



SUNSHINE BUSINESS AWARDS 2026/27. 1st – 30th JUNE 2026

Terms & Conditions

Information on how to enter and prizes form part of these Terms and Conditions of entry. Entry into the competition is acceptance of these Terms and Conditions

1. NAME OF PROMOTION	Sunshine Business Awards 2026/27
2. PROMOTER NAME & ABN	The Promoter of the Sunshine Business Awards is the Sunshine Business Association (“Promoter”) ABN 73138917269
3. WEBSITE	www.sunshinebusiness.com.au
4. VOTING PERIOD OPEN AND CLOSE DATE	The voting period commences at 9am (AEST) on Monday 1st June and ends 12 noon (AEST) Tuesday 30th June 2026 ("Promotional Period").
5. WINNERS ANNOUNCEMENT DATE	The winning business in each of the 15 business categories will be announced at a business networking presentation event on Tuesday 14th July 2026, at the Brimbank Community and Civic Centre, L6/301 Hampshire Rd Sunshine, and then announced to the public on Wednesday 15th July 2026, Any location or date changes will be publicised on our website and social media pages.
6. VOTING AND WINNER RESTRICTIONS (CONDITIONS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Businesses that are a registered business located within Sunshine CBD and within the Special Rate scheme boundary, this area is outlined at the following link (map): https://www.sunshinebusiness.com.au/about/ • Businesses that are (up to date) paid Associate Members of the Sunshine Business Association can be included in the Sunshine Business Awards. • Sunshine Business Association Committee Members can nominate and include other businesses outside the Special Rate scheme boundary. • The Sunshine Business Awards will not be eligible to businesses that: • are charities that have a primary focus of fundraising. • own or operate electronic gaming machines (EGM) or receive funding or in-kind support from EGM venues. • Entry is open to people residing in or visiting Victoria, Australia, 12+ years of age. • A valid email address and mobile phone number is required to be eligible. <p>Voting Process</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Voting portals. Voting occurs through two separate online portals: (a) the <i>Business Voting Portal</i>; and (b) the <i>Public Voting Portal</i>.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business voter definition. For the purposes of this Competition, a <i>Business Voter</i> is an individual who, at the time of voting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) is the owner, director, partner, or employed manager of an Eligible Business; and (b) is authorised by that Eligible Business to cast a vote on its behalf. • Two voting portals. Voting will be conducted through: (a) the Business Voting Portal; and (b) the Public Voting Portal. • Business voter verification. The Promoter may require a Business Voter to complete verification before accepting a Business Vote, including: (a) providing the business ABN; (b) providing the business trading name and trading address; (c) verifying a business email address and/or mobile number; and/or (d) providing reasonable evidence of authority to vote on behalf of the Eligible Business. • Public voter verification. The Promoter may require Public Voters to verify their eligibility in accordance with the Eligibility clause • Weighting (60% / 40%). For each category, valid votes will be weighted as follows: (a) Business Votes account for 60% of the final result for that category; and (b) Public Votes account for 40% of the final result for that category. • How the weighting is applied (calculation method). For each category, each eligible business' final category score will be calculated as: (a) Business Vote Score = (Business Votes received by that business in that category ÷ total valid Business Votes cast in that category) × 60; (b) Public Vote Score = (Public Votes received by that business in that category ÷ total valid Public Votes cast in that category) × 40; and (c) Final Score = Business Vote Score + Public Vote Score. • Winner determination. Subject to these Terms (including verification, integrity and disqualification rights), the eligible business with the highest Final Score in a category will be declared the winner of that category. • Sunshine Business owners or nominated manager/person needs to vote via the BUSINESS portal and select (in their opinion) the 3 best businesses in 3 different categories, but cannot vote for their own business. They can only vote once. • Sunshine Business staff and family can vote for their own business under the PUBLIC portal. • The winners (Businesses) in each category are determined by the number of business and public online votes they receive in their specific category via the sunshinebusiness.com.au website. • Overseas participation: Votes submitted from outside Australia, including votes generated or routed via overseas IP addresses or services, will be ineligible and void. • If no votes are received for a category, the Promoter reserves the right to grant an award to a business of its choice.
7. HOW TO ENTER (VOTE)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To enter, participants must visit website – www.sunshinebusiness.com.au during the Promotional Period and vote for a business in at least 1 of the 15 categories. • Voter must give their full name, a valid email address and phone number to be eligible. • A person can vote as many times as they like, however only their last vote will be valid. • The Promoter reserves the right to reject any submission.
8. CATEGORIES	<p>There are 15 Business Categories in total.</p> <p>15 Categories will list all eligible Sunshine Businesses that are part of promotion. The 15 Business Categories are:</p>

