

CATERING

Award Category Definitions



Caterers can enter as many categories as you wish as long as you meet the category definition. Categories may vary by state/region. Sub-categories may be merged into the EVENTS CATERER and SITE & INDUSTRIAL CATERER dependent on entries. Caterer category winners qualify for the major award of Caterer of the Year.

EVENT CATEGORIES

Caterers who provide catering services at events. Entrants will be judged on one event per category entered.

EVENTS CATERER

Caterers involved in the catering and co-ordination of a special event covering the social, corporate, public or government sectors. This includes award gala dinners, party functions, incentive events, major public one-off events, charity events, entertainment, sporting events, product launches, media events. Events held within education facilities qualify to enter this category, including colleges, universities and boarding schools who hold special events such as school formals and gala dinners. Caterer must provide food, beverage and service for the event. Weddings are not permitted to be judged in this category.

EVENT/CONVENTION CENTRE CATERER

Caterers primarily providing catering and venue facilities to customers for a variety of events including family celebrations, conferences and corporate events undertaken at a hotel or purpose-built function or convention centre, owned or leased exclusively by the caterer (such as function centres, convention centres, golf clubs, sailing clubs, regatta centres, hotels and resorts). Catering services are to be provided on the premises or on the surrounds of the premises.

SITE & INDUSTRIAL CATEGORIES

Caterers contracted to provide catering services at single or multiple sites. Entrants will be judged on one site visit per entry. No events can be judged in these categories.

CORPORATE & AIRLINE LOUNGE CATERER

Caterers contracted to provide services at corporate canteens, cafeterias and airline lounges.

EDUCATION CATERER

Caterers contracted to provide services for educational institutions, including tertiary, colleges, universities and boarding schools. Entrants are assessed on canteen, cafeteria or boarding services. No events can be judged in this category.

VENUE CATERER

Where the caterer is not solely aligned to a specific venue. Caterers with preferred agreements or contracts to provide catering services at venues such as museums, galleries, performing arts complexes, sports stadia, zoos and boats. The caterer provides services for various corporate and public events including dinners, lunches, charity events, conferences and weddings. Services are to be provided on the premises or the surrounds of the premises. Note: Caterers with multiple sites within one venue will be judged on one nominated event within the venue only.

WEDDING CATERER

Caterers specialising in the wedding market. Caterers based in their own commercial kitchen/s or at a function venue.

MAJOR AWARD

CATERER OF THE YEAR

The major award category winner is determined by the highest scoring points from the winners of the catering categories. Major awards are not eligible for direct entry.

HEALTH & AGED CARE CATERER

Caterers contracted to provide catering services at hospitals and aged care facilities.

INDUSTRIAL CATERER

Caterers contracted to provide catering services at single or multiple sites that do not fit into other listed Site & Industrial Caterer sub-categories.