



Entry Kit and Guidelines

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About the Awards

2016 ANZ Sunraysia Daily Mildura Innovation Awards

Mildura Development Corporation [MDC] facilitates economic and business development activity within the region. MDC's vision is "Our Region. Our Prosperity" and an important component of our vision is to promote and encourage innovative business practices and entrepreneurial activity, resulting in increased prosperity for the region.

Innovation refers to creating or improving products, processes and ideas. The 2016 ANZ Sunraysia Daily Mildura Innovation Awards is encouraging businesses and organisations to showcase new ideas, dynamic products or improved services. This will communicate the importance of embracing an innovative culture to others and promote a positive outlook for the future of the region. The 2016 ANZ Sunraysia Daily Mildura Innovation Awards is celebrating everyday innovators.

Important Dates

May 28	Launch website and announce sponsors
June 29	InnovateMildura event 'Insights to Innovation' hosted by Mildura Development Corporation
July 20	Northern Mallee Leadership Lunch – Innovative Leadership
August 08	Workshop on Intellectual Property Protection by Davies Collison Cave
August 19	Where are they now networking event hosted by Sunraysia Daily
August 25-26	SuniTAFE annual e-Summit event
Sept	InnovateMildura ThoughtLab with Carlton Connect and Melbourne University
October 19	Maximising your awards journey with Yvonne Adele hosted by Help 4 Small Business
November 11	2016 ANZ Sunraysia Daily Mildura Innovation Awards Gala event
December 1	Industry Round Table – InnovateMildura

Who is eligible to enter?

Only applications that include the statement of acknowledgement of **'local'** will be considered.

Individuals, businesses, not-for-profit organisations and individuals that have been primarily operating in or originated from the Mildura region which is considered to be the local government areas of Mildura and Wentworth) can enter the Awards.

To be eligible to enter the awards, your innovation must be unique to, or have been developed or implemented first in the Mildura region.

Can I nominate an entrant?

Applications for Product or Process Awards must be submitted by the entity or individual who represents the entity however applications for any of the three People Awards can be nominations of another person. You will be asked during the application process to provide acknowledgement that you have first sought the approval of the nominee to proceed, as the nominee must approve of the application for it to be considered by the Judges.

Can I re-enter?

If you have entered the Mildura Innovation Awards previously, you are welcome to enter again either in the same or a different category.

As previous finalists and winners in a particular category, judges need you to reference your most recent entry to see that there has been considerable progress made since your last entry.

Before re-entering please make sure you have reviewed any verbal or written feedback you may have received from the Mildura Innovation Awards judges in the past.

Can I enter more than one category?

If your innovation is eligible under other Awards criteria, then yes you can enter multiple categories. However, your submission may need to be re-written to clearly meet the different judging criteria attached to each award category and the focus required of the submission.

If for example, you enter the McKay Award Innovative Product - Business model as well as the Fisher Award Innovative Person – Business, then the first four criteria will be used by the judges for the Innovative Product – Business Model and should be directly related to your innovative Business Model. The fifth criterion which is independently used for all three of the Innovative People Awards, must be focused on the innovative person behind the business model.

Need more help? The help contact form can be found on the entry form page which will enable you to clarify any concerns around appropriate approaches to your criteria response. The InnovateMildura HQ team are at your disposal.

What to submit

When preparing and then entering the Mildura Innovation Awards your submission must strictly adhere to the following format and instructions in order to be considered 'eligible'.

Your online entry form is available from July 2 until September 16 at <http://www.mildurainnovation.com.au/EnterAwards.aspx>. You can access and revisit your entry or entries which you can amend until you complete the form.

No hand delivered, posted or emailed entries will be considered.

