



Terms and Conditions

1. Businesses must meet the eligibility criteria in order to nominate and enter the Ashfield Business Chamber Inc (AshBiz) Excellence in Business Awards. Each business must:
 - i. have its principal place of business located in the Local Government Area of Ashfield,
 - ii. The event organisers reserve the right to verify the validity of business names, ABNs and ACNs.
2. Only nominations completed on the official Nomination Form will be accepted as valid.
3. By submitting the nomination form, businesses accept the Terms and Conditions
4. Only business owners, principals, directors or employees are permitted to submit a nomination.
5. All information submitted on the nomination form must be true and correct at the time of nominating.
6. Businesses may nominate in only one category.
7. The Ashfield Business Chamber Inc (AshBiz) Excellence in Business Award's judges reserve the right to make the final determination about category placement.
8. All decisions by the judges are final and no correspondence will be entered into
9. The public are able to vote by completing the official form and/or sending an email. Each person has up to 6 votes (3 forms and 3 emails). Only one vote per business is permitted.
10. The event organisers reserve the right to verify the validity of votes and to reject any votes which are not in accordance with these Terms & Conditions.
11. Three finalists will be announced from each category based on the four businesses receiving the highest number of votes.
12. The Ashfield Business Chamber Inc reserves the right to declare a finalist ineligible if, in the reasonable opinion of The Ashfield Business Chamber Inc the nominee is unable to represent the Awards in a satisfactory manner, or a conflict of interest exists with the Ashfield Business Chamber Inc. All decisions by the Ashfield Business Chamber Inc regarding eligibility are final.
13. All finalists will automatically be entered into the Ashfield Business Chamber Inc's Lucky Draw Prize which will be drawn on the presentation night. Finalists must be present on the night to receive the prize with redraws continuing until the prize is won.
14. Finalists in all categories will be required to complete a business questionnaire as part of the judging process. Information provided by businesses in the questionnaires will only be accessible to the judging panel. Questionnaires will not be returned.
15. Businesses have the right to withdraw their nomination at any time until nominations close **(Friday 9th of October 2009)**.
16. The judging panel is an independent panel of representatives from business, local government and community and will be selected by the event organisers in consultation with the Ashfield Business Chamber Inc based on abilities and expertise. The panel will sign and return a confidentiality agreement before being able to participate in the judging process and their associated companies are unable to enter the awards.
17. If at any time during the judging phase a finalist's business goes into administration, voluntary receivership, liquidation or bankruptcy, the finalist is required to advise the event organisers and accepts that they will no longer be a finalist. In this eventuality the event organisers will put forward the next business receiving the highest number of votes in the respective category as the replacement finalist.
18. Finalists in relevant categories may receive a visit during the judging phase from a mystery shopper. Feedback from the visit will be used by the judging panel.
19. The event organisers collect personal and business information in order to conduct the Awards. If the information requested is not provided, businesses may not be eligible to nominate. By nominating each business also agrees that the event organisers can use this information in any media for future promotional and marketing purposes.
20. By nominating, nominees, finalists and winners agree that the event organisers can use their images for promotional and marketing purposes across all media. In accepting these terms and conditions, you accept that you may be filmed and photographed in relation to the Ashfield Business Chamber Inc (AshBiz) Excellence in Business Awards, and that those images may appear in all forms of media, including print, online, television and other media.
21. Information on the Finalists and Winners will be published on www.ashfieldbusiness.com.au and in local newspapers
22. The event organizers are not responsible for the content or privacy policies associated with linked websites to www.ashfieldbusiness.com.au