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. STAR Café (Cafés) 2. STAR Restaurant (Restaurants) 3. STAR Sweets & Drinks (Cakes, Desserts, Drinks & Wine) 4. STAR Take-Away & Fast Food (Take-Away & Fast-Food outlets (non-restaurant)) 5. STAR Fresh Food & Groceries (Bakeries, Groceries & Delicatessens, Meat & Seafood, Supermarkets) 6. STAR Fashion & Jeweller (Clothing, Jewellery, Shoes, Accessories, Dry Cleaners, Laundry & Alterations) 7. STAR Barber (Men's Hair & Barber) 8. STAR Hair, Beauty & Nails (Ladies Hair, Beauty & Nails) 9. STAR Lifestyle & Retail (Entertainment & Games, Florists, Gifts, Home, Keys Cut & Shoe Repairs, Post Office, Newsagencies, Tobacco, Travel-Agencies) 10. STAR Health & Fitness (Chemists, Fitness, Health, Wellbeing & Massage) 11. STAR Medical (Audiology, Chiropractic, Dental, Funeral Services, Medical, Optical) 12. STAR Real Estate (Property Service, Real Estate Agencies) 13. STAR Financial Services (Accountants, Banks & Financial Institutions) 14. STAR Business Services (Phone, IT, Human Resources & Lawyers) 15. STAR Community & Youth Services (Childcare, Community, Education, Employment & Training, Welfare Support)
<p>9. PRIZE DETAILS</p>	<p>There are 15 x business prizes to be won and 4 x voter prizes as follows</p> <p><u>Business Prizes:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 15 winning businesses with the greatest total number of votes in a category will be awarded \$1,000 (via cheque), plus a business marketing and development voucher valued at \$500. • The top 5 businesses with greatest number of votes of each category will be shortlisted, notified and invited to attend (or a representative from their business) in person, the business networking presentation event on Tuesday 14th July 2026, • The winning businesses with the greatest number of votes of each category must attend (or a representative from their business) in person, the business networking presentation event on Tuesday 14th July 2026, at the Brimbank Community and Civic Centre, L6/301 Hampshire Rd Sunshine to receive prize. • If a winning business representative is not in attendance of the business networking presentation event on Tuesday 14th July 2026 and unable to receive their award, the award will be given to the business with the second total number of votes in the category. <p><u>Voter Prizes:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four (4) randomly selected winning voters will win one (1) of four (4) \$500 SBA Gift Vouchers to spend in a selected small Sunshine business of their choice. Large multinational businesses such as Woolworths and Big W are invalid for this. Voters can gain an extra entry if they follow the LoveSunshineBiz.Vic Facebook and Instagram social media pages. The prize winners will be contacted via email or phone by Friday 3rd July 2026 and will have 14 days to contact SBA to claim their prize, or the prize will be given to another randomly selected voter. The prize will be valid for redeeming for 3 months from date contacted by SBA representative. • Gift Vouchers are to be collected in person from Aussie Home Loans – Shop 53a Sunshine Marketplace 80 Harvester Road, Sunshine Vic 3020 and photo identification produced. <p>The \$500 business marketing and development voucher includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A winner's trophy for business counter to proudly display your win to your customers; • A winner's framed certificate for business wall to proudly display your win to your customers; • A winner's shop front window decal to proudly display your win to your customers;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One (1) Facebook and Instagram reels/posts on @LoveSunshineBiz.Vic (over a 24-month period) to promote your win, or for a specific product, event or business offer; • Winner listing on the Sunshine Business Association website, Facebook and Instagram pages, our Community Board and bin wraps in Sunshine CBD (if approved by BCC);
10. TOTAL PRIZE POOL VALUE	Up to \$24,500 (incl GST)
11. WINNER NOTIFICATION	<p>Business Prize Winners will be announced at a business networking presentation event on Tuesday 14th July 2026, at the Brimbank Community and Civic Centre, L6/301 Hampshire Rd Sunshine, and then announced to the public on Wednesday 15th July 2026;</p> <p>Voter Prize Winners will be contacted via email or phone by Friday 17th July 2026</p>
12. PUBLICATION DETAILS	Winners will be published on the SBA website and social media channels.
13. SPECIAL CONDITIONS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. By entering this Competition, each entrant accepts full responsibility for the decision to participate. Each winner releases the Promoter, its related bodies corporate, affiliates, officers, agents, employees and suppliers (the "Released Parties") from all liability, loss and damage of any kind arising out of or in connection with the acceptance of, and participation in the awards. Without limiting the foregoing, the Released Parties will not be liable for any loss or damage whatsoever which is suffered (including but not limited to direct or consequential loss) or for any personal injury suffered or sustained in connection with the Prize(s) which cannot be excluded by law. 2. The Promoter may communicate or advertise this Competition using Facebook. This promotion is in no way sponsored, endorsed or administered by, or associated with, Facebook. Facebook membership and the use of Facebook generally are subject to the Facebook prevailing terms and conditions of use available at www.Facebook.com. Entrants understand that they are providing their information to the Promoter and not to Facebook. Entrants are solely responsible and liable for the content of their entries and any other information they transmit to other internet users via Facebook. To the extent permitted by law, each entrant agrees to indemnify, defend and forever hold harmless, Facebook and its associated agencies and companies, against any and all losses, actions, claims, costs, expenses and damages (of any nature) which may be incurred by an entrant in respect of the entrant's participation in the promotion. Any questions, comments or complaints about this promotion must be directed to the Promoter and not to Facebook. 3. The Promoter may communicate or advertise this Competition using Instagram. This promotion is in no way sponsored, endorsed or administered by, or associated with, Instagram. Instagram membership and the use of Instagram generally are subject to the Instagram prevailing terms and conditions of use available at www.Instagram.com. Entrants understand that they are providing their information to the Promoter and not to Instagram. Entrants are solely responsible and liable for the content of their entries and any other information they transmit to other internet users via Instagram. To the extent permitted by law, each entrant agrees to indemnify, defend and forever hold harmless, Instagram and its associated agencies and companies, against any and all losses, actions, claims, costs, expenses and damages (of any nature) which may be incurred by an entrant in respect of the entrant's participation in the promotion. Any questions, comments or complaints about this promotion must be directed to the Promoter and not to Instagram.