Required;

- Acknowledgement and agreement with the provided '**local**' statement that the business, not-for-profit organisation and/or individual have been primarily operating in or originated from the Mildura region which is considered to be the local government areas of Mildura and Wentworth and that the Innovation be unique to, or have been developed in the Mildura region.
- 1 X 150 – 200-word response per criteria, which can be dot point form, addressing each of the first four criteria for Product and Process categories and the fifth criterion alone for People categories.
- 1 X nominated person who would best be mentored, and your reason why you chose this person, if the Innovation was to be the Winner of a Merit Award Mentoring Package.
- 2 X referees who the Judges may contact to validate any claims, evidence or data you have included in your submission.
- 1-2 high quality images which will may contribute to your assessed submission.
- 1 high quality logo image if applicable for PR purposes if you become a finalist or winner which will not contribute to your submission.
- 1 X 150 – word summary of your innovation or innovator for PR purposes which will not assessed as contributing to your submission.

- 1 X catchy one-liner for PR purposes which is not assessed as contributing to your submission.

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Obligation of a Mildura Innovation Awards finalist or winner

A key spokesperson and an ongoing working relationship with Mildura Development Corporation to promote your success in 2017 / 18.

For Category and Merit Award Winners, and the Innovator of the Year, reference in all media releases and online reference of the naming and category sponsors associated with the Award.

A representative from your organisation will be invited to give a 5-minute talk to a live audience as part of the 'Where are they now event' in 2018 during the next Mildura Innovation Awards program.

Participation in any MDC endorsed or supported longitudinal research projects designed around Innovation in the region as a result of contributing or winning an Innovation Awards in 2016.

Confidentiality, Non-disclosure and Conflict of Interest agreement

Judges, business mentors and organisers of the 2016 ANZ Sunraysia Daily Mildura Innovation Awards agree to, and sign, a [confidentiality agreement](#). This agreement acknowledges that some participants may not have yet taken appropriate steps to patent, copyright or otherwise protect their Innovations or Ideas, and confirms that all reasonable steps will be taken to hold such Innovations or Ideas in strict confidence.

However, participants in the Mildura Innovation Awards should be aware that public disclosure of their Innovations or Ideas may be a consequence of progression through the awards process. Therefore, we strongly encourage all participants to ensure they understand the implications of making their Innovations or Ideas publically available in relation to their rights to protect their intellectual property, now and into the future.

The organisers of the Mildura Innovation Awards have arranged for all participants to be able to access complimentary and obligation- free advice through a pro bono arrangement established with intellectual property firm Davies Collison Cave. This opportunity is made available throughout the online submission process. It remains the sole responsibility of participants to understand and take any necessary action in relation to patent and other intellectual property protection of their Innovations or Ideas.

Criteria and Prompts

The Nine Category Awards, Three Merit Awards and the Overall Innovator of the Year

Product

The Lascelles Award Innovative Product - Community

The McKay Award Innovative Product - Business model

The Hill Award Innovative Product - Commercial

Process

The Bowring Award Innovative Process - Community

The Kolios Award Innovative Process - Small Business

The Lever Award Innovative Process - Medium - Large Business

People

The Paaka Kunpu Award - Innovative Person - Young Innovator

The Kaye Gambetta Award Innovative Person - Community

The Fisher Award Innovative Person – Business

Overall

Merit Award for Product

Merit Award for Process

Merit Award for People

Innovator of the Year

Award Criteria

The Mildura Innovation Awards recognises both potential and realised applications which are exceptionally innovative.

Key areas: Product including service and business model, Process and People

Entries are sought from: Not-for-profit, Social Enterprises, Community, Small Business, Medium to Large Business and Individuals.

The Innovator of the Year may be from any category and will;

- Clearly identify and justify the unique purpose for the Innovation or the work of an Innovator
- Present a clear pathway for the Innovation from concept to implementation
- Clearly communicate the story of the Innovation to the market, providing examples of how users are engaged and importantly how the success of the Innovation is or will be measured and to what extent success has been achieved
- Clearly identify and justify the broader impact of the Innovation on industry, the environment and society as a whole, now and in the future
- An individual Innovator will be a person whose actions, character, attitude and approach to creating change, improvement and opportunity will be exceptional, well communicated, justified and supported with evidence.

How does the scoring work?

Only applications that include the statement of acknowledgement of **'local'** will be considered. The decision by the Judges and the Chair of the Judging panel are final and no correspondence will be entered into.

