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Gippsland Business Awards finalists announced

A field of 51 businesses representing the Gippsland business and industry sector will be vying for the coveted 2023 Federation University Gippsland Business Awards.

Gippsland Business Awards committee chairperson, Graeme Sennett, said once again, a wide range of outstanding entries from all industries competed to become finalists in this year's awards.

The finalists were announced this week with 51 businesses making it to the finals across the 13 industry and specialist categories.

"Once again we have been astounded by the diverse range of finalists," Mr Sennett said. "With entries from every part of Gippsland, it is clear that our small to medium businesses continue to prove themselves to be leaders in their field."

The categories are: Accommodation, Beauty and Personal Care, Business and Professional Services, Food and Wine Producers, Health and Well-being, Hospitality, Innovation, Manufacturing, Mechanical Trades and Construction, New Business, Retail, Tourism Activities and Attractions, along with the 25th Anniversary Award.

Category winners will be announced at the gala presentation event on Friday 25 August at Federation University's Gippsland campus in Churchill. The major winner, the Gippsland Business of the Year, will come from the category winners and will also be announced at the ceremony.

"Once again, the judging process has been extremely difficult with so many outstanding entries of finalist standard," Mr Sennett said.

Mr Sennett acknowledged the many great entrants who were not selected as finalists. "They represent a strong, growing business community within Gippsland and we would encourage them all to reapply in future."

Mr Sennett said that this year was the 25th Anniversary of the awards, and the gala evening would be an "extra special" occasion.

"We are proud to celebrate 25 years of Gippsland business excellence," he said.

"We look forward to acknowledging and honouring all our finalists at this premier business event in Gippsland."

For further details of finalists refer to the Federation University Gippsland Business Awards website at www.gba.org.au

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2023 Finalists

Accommodation

Beachcomber Holiday Units	Lakes Entrance
Boat Harbour Jetty B&B	Port Albert
Sandbar Boutique Motel	Lakes Entrance

Beauty and Personal Care

Confidence Lashes and Beauty	Traralgon
Haven Tattoo Studio	Trafalgar
Indulge Yourself Beauty Therapy Spa and Laser Clinic	Moe
Lekeyah Skin Rejuvenation Centre	Traralgon

Business and Professional Services

Bass Coast Boat & Caravan Storage	Glen Forbes
Brinnie T Design	Cowes
CRSE Group	Warragul
Deery Consulting Pty Ltd	Inverloch
Mac & Ernie	Warragul
Regional Migration Australia	Traralgon

Food & Wine Producers

Auswan Beef	Trafalgar South
Gippsland Salt Company	Sale
Harman Wines	Wattle Bank
Tambo Valley Honey	Bruthen

Health and Wellbeing

Baw Baw Physio and Fitness	Drouin
Baw Baw Radiology	Drouin
Daily Living Disability Services	Traralgon
Warragul Dental Care	Warragul
Wellness Worx	Paynesville

Hospitality

Burra Brewing Co	Korumburra
Everything's Better with Wine	Warragul
The Vines On Avon	Maffra
Travellers Rest Hotel (Vic) Pty Ltd	Thorpdale

Innovation

Big Bears Donuts	Lakes Entrance
Modra Technology	Warragul
Snowy River Biltong	Lakes Entrance

Manufacturing

Custom Made Fine Furniture and Joinery	Maffra
The Fibreglass Factory	Yarram
The New Red.	Trafalgar

Mechanical Trades and Construction

CPK McLaren MotorBody	Leongatha
Foundation Civil and Mining	Traralgon South
Jones Civil Group	Sale
Southern Ridge Electrical P/L	Warragul

New Business

Dental Republic	Traralgon
Gippsland Cleaning and Maintenance	Trafalgar
Rooster Tours	Yallourn North

Retail

Rented Style	Traralgon
Seven Sundays	Bairnsdale
Stax of Storage Churchill	Churchill
Turnbull Motors, Warragul Nissan & Mitsubishi	Warragul

Tourism Activities and Attractions

East Gippsland Winter Festival	Ellaswood
H2O Tours & Adventures	Paynesville
Metung Hot Springs	Metung

25th Anniversary Award

Gippsland Accounting Solutions	Sale
Kara Di Dio Speech Pathology	Traralgon
Munch Lunch	Traralgon
Nurse Next Door Gippsland	Traralgon
The General Lake Tyers Beach	Lake Tyers Beach