1 full application in **one** (1) PDF File only

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