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Albury Business Connect is an award-winning organisation, recognised nationally as one of Australia's leading business chambers.

We support those doing business in the Albury LGA - whether you're a sole trader, not-for-profit, a large or national organisation.

Our mission is to empower local business owners and professionals through increased visibility, stronger networks, and real opportunities for growth.

We offer a range of benefits, including networking and professional development events, the latest local business news and updates, and ongoing support to help our members succeed and our community thrive.

By working closely with businesses, industry groups, and all levels of government, we create and advocate for new opportunities that promote a vibrant, diverse, and resilient business landscape in our region.

Albury Business Connect is proud to serve as the voice of our region's business community.

Join us today and discover how we can help you grow, connect, and make a greater impact in Albury's business community.



EMCEE | Graeme Simpfordorfer



Graeme is a former Victoria Police Detective Sergeant with over 20 years' experience in major crime investigation, including time with the prestigious Homicide Squad and as the Officer in Charge of Wodonga Detectives.

He's received multiple commendations and national service medals for his distinguished career.

Now the Founder & CEO of Peregrine Consultancy and Peregrine AI, Graeme specialises in risk, security, and investigative technology. He's also known for his role as "Lead Investigator" on Channel 10's Hunted, is a Board Director at the Centre Against Violence, and a dedicated advocate for police veterans.

"What I enjoy about these awards is recognising the resilience, hustle, and heart behind our local businesses. No matter the size or sector, every nominee represents the grit that keeps our region thriving. That's something worth celebrating".

2025 AWBA Judges

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2025 Award Categories

Hall of Fame

Outstanding Community Organisation

Excellence in Manufacturing, Industrial & Logistics Services

Excellence in Commercial, Professional & Business Services

Employer of Choice (Up to 20 Employees)

Employer of Choice (21 & Over Employees)

Outstanding Start Up or Side Hustle

Excellence in Retail & Personal Services

Excellence in Hospitality, Leisure & Tourism

Excellence in Healthcare, Disability & Social Care

Excellence in New Business

Excellence in Small Business

Excellence in Medium & Large Business

Outstanding Employee

Outstanding Young Business Person

Outstanding Business Leader (Over 35)

Most Outstanding Business

2025 Hall of Fame

This award recognises and celebrates an individual (or family business from the greater Albury Wodonga business community) that has provided outstanding service to the Albury Wodonga and surrounding business community over a long period of time.

2024 Hall Of Fame Inductee, Helen Spittal



"Being a quiet achiever, I always tried to fly under the radar. I have won quite a few awards including the Albury Woman of The Year (NSW) Award. However, being inducted into the Hall of Fame was the pinnacle of everything".

"Being named alongside the regions greatest business owners is something I will never forget. I will never forget that night as long as I live".

Hall of Fame Inductees

2011 – Maurice Chick
2012 – Max Luff
2013 – Tony & Monica Conway
2014 – Rosalie Martin
2015 – Colin Joss
2016 – John Butko
2017 – MARS

2018 – Baker Motors
2019 – Arnolds Family
2020 – No Awards Held
2021 – Steve Bowen
2022 – No Awards Held
2023 – Jacob Group
2024 – Helen Spittal

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Outstanding Community Organisation

FINALISTS

Albury Netball Association

Albury Wodonga Regional FoodShare

Mercy Connect

Murray Conservatorium

Survivors of Suicide & Friends / Winter Solstice

This award recognises an organisation that works to improve the social, cultural, or environmental wellbeing of the community. This category is open to social enterprises and not-for-profit organisations that have been trading for a period of over 24 months at time of entry.



Justin
CLANCY MP
MEMBER FOR ALBURY

Excellence in Manufacturing, Industrial & Logistics Services

FINALISTS

BOSCHETTI

First Scaff

Formulae Albury

Global Factory Maintenance

This award recognises an established business or organisation in the Manufacturing, Construction & Logistics Services industry that is commercially sustainable and can demonstrate excellent development in the previous 12 months.



Excellence in Commercial, Professional & Business Services

FINALISTS

Chambers Agriculture & Viticulture

Cumulus

Digital Marketer Bee

Elite PM Agency

Generations Personal and Professional Advice

MJ Digital

Murray River Animal Hospital

The Pool Compliance Man

This award recognises an established business or organisation in the Commercial, Professional & Business Services sector that is commercially sustainable and can demonstrate excellent development in the previous 12 months.



Employer of Choice (Up to 20 Employees)

FINALISTS

Cameron Dental Care

First Scaff

GJ Gardner Homes Albury

Murray River Animal Hospital

PRD Albury-Wodonga

This award recognises a business with up to 20 employees, that has implemented strategies and initiatives to create a stimulating and supportive workplace environment. Entrants are required to demonstrate their achievements over the past 12 months across the key areas of employee recruitment, engagement and retention.



Employer of Choice (21 & Over Employees)

FINALISTS

BOSCHETTI

Icaria Health

Regional Disability Advocacy Service

This award recognises a business with 21 & over employees, that has implemented strategies and initiatives to create a stimulating and supportive workplace environment. Entrants are required to demonstrate their achievements over the past 12 months across the key areas of employee recruitment, engagement and retention.