Finding the Finalists.

All applications will be initially reviewed by our full team of nine judges to find up to **five Finalists** for each of the nine awards. This first step in judging will only look at the first criterion. A high score in this criterion will ensure only the applications that clearly show that the innovation is unique, new and/or focused on enhancing business or community success.

Identifying the nine Category Award Winners.

The finalist's applications will be further reviewed to identify the Category Award Winners. This task will be undertaken by a panel of three Category Judges whose focus will be either Product, Process or People. Category Judges will also be commending candidates for the Innovator of the Year.

For the three Process and three Process Awards, each criterion from one to four will be taken into consideration to identify which entry clearly demonstrates and justifies to the greatest extent, that the Innovation is unique and purposeful, has evolved from an idea to implementation, is measurable and has impact or potential for impact beyond the success of itself. Each of the three judges will determine a mark out of ten (10) for each of the four criteria. All three judges scores will be tallied and the highest score will determine the Category winners. The Chair of the Judging panel will adjudicate as required.

For the three People Awards only criterion five will be taken into consideration. Here the three judges will determine a mark out of ten (10) and the highest score will determine the Category winners.

Identifying the three Merit Award Winners and the overall Innovator of the Year.

The three Category Judges in each panel will each nominate one of the Category Winners for a Merit Award from the key areas of Product, Process and People and One Innovator of the Year. The final decision on whether nominations for Merit Awards and Innovation of the Year are accepted is with the Chair of the Judging Panel.

The Merit Award winners will be a Category Award Winner and will;

- Have received at least two or more commendations for a Merit Award by the Category Judging panel.
- Clearly identify the work of an Innovator (a person) who will become the mentored on behalf of the business or organisation.
- Represent a team that has demonstrated commitment to collaboration, continuous improvement and learning so as to maximise the impact to the team, business, organisation and community from the mentoring experience.

The Innovator of the Year may be from any category and will;

- Be a Category Award Winner and receive at least two commendations for Innovator of the Year by the Category Judging Panel.
- Clearly identify and justify the unique purpose for the Innovation or the work of an Innovator
- Present a clear planned or demonstrated pathway for the Innovation from concept to implementation
- Clearly communicate the story of the Innovation to the market, providing examples of how users are engaged and importantly how the success of the Innovation is or will be measured and to what extent success has been achieved
- Clearly identify and justify the broader impact of the Innovation on industry, the environment and society as a whole, now and in the future
- An individual Innovator will be a person whose actions, character, attitude and approach to creating change, improvement and opportunity will be exceptional, well communicated, justified and supported with evidence including testimonials from people within the organisation, business and/or community.

Award Criteria and Scoring Rubric:

<p>CRITERIA #1:</p>	<p>CRITERIA #2:</p>	<p>CRITERIA #3:</p>	<p>CRITERIA #4:</p>	<p>CRITERIA #5:</p>
<p>Scored out of 10</p>	<p>Scored out of 10</p>	<p>Scored out of 10</p>	<p>Scored out of 10</p>	<p>Scored out of 10</p>
<p>A NEW PURPOSEFUL CREATION</p>	<p>IDEA TO IMPLEMENTATION</p>	<p>MEASURED SUCCESS</p>	<p>IMPACT</p>	<p>INSPIRATION</p>
<p>Created for a specific purpose</p>	<p>Opportunity, conception, method & development</p>	<p>Message, engagement, availability, achievement</p>	<p>Sustainability, social responsibility & potential</p>	<p>The driver, the inspirer, the innovator</p>
<p>Innovation is changing or creating more effective processes, products and ideas, which by addressing a customer or user need or desire, can increase the likelihood of a business succeeding.</p> <p>We would like to understand how your innovation is unique, new and focused on enhancing business or community success.</p>	<p>We are looking for innovations in product, business model or process that address a need, solve a problem or seize an opportunity to create a new market or industry.</p> <p>We are interested in the overall method and development of the concept and opportunity. We would like to understand how discovery, collaboration, iteration, prototyping, etc. contributed to the conception and development of the innovation as it progressed from an idea, through design, planning and implementation.</p>	<p>We would like to understand how the message and broader story of the innovation is communicated in clear and compelling ways.</p> <p>We are looking for interesting examples of how consumers or users have been engaged and how the offering has been delivered and made available to the marketplace. Finally, we are interested in how the success of the innovation is being or will be measured and to what extent is the innovation a success so far.</p>	<p>We would like to understand the immediate and longer term impact the innovation has on your industry, the environment and society as a whole.</p> <p>We are also interested in how the innovation may establish a vision or be the basis of a larger system or platform of innovations and how it might be an inspiration to future innovation and innovators.</p>	<p>Celebrating Everyday Innovators starts with recognizing them. We are interested in the person that carries the Innovation Spirit in your workplace or community.</p> <p>This person may be yourself or someone you are nominating.</p> <p>Tell us about how this person is innovative? What they do that is innovative and how they do it, is what we are interested in. Tell us about their characteristics, their strengths, their attitude, aptitude and approach to creating change, improvements, opportunities and dealing with failures.</p>

