Welcome

TO THE

2026 MOUNT GAMBIER AND DISTRICTS BUSINESS AWARDS

PRESENTED BY THE MOUNT GAMBIER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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KEY DETAILS

This event is proudly presented by the Mount Gambier Chamber of Commerce with support from the City of Mount Gambier and the Southern Limestone Coast Council

Friday 6 November 2026
Wulanda Recreation & Convention Centre, 7 Margaret Street, Mount Gambier, entrance via Margaret Street (Western end)
Please be aware that parking may be limited, drop off zones can be utilised near the entry

Doors open at 5:30pm for a 6:00pm event start
Event concludes at 11pm

DRESS CODE
Formal Attire

WINNERS
In order to keep the event on schedule, winners will not be required to present acceptance speeches. Winners will be uploaded to the website at the conclusion of the evening.

SOCIAL MEDIA
Like and follow the Chamber on social media
FB, IG and LI @mountgambierchamber
Share your moments & Tag your photos with
#MtGBizAwards2026

business AWARDS 2026
Mount Gambier and Districts

MOUNT GAMBIER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
City of Mount Gambier
SOUTHERN LIMESTONE COAST COUNCIL

SEATING PLAN

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BUSINESS NAME	TABLE NUMBER
Adelaide University	3
Advanced Orthodontics	55
Aunty Michelle Jacquelin-Furr	10
AusIndustry	3
Badger Workwear	17
Bare Necessities Lingerie	19
Barry Maney Group	15
Bio Gro	62
Brite Legal	32
Cara	58
City of Mount Gambier	3
Cleaneasy	67
Cocky's Auto	11
Complete Real Estate	7 & 8
Dept. Of State Development	3
Dycer Constructions	14
Elders Insurance Mount Gambier	12
Empak Homes	4
Envy Dance Studio	45
Fergan Pty Ltd	55
Fire Station Optometrists	66
FocusOne	64
Gambier Vets	33 & 34
Georgia Paige Photography	51
GJ Gardner Homes	25
Godrik Custom Build	24
Gramac Corporate	54 &55

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BUSINESS NAME	TABLE NUMBER
Grant High School	63
Greco Finance Co	27
Green Triangle Electronics	50
GT Civil Solutions	13
GT Pest Control	67
Hamilton's Run	64
HITSA Training & Employment	29
IntoJobs Mas National	16
JBR Joinery	65
JFA Purple Orange	11
Judo Bank	12
Kennett Builders	60
Kevin Paisley	58
Latitude Recruitment	64
Limestone Coast Technical College	40
LittleRippa Brewing company	53
Living Free Bowen Therapy	57
Malseed Real Estate	10
Mayhem Machining	67
Merrett Logging	30
Minister for Small and Family Business	5
Morrison Constructions	41 & 42 & 43
Mount Gambier Bus Lines	62
Mount Gambier Chamber of Commerce	10
Mount Gambier Chamber of Commerce	12
Mustart Electrical	63
Naralilla Homes	60

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BUSINESS NAME	TABLE NUMBER
O'Brien Electrical Mount Gambier	47
Odd Socks SA	59
One Forty One	9
Onetrak	37
Orchard Gardens Home Stays and Events	11
Parham Construction	53
PFD Mount Gambier	39
Porta Products	61
Ray White	56
Redgum Country	11
Regional Development Australia Limestone Coast	9
Rhetorica	20
Rhetorica / Beartiful	21
Rhetorica / Galpins	20
Rhetorica / JT Certification	20
Rhetorica / Landscape Board	20
Rhetorica / Legal Services Commission	20
Rhetorica / Member for Mount Gambier	20
Rhetorica / Office of Cross Border Commissioner	20
Rhetorica / Office of Cross Border Commissioner	21
Rhetorica / OneFortyOne	21
Rhetorica / SMLC	21
Rhetorica / Sol Media	21
Rhetorica / Stand Like Stone Foundation	21
Rhetorica / The Apple Farm	21
Rosedale Funerals	65