Outstanding Start Up or Side Hustle

FINALISTS

Bobby Dazzler Dresses

Cameron Property

Dying To Help

Evoke Strategy

This award recognises an exceptional Start Up or Side Hustle that has demonstrated innovation, growth, and a strong commitment to their industry and community. It celebrates individuals or small teams who have shown entrepreneurial spirit, resilience, and initiative in building their business from the ground up.



Excellence in Retail & Personal Services

FINALISTS

Blueey's Hunting & Fishing

Concept Hair Design

Happy Staffy

Kellys Mitre 10

This award recognises an established business or organisation in the Retail & Personal Services sector that is commercially sustainable and can demonstrate excellent development in the previous 12 months.



Excellence in Hospitality, Leisure & Tourism

FINALISTS

Aida Mediterranean Cuisine and Bar

DASH Cakes

Downtown Pizzeria

Mantra Albury

This award recognises an established business or organisation in the Hospitality, Leisure & Tourism industry that is commercially sustainable and can demonstrate excellent development in the previous 12 months.



Excellence in Healthcare, Disability & Social Care

FINALISTS

Cameron Dental Care

Daintree Family Dental Clinic

Icaria Health

Insight Therapies Counselling and Consultancy

Mercy Connect

Redefined Counselling & Consultancy

This award recognises an established business or organisation in the Healthcare, Disability & Social Care sector that is commercially sustainable and can demonstrate excellent development in the previous 12 months.

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Excellence in New Business

FINALISTS

Albury Wodonga Counselling & Therapies

Aligned Counselling

Dux Albury

Love Poets

Recovery Lab Wodonga

Sip and Pour Wine Tours

This award recognises a business that has effectively driven growth and is able to demonstrate the potential to achieve future success. Demonstrating their commitment over the past 12 months to being an outstanding start-up.



Excellence in Small Business

FINALISTS

Bluey's Hunting & Fishing

Cameron Dental Care

Concept Hair Design

Cumulus

DASH Cakes

Happy Staffy

This award recognises a business that has effectively driven growth and is able to demonstrate the specific strategies implemented to achieve business success and/or resilience. Entrants are required to demonstrate their achievements over the past 12 months at the time of entry across the key areas of business excellence.



Excellence in Medium & Large Business

FINALISTS

BOSCHETTI

GHD Albury Wodonga

This award recognises a business with 21 or more employees – that has effectively driven growth and is able to demonstrate the specific strategies implemented to achieve business success and/or resilience.

Entrants are required to demonstrate their achievements over the past 12 months across the key areas of business excellence.



Outstanding Employee

FINALISTS

Anyha Ruby
Cameron Dental Care

Lily Thomas
Murray River Animal Hospital

Brendan Pearson
Habitat Planning

Matthew Turner
BOSCHETTI

Elizabeth Beattie
Murray River Animal Hospital

Shannon Carmody
**Insight Therapies Counselling
and Consultancy**

Jade Challoner
CB Debt Consultancy

Simon Carter
BOSCHETTI

Kelly Geddes
PRD Albury - Wodonga

Victoria Walker
**Generations Personal and
Professional Advice**

This award recognises an inspirational employee who has demonstrated a passion for their role and a commitment to their workplace and the community. It is open to businesses to nominate an employee.

Outstanding Young Business Person

FINALISTS

Alex Gale
Elite PM Agency

Lily Thomas
Murray River Animal Hospital

Courtney Avery
Sacral Body Design

Matt Wehbeh
Downtown Pizzeria

Joel Chambers
Chambers Agriculture & Viticulture

Paula Thompson
Footsteps Podiatry

Kara Chanter
Dying To Help

Sarah Cameron
Cameron Dental Care

This award recognises an inspirational business leader aged 35 or under at the time of entry who has demonstrated a commitment to their workplace, industry, and the community through leadership.



Outstanding Business Leader (Over 35)

FINALISTS

Bee Cuevas
Digital Marketer Bee

Leanne Bailey
Murray River Animal Hospital

Brooke Bosse
Dux Albury

Lisa Grey
CB Debt Consultancy

Jessie Anderson
GROW Paediatrics

Melinda Harmer
**Generations Personal and
Professional Advice**

Kate Stevens
PRD Albury - Wodonga

Robert Boschetti
BOSCHETTI

This award recognises an inspirational business leader aged 36 years or over at the time of entry who has demonstrated a commitment to their workplace, industry, and the community through leadership, whilst providing mentorship to others.



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Albury Wodonga Business Awards pays our respects and acknowledges Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the traditional custodians of the land, rivers, and sea. We pay our respects to the Elders, both past and present.



The Albury Wodonga Business Awards celebrate excellence in business across 15 award categories, representing the diverse array of industries in greater Albury Wodonga. The Awards also recognise outstanding people through several individual categories, including our beloved Hall of Fame Award.



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