Tips for writing a winning entry

- Be clear, concise, reader friendly and interesting
- Address all aspects of the criteria
- Make use of your 200 words per criterion count by using dot points
- Back up your claims with evidence and / or examples
- Compare your Innovation with what it disrupted or replaced
- Indicate your position in the market place, industry, Australia or globally
- Be bold and state in no uncertain terms why you should win
- Make your passion and commitment evident
- Try not to use business jargon or abbreviations
- Proof read and check spelling within your work

Need more help? The help contact form can be found on the entry form page which will enable you to clarify any concerns around appropriate approaches to your criteria response. The InnovateMildura HQ team are at your disposal.

Subscribers to InnovateMildura will receive an invitation to exclusive webinar featuring insights from previous Award Judges.

Benefits of Entering

The Mildura Innovation Awards can open the door to a range of opportunities.

It will enable you to;

- ✓ Differentiate your business or self from your competitors
- ✓ Gain exposure to new partnerships, networks and promotional platforms
- ✓ Re-affirm that what you are doing is good for your business, community and society
- ✓ Reflect and learn more about your achievement so that you may drive improvements and innovation
- ✓ Create and/or foster an innovation culture in your team, workplace and community

If you are a finalist in the Mildura Innovation Awards you will;

- Be acknowledged as a finalist during the Award presentation
- Receive a marketing kit including a finalist's seal and Certificate
- Promoted on social media platforms as a Category Finalist

If you are a Category or Merit Award Winner or Innovator of the Year you will;

- Receive a marketing kit including a Winner's seal and Certificate and Press Release
- Be acknowledged as a winner during the Award presentation with a video presentation which will be published on line and is accessible for your own promotional purposes
- Be asked to deliver a one to two (1-2) minute thankyou speech acknowledging the Category sponsors, judges and your stakeholders
- Be presented with an Award trophy during the Award presentation
- Be presented with high quality professional photographs published online and accessible for your own promotional purposes
- Promoted on social media, web based platforms as an Award Winner
- Receive invitations and opportunities to speak at Mildura Innovation Events in 2017 and 2018.

Past winners will be speaking at;

- ❖ InnovateMildura 'Insights into Innovation' in June 2016
- ❖ "Where are they now' InnovateMildura networking event in August 2016
- ❖ InnovateMildura ThoughtLab in September 2016
- ❖ Maximise your Awards Journey event in October 2016
- ❖ Other business and community stakeholder events.

Category Award Winners receive a cash prize of \$500

Innovator of the Year receives a cash prize of \$2,000

Merit Award Winners and Innovator of the Year all receive a Mentoring Package.

New to this year's Award winners pool is an invaluable mentoring package for the three Merit Award Winners and the Innovator of the Year. The mentors will be announced throughout the lead up to the Awards Gala event.