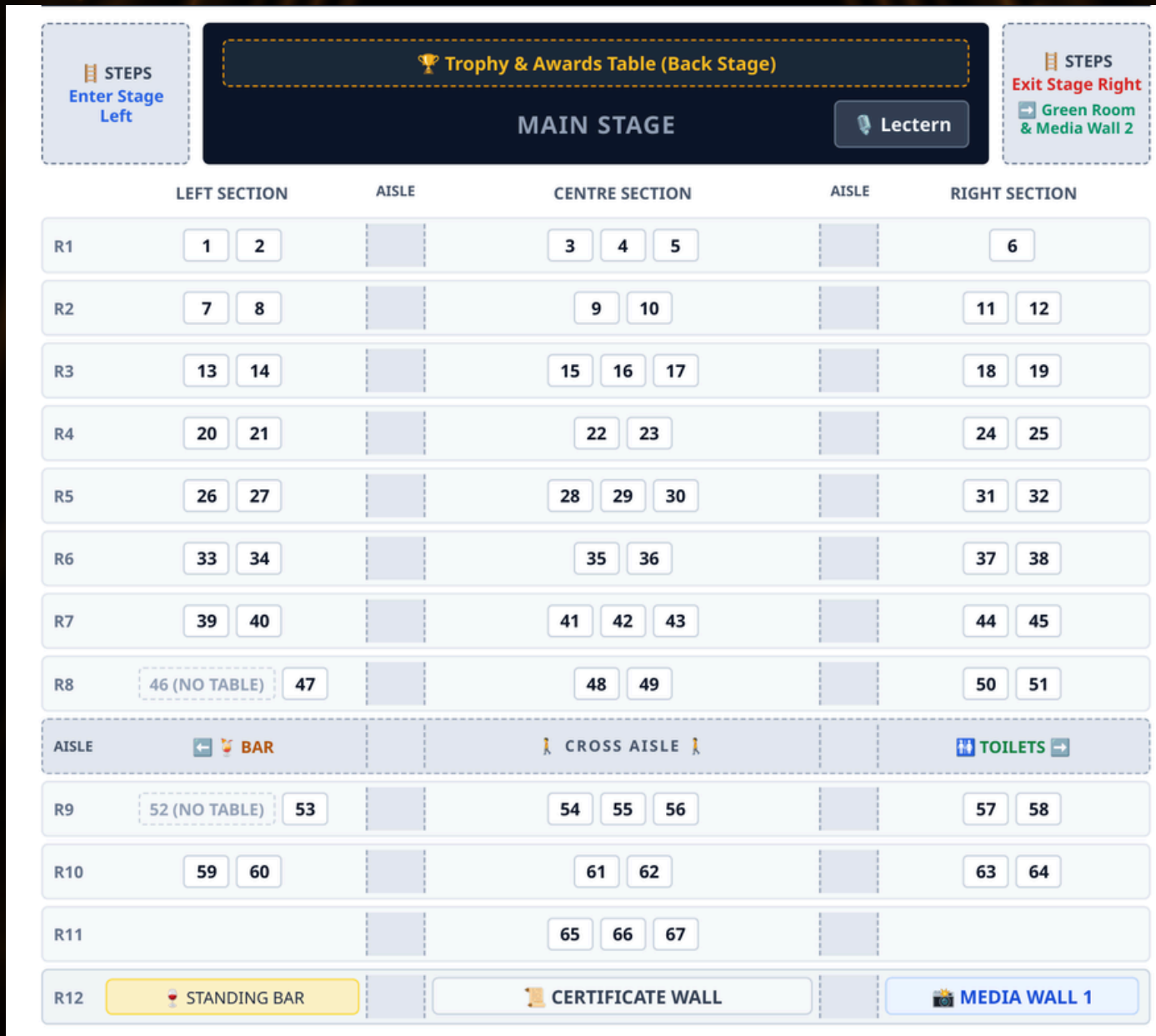
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BUSINESS NAME	TABLE NUMBER
S.E. Battery Service	26
Seven Media Group	6
South Australian Skills Commission	5
South East Shearing	18
Southern Limestone Coast Council	5
Spectrum Business Management	12
Squib Group	57
Stuckey Electrical Contractors	57
Tailor Made Travel Mt Gambier	38
The Bellum Hotel	54
The Border Watch	10
The Commodore	35 & 36
The Golden Needle Tattoo	28
The Light Choice	35
UFS Chemist	66
TafeSA	5
The OK Pie Shop	23
The Studio	22
The Studio / Embody Women's Health	22
The Studio / Orbit Creative	22
The Studio / Posy	22
Tonkin	44
True North RV	31
Video Live	59
Village Medical Centre	48 & 49
Westpac	1 &2
ZBM Media	59

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PROGRAM

Ali Clarke | Master of Ceremonies

A fixture of South Australia's media scene for over 20 years, Ali Clarke is a top-rating former radio host (Mix 102.3, Triple M, ABC) turned entrepreneur. Today, she is a part-owner of Prohibition Liquor Co, sits on the organising committee for the World Beach Volleyball Championships, and keeps busy at home with her three kids and football-coach husband.

