

Granite Belt Business Excellence Awards 2026 - Emerging Leader Award

About the Award

The **Emerging Leader Award** recognises outstanding young individuals who demonstrate leadership potential, initiative, and a strong commitment to excellence within their workplace, industry, or community.

This award celebrates the next generation of leaders shaping the future of the Granite Belt.

Eligibility

- Nominee must be **under 25 years of age**
 - Must be based within the **Granite Belt region**
 - Must be employed, self-employed, or actively contributing within a business or organisation
 - Open to **self-nomination or nomination by an employer, colleague, or community member**
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What We're Looking For

Nominees should demonstrate:

- Leadership beyond their formal role
 - Initiative, innovation, and problem-solving
 - Measurable contribution and impact
 - Strong collaboration and influence
 - Commitment to growth and development
 - Clear potential for future leadership
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Assessment Criteria

Leadership & Initiative (40%)

Demonstrates leadership beyond their role and takes initiative to improve outcomes

Contribution & Impact (30%)

Delivers measurable results within their workplace, industry, or community

Growth & Future Potential (30%)

Shows commitment to development and strong future leadership potential

Nomination Questions

Please address the following:

1. How has the nominee demonstrated leadership beyond their formal job duties?
 2. What measurable outcomes has the nominee contributed to in their workplace, industry, or community?
 3. How has the nominee shown initiative, innovation, or a willingness to improve existing processes, services, or results?
 4. How does the nominee collaborate with others, build strong relationships, and positively influence those around them?
 5. What evidence shows the nominee's potential for future leadership growth and continued contribution to the business or region?
 6. What challenges has the nominee faced, and how have they responded or adapted?
 7. How does the nominee demonstrate professionalism, integrity, or positive values in their work?
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Supporting Information

Nominations may include:

- Referee statement or letter of support
 - Examples of achievements or initiatives
 - Testimonials or recognition
 - Training, qualifications, or awards
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Why This Award Matters

The Emerging Leader Award highlights the importance of nurturing young talent and building future leadership within the Granite Belt.

By recognising these individuals, we support the continued growth, innovation, and sustainability of our regional business community.

Nominations close: Friday 29 May 2026 – 5:00pm

Awards Gala: 28 August 2026