- ✓ Merit Award Winner – Product 3 hours online mentoring in 2017 from two highly credentialed mentors.
- ✓ Merit Award Winner – Process 3 hours online mentoring in 2017 with from two highly credentialed mentors.
- ✓ Merit Award Winner – People 3 hours online mentoring in 2017 with from two highly credentialed mentors.
- ✓ Innovator of the Year 3 hours online mentoring in 2017 with from three highly credentialed mentors.

Previous Mildura Innovation Award Winners

Innovative Product - Community	Mallee District Aboriginal Services Bumps to Babes
Innovative Product - Business Model	Murray River Salt
Innovative Product - Commercial	Cooke Industries
Innovative Process - Community	Mallee Catchment Management Authority
Innovative Process - Small Business	AJL Vineyards
Innovative Process - Medium to Large Business	Australian Tartaric Products
Innovative Person - Business	Cliff Cooke
Innovative Person - Community	Ada Peterson
Innovative Person - Young Innovator	Phillip Hammat
Innovator of the Year	Cliff Cooke

How to submit

Submissions for entries can be done online at <http://www.mildurainnovation.com.au/EnterAwards.aspx>

1. Access the online entry form and begin your submission
2. Start your application. You can save and come back to your application over time.
3. Build your profile with details to be used for PR purposes
4. Submit your application before the close date of 5pm September 16, 2016.
5. Secure your seat at the October event 'Maximise your Awards Journey with Yvonne Adele' and your tickets to the 2016 ANZ Sunraysia Daily Mildura Innovation Awards Gala event.

FAQ's

Entering the Awards

Does it cost to enter the Mildura Innovation Awards?

There are no entry fees to participate in the Mildura Innovation Awards, thanks to our generous and supportive sponsors.

What does the acknowledgement of 'local' mean?

Only applications that include the statement of acknowledgement of 'local' will be considered.

The acknowledgement of local has a dual purpose. One is about the entity behind the Innovation.

Individuals, businesses, not-for-profit organisations and individuals that have been primarily operating in or originated from the Mildura region which is considered to be the local government areas of Mildura and Wentworth can enter the Awards.

The other purpose is about the Innovation. To be eligible to enter the awards, the innovation must be unique to, or have been developed or implemented first in the Mildura region.

What is a 'local' small business?

A small business has an ABN, can be a sole trader or employs up to 20 full-time equivalent (FTE).

What is a 'local' medium to large business?

A medium to large business has an ABN and employs over 21 full-time equivalent (FTE).

What is a 'local' community organisation

A community or not-for-profit organisation must be registered as such under the Incorporations Act, and have a registered ABN. There are three community categories to choose from, Innovative Process (Community), Innovative Product (Community) and Innovative Person (Community).

How do I decide which People Category Award to enter or nominate for?

There are three People Category Awards. The Paaka Kunpu Awards - Young Innovator is for any young person up to the age of 35 years of age at the time of application. The Kaye Gambetta Award Innovative Person – Community is open to any nominations for a person who is innovative within a community setting and for the benefit of community and The Fisher Award Innovative Person – Business is open to any nominations for a person who is innovative within a business setting and for the benefit of a business.

How does the Mildura Innovation Awards define Innovation?

The Mildura Innovation Awards draws from the Australian Government's definition of Innovation. Innovation refers to changing or creating more effective processes, products and ideas, and can increase the likelihood of a business succeeding.

For businesses, this could mean implementing new ideas, creating dynamic products or improving your existing services. Innovation can mean changing your business model and adapting to changes in your environment to deliver better products or services.

How does the Mildura Innovation Awards define a Product? Greg will have further feedback.

There are three Product Category Awards. Product includes Services in either a commercial entity as reflected in the Hill Award Innovative Product – Commercial or in a not-for-profit entity in the Lascelles Award Innovative Product – Community.

The McKay Award Innovative Product - Business Model takes the concept of product or service one step further and seeks to award for an Innovative Business Model. A Business Model relates to a plan for the successful operation of a business, identifying sources of revenue, the intended customer base, **products/services**, and details of financing.