Limitation of liability and variation of promotion

4. **Non-excludable rights.** Nothing in these Terms limits, excludes or modifies any rights or remedies that cannot be limited, excluded or modified under the Australian Consumer Law or any other applicable law.
5. **General limitation.** Subject to clause 1, the Promoter (and its officers, employees, contractors and agents) will not be liable for any loss, damage or injury (including indirect or consequential loss) arising in connection with the Competition or any prize, including (without limitation) any: (a) technical failure, system error or voting platform issue; (b) lost, delayed, corrupted or misdirected votes/entries; (c) theft, unauthorised access or third-party interference; or (d) error in the awarding, acceptance, use or redemption of a prize, except to the extent caused by the Promoter's negligence, fraud or wilful misconduct.
6. **Release.** To the extent permitted by law, each entrant/voter releases the Promoter from all claims and liability arising from their participation in the Competition and/or their acceptance or use of any prize.
7. **Indemnity.** Each entrant/voter indemnifies the Promoter against any loss, liability, claim, damage or expense arising from the entrant's/voter's: (a) breach of these Terms; (b) unlawful, fraudulent or dishonest conduct; or (c) infringement of any third party rights in connection with the Competition.
8. The Promoter is not liable for any tax implications arising from the promotion or the prizes. Independent financial advice should be sought. Where this Competition involves, for GST purposes, supplies being made for non-monetary consideration, entrants will follow the Australian Taxation Office's stated view that where the parties are at arm's length goods and services exchanged are of equal GST inclusive market values.
9. Entrants consent to the Promoter using the entrant's name, image and likeness in the event they are winners (including photograph, filming and/or recording of the same) in any media for an unlimited period without remuneration for the purpose of promoting this Competition (including the outcome) and promoting any products manufactured, distributed, and/or supplied by the Promoter or its related companies.
10. Entry details remain the property of the Promoter. Entrants' details may be used for future promotions carried out by the Promoter. Entrants can request not to receive information about future promotions by unsubscribing from email communication.
11. The personal information submitted in an entry is collected by the Promoter and will be used for the purpose of conducting the Competition. Personal information supplied by entrants may be provided to related bodies corporate or agencies of the Promoter and third parties involved in promoting or conducting the Competition and future marketing and publicity communications. An entrant can gain access to, update or correct any personal information held by the Promoter by contacting the Promoter by emailing SBA on marketing@sunshinebusiness.com.au
12. The Promoter is not responsible for any technical, hardware, software, network, communications, website, platform or system malfunction, interruption, delay, error, omission, deletion, defect, communications line failure, internet failure, theft, destruction, unauthorised access to, or alteration of, votes/entries.
13. Without limiting clause 9, the Promoter is not responsible for any vote/entry that is late, lost, incomplete, incorrectly submitted, corrupted, not received, or not properly recorded due to any reason outside the Promoter's reasonable control.

14. The Promoter may, acting reasonably: (a) disqualify any person it reasonably suspects has engaged in tampering, hacking, automated voting, scripting, scraping, bulk submissions, collusion, or other integrity-compromising conduct; (b) void any affected votes; and/or (c) conduct an audit of voting data and take steps reasonably necessary to restore integrity.
15. If, for any reason, this Competition is not capable of running as planned (including due to technical failure, tampering, fraud, unauthorised intervention, or any event outside the Promoter's reasonable control), the Promoter may, to the extent permitted by law, cancel, terminate, modify, suspend or recommence the Competition, or modify the manner in which winners are determined, acting reasonably to preserve fairness and integrity.
16. If a dispute arises regarding eligibility, voting integrity, vote validity, or the awarding of a prize, the Promoter may request further information and may make determinations (acting reasonably) to resolve the dispute.
17. To the extent permitted by law, the Promoter's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

Dates in these Terms and Conditions are subject to changes.