Please be seated by 6:15pm

Welcome address

Entree service

INDUSTRY AND SECTOR AWARDS
Education, Employment and Training Sponsored by City of Mount Gambier
Health, Social Assistance and Care Sponsored by Complete Commercial
Manufacturing and Industrial Sponsored by Complete Commercial
Primary and Agri Sponsored by Southern Limestone Coast Council
Professional Services and Finance Sponsored by The Border Watch
Retail Sponsored by Redgum Country
Tourism, Hospitality and Accommodation Sponsored by Seven Media Group
Trade and Construction Sponsored by One Forty One
Transport, Logistics and Supply Chain Sponsored by One Forty One
Wholesale and Distribution Sponsored by the Mount Gambier Chamber and Commerce

Main Course Service

Hall of Fame Inductee Presented by the Mount Gambier Chamber of Commerce

Dessert Service

BEST OF BUSINESS AWARDS Proudly Sponsored by Westpac
Micro Business of the Year
Small Business of the Year
Medium Business of the Year
Large Business of the Year

Event to conclude at 11pm

CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE LIST OF
AWARD FINALISTS

MENU

THREE COURSE MEAL BY FINNS FINE FOOD

Fresh bread rolls and butter

alternate drop

ENTRÉE

CARAMELISED ONION & FETTA TARTLET with confetti salad and balsamic glaze V

THREE CHEESE ARANCINI resting on avocado crush GF V

MAIN FARE

SMOKEY GLAZED BRISKET low and slow with a bourbon jus potato smash and vegetables

CHICKEN BREAST pocketed with baby spinach, port salute cheese topped with a creamy sage sauce, potato smash and vegetables GF

DESSERT

Petite desserts on three teared cake stands, vanilla puffs, traditional jelly slice, mint truffles, chocolate brownies, date and walnut cake with butter cream GF, soft cheeses and fruit

GF - Gluten Free V - Vegetarian | All dishes are prepared using 100% Halal Certified ingredients

The meal is included in your purchased ticket

BAR SERVICE

PROVIDED BY THE BLUE LAKE GOLF CLUB

WHITE WINE
Raidis Emma Sparkling
Raidis Kelpie Sauv Blanc
Raidis Cheeky Goat Pinot Gris
Flowers for Lucy Moscato

RED WINE
Raidis Shiraz
Raidis Mama Goat Merlot

BEER
Carlton Draught
Carlton Dry
Coopers Pale Ale
Great Northern

CIDER
Pear Sommersby
Apple Sommersby

a range of spirits and soft drinks also available

All drinks are available for purchase at your cost

Cash and card facilities available
Bar tabs available

Dietary, access or support requirements are to be provided in advance so that we can make any reasonable adjustments prior to the evening
Email: events@mountgambierchamber.com.au

STATS FOR THE AWARDS JOURNEY

From open nominations and rigorous judging across 14+ categories to candidate workshops and the main event, see how our journey unfolds in numbers.

14
Categories

320
Nominations

4
Education workshops

105
Applications

19
Judges

509
Attendees

BEHIND THE METHODOLOGY

The 2026 Mount Gambier & Districts Business Awards are built on a foundation of data-driven category design, transparent eligibility criteria, and a robust, in-house judging rubric. Open to all commercial enterprises, sole traders, and non-profits across both local government areas within our regional boundary, the City of Mount Gambier and the Southern Limestone Coast Council, this structure guarantees an inclusive opportunity for every business across both council regions to participate and gain recognition. By dividing the program into two distinct streams, Industry & Sector Awards and Best in Business Awards, we ensure every entrant is evaluated fairly against its specific scale, operational model and sector context rather than raw size or turnover alone.