We strongly suggest you watch the short explainer videos provided on our website to assist you in identifying the best Category Awards to enter and also how to tailor your Criteria responses.

How does the Mildura Innovation Awards define a Process?

A **business process** is a set of related activities or operations which, together, create value and assist organisations to achieve their strategic objectives. There are business processes in small, medium to large and community organisations. There are three Process Category Awards. Process relates to the Bowring Award Innovative Process – Community, the Kolios Award Innovative Process - Small Business and the Lever Award Innovative Process - Medium - Large Business.

Can I email my entry?

No only applications submitted via the online process at <http://www.mildurainnovation.com.au/EnterAwards.aspx> will be accepted.

No correspondence will be entered into.

Do I receive confirmation of my entry?

Once an application is submitted, a confirmation will be emailed to you and will advise of your submission.

I have been a previous winner; can I re-enter?

Yes, however your entry must provide substantially more information than your previous winning entry. If you are a finalist, judges will want to see reference to your previous recent entry to see that there has been considerable progress.

Can I re-enter the same entry the following Awards year if I have been unsuccessful previous Awards?

The Awards criteria has changed. You would also be advised to review your previous submission and any feedback provided to you by the judges.

At what stage of the project should I put an entry in – for instance – the planning stage; execution stage; results stage?

If any of these stages present you with a measurable outcome, then you could enter at both the execution and results stages.

Should we employ/outsourcing someone to compose our entry for us?

You are the best judge of the resources you have at your disposal to put together an entry into the Mildura Innovation Awards. If you elect to outsource this task, then we recommend that you make sure that you are working closely with this person/organisation to make certain that all the relevant areas are covered and the entry truly conveys the innovation and excellence that you wish the judges to acknowledge. It is important to ensure that your commitment and passion is evident in the entry.

Can I enter the same project for the Mildura Innovation Awards into other awards?

If your project meets the criteria for another Award, then yes. Your submission may however need to be rewritten depending on what differences exist between different awards and what focus is required of your submission for any given award.

What is Mildura Innovation Awards looking for when referring to results?

The key is that the Innovation has set some measurable objectives and reports on the results against these measurements. If the entrant can identify an outcome that is innovative or ground breaking, or has provided information that would influence future direction, this is a result that would be seen as influential and worthy.

Do I have to stick to the word limits for each award?

Yes. The word limit is a maximum of 200 words per criterion response. Make full use of dot points to enable you space to include the maximum information that is compelling and relevant to the criterion you are responding to. If you are having difficulty, we suggest you initially generate as comprehensive an entry as possible (in a separate document) and then fine tune to the required number of words. Editing content to be more “to the point” will be beneficial in focusing the Judges’ attention to the most important aspects of your project. You can support your application with one to two images, NOT text documents.

How many of the criteria do I have to address?

The six Category Awards for Innovative Product and Process require Criteria One, Two, Three and Four to be addressed. For the Merit Awards there must be an identified individual in the team or organisation who would best receive mentoring.

The three Category Awards for Innovative People require only the Fifth Criterion to be addressed.

Which of the Category Awards should I enter?

It is recommended that you focus on the specific strengths of your project – your objectives and outcomes. Choose the category which best represents your project’s success and impact. If you find that it fits more than one category definition, then consider entering one or more Awards. Is your innovation about a product or service you offer, a new and innovative business model, a process within your organisation or the actual innovative person? Once you decide which Category Award or Awards are right for you, then consider what information you will need to gather for your submission.

Remember that for each of the Product and Process Award Categories, the first four criteria are applicable and the fifth criteria is available to enter a suitable People Category Award.

To win a Merit Award, your team or business must identify a key person to receive the mentoring package prize with the view to facilitating further knowledge and continuous improvement within the team, business, organisation and community. This person may or may not be also nominated for a People Category Award.

This fifth criteria will be reviewed separately and independently by a different Category Judging panel to the Product or Process submission.

Can I start my entry and then return to it at a later date to make changes?

Yes, just make sure you save your progress along the way. You will be provided with a link to access and modify your entry as many times as you like up until 5pm on the closing date.

Once submitted online, am I able to make any changes?

No, you may make as many changes as you like up until you complete and submit and up to the closing date. However, once the closing date has passed, the online entry page will no longer be accessible.

Will my innovation be kept a secret?

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Where can I get more information on IP protection?

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This opportunity is made available throughout the online submission process. It remains the sole responsibility of participants to understand and take any necessary action in relation to patent and other intellectual property protection of their Innovations or Ideas.

Award Presentations

When is the Awards Presentation?

The Awards Presentation will take place at the 2016 ANZ Sunraysia Daily Mildura Innovation Awards Gala Event on the evening of November 11, 2016. Further details of the event and the purchase of tickets will be available online at www.mildurainnovation.com.au/events.

Are winners notified prior to the awards presentation?

No. All winners will be announced at the 2016 ANZ Sunraysia Daily Mildura Innovation Awards Gala Event.

When can I book for 2016 ANZ Sunraysia Daily Mildura Innovation Awards Gala Event?

Ticket sales for 2016 ANZ Sunraysia Daily Mildura Innovation Awards Gala Event will open on July 2, 2016 online at www.mildurainnovation.com.au/events.

If I am a finalist, will I be given complimentary tickets to attend the Awards Presentation?

No, finalists will not receive complimentary tickets and will need to purchase tickets through the online ticketing system.

How many people can represent our entry on stage at the presentation if we are the winner?

Mildura Innovation Awards' preference is that only one representative accepts the Award on stage. If you are part of a partnership you may be given special consideration for both parties to jointly accept the Award.

Submitting Your Entry

I've submitted my entry, what happens next?

Once your entry has been submitted, an email will be sent to you confirming receipt of entry. InnovateMildura HQ team will keep you up to date with any relevant Awards information through the contact details supplied via the online subscription process. You will automatically be sent InnovateMildura newsletter and you will have the option of opting out at any time.

October

Mildura Innovation Awards' judging process is three tiered and will take place in September and October 2016. All entrants will be exclusively invited to join the sponsors in the room with Yvonne Adele on October 19, 2016 for the event "Maximise your Awards Journey" which is highly recommended to fully capitalise on the journey ahead of finalists and winners but also to network with other Innovators in the region.

Finalists will be announced in late October at which time all entrants will receive a copy of the '2016 Finalists Announced' press release.

November

Winners will be announced and presented with their trophy at the 2016 ANZ Sunraysia Daily Mildura Innovation Awards Gala Event on the evening of November 11, 2016.

Winners will be supplied with their Winners seal, a marketing kit, and a certificate.

Merit and the Innovator of the Year winners will be provided with details of their mentors and encouraged to make contact and lock in the first of their three mentoring sessions before the end of the year.

Feedback from the judging is available to all entrants upon request, a process which is highly recommended.

December

InnovateMildura HQ team will be in contact with all Winners to offer invitations to speaking engagements in the coming months.

Sponsor Information

Naming Partners



ANZ is proud to once again support the Mildura Innovation Awards. The Awards come at a time when innovation is becoming increasingly important both locally in the Sunraysia region and across the nation as we move beyond the mining boom and look to cultivate a diverse economy fuelled by ideas and ingenuity.

During our previous association with these awards we have seen some tremendous examples of what businesses and individuals in our community are capable of achieving. Our local team have a genuine passion and enthusiasm for the Mildura region and look forward to seeing more great ideas and celebrating everyday innovators in 2016

The 2016 ANZ Sunraysia Daily Mildura Innovation Awards, a project of the Mildura Development Corporation, is a fantastic way of recognising local businesses who have contributed to the growth and strength of the Sunraysia economy.

Sunraysia Daily takes pride in being a strong supporter of local charitable organisations and other community oriented activities like the 2016 ANZ Sunraysia Daily Mildura Innovation Awards. That is why we believe our sponsorship will help to continue to strengthen our business relationships and improve the profile of the awards throughout the district, and for those business who enter, we wish you well and every success for the awards.



Project Partner



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