Behind the Scenes: How We Built the Framework

Category Selection & Economic Alignment

To ensure our categories reflected the real engine of our regional economy, we analyzed data from RDA Limestone Coast, which identified over 170 distinct subindustries operating across our region. From this dataset, we selected the top 10 categories based on the industries generating the greatest economic impact by revenue and turnover. Complementary sectors were grouped to balance broad representation with event capacity, creating dedicated pathways for participation while allowing our judging panel to evaluate each entry against its specific business model, scale, and sector.

The Industry & Sector Awards Stream

The Industry & Sector Awards focus on operational capability, sector distinction, and industry leadership. Entrants in this stream are evaluated on how effectively they demonstrate excellence within their specific line of work. Submissions are assessed against five core rubric criteria: Business Capability & Value Proposition, Performance, Stability & Growth, People, Culture & Workplace Practices, and Innovation, Community & Sustainability.

The Best in Business Awards Stream

Complementing the sector-specific categories, the Best in Business Awards evaluate whole-of-business performance, strategic planning, financial health, and overarching leadership. To maintain a fair and level playing field, judging expectations are scaled proportionally to workforce size—ensuring small operators are judged fairly against their own scale rather than pitted against large corporations. Applications across these major categories are evaluated using eight comprehensive criteria: Leadership, Performance, Strategy, Innovation, People, Customer Outcomes, Community Contribution, and Future Sustainability

THANK YOU TO OUR PARTNERS

MAJOR PARTNERS

City of Mount Gambier

SOUTHERN LIMESTONE COAST COUNCIL

CITY OF MOUNT GAMBIER

As South Australia's largest regional city, the City of Mount Gambier is committed to fostering a vibrant, sustainable and prosperous local economy. Through investment in key infrastructure, community activation and economic development, Council actively supports local commerce, innovation and sustainable growth across the region.

SOUTHERN LIMESTONE COAST COUNCIL

Southern Limestone Coast Council is South Australia's southernmost Council, bordering Victoria and forming part of the renowned Green Triangle Forestry Region. A leader in forestry, dairy and agriculture, the region is supported by Council's strategic infrastructure (Airport and Saleyards) and a positive investment climate. Home to Mount Schank, Little Blue Lake, world-class cave diving, a stunning coastline and Australia's southern rock lobster capital, the district offers a unique blend of tourism appeal and economic opportunity.

Council works in close partnership with local industry, business and community to optimise the potential of the district and support sustainable growth. Southern Limestone Coast, where good grows!

AWARD SPONSORS

BEST OF BUSINESS AWARDS

MICRO BUSINESS OF THE YEAR
SMALL BUSINESS OF THE YEAR
MEDIUM BUSINESS OF THE YEAR
LARGE BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

INDUSTRY AND SECTOR AWARDS

EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING

HEALTH, SOCIAL ASSISTANCE AND CARE

MANUFACTURING AND INDUSTRIAL

PRIMARY AND AGRI

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AND FINANCE

RETAIL

TOURISM, HOSPITALITY AND ACCOMMODATION

TRADE AND CONSTRUCTION

TRANSPORT, LOGISTICS AND SUPPLY CHAIN

WHOLESALE AND DISTRIBUTION

EVENT PARTNERS

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Recreation & Convention Centre
A place for all

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SINCLAIR Wilson
ACCOUNTANTS & BUSINESS ADVISORS

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAMBER

The Mount Gambier Chamber of Commerce proudly present the Mount Gambier and District Business Awards to celebrate the resilience, innovation and success of our local business community. Beyond recognising outstanding achievements, these awards inspire regional growth, showcase best practices and strengthen connections across the Southern Limestone Coast. By honouring the dedication of local entrepreneurs and organisations, we champion the vibrant business spirit that elevates Mount Gambier as a thriving regional hub.

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EVENTS CALENDAR

Stay connected, upskill and grow your network. View our full calendar of events including networking breakfasts, workshops and community events.



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MEMBERSHIP

The Mount Gambier Chamber of Commerce is dedicated to supporting local businesses.
We offer enhanced digital visibility and flexible membership packages tailored to meet your strategic business objectives. Consider joining our network today. Special Offer: Apply for membership by the end of the night and receive 10% off. Visit www.mountgambierchamber.com.au

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