

A true night of distinction

More than 300 guests enjoyed 2018 Business Wangaratta awards

MORE than 300 guests helped celebrate local businesses achievements at the 2018 Business Wangaratta Awards for Service Distinction on Friday night at the Quality Hotel Wangaratta Gateway.

Business Wangaratta chair Dave Fuller said the sparking evening was a fitting culmination of months of work, and the finalists were testament to the progressive and dedicated businesses within the rural city.

Category winners were:

- Newly Established Business Award - Williams Automotive;
- Smarter Future Award - Wangaratta Repair Cafe;
- Primary Producer Award - Pizzini Winery;
- Recreation Business Award - Wangaratta Indoor Sports & Aquatic Centre and Kurrajong Park Equestrian Centre were joint winners;
- Retail Business Award - Wangaratta Paint Places;

- Trade Service Award - Wangaratta 4WD Centre;
- Community Service Award - NESAY for a second successive year;
- Commercial Specialty Award - Wangaratta X-ray and Wangaratta Cardiology & Respiratory Centre were joint winners;
- Agriculture Award - GAS Honda Motorcycles & Power Equipment;
- Health & Personal Care Award - the Community

- Midwifery Program based out of Northest Health Wangaratta;
- Personal Styling Award - Ravishing Makeup & Beauty Lounge;
- Manufacturing Award - Alpine Truss;
- Everyday Eatery Award - Baker's Wife Sandwich Shop was the inaugural winner of this new category for those specialised in quick takeaway and some dine in options;
- Casual Dining Award -

- Hollywood's Pizza & Cafe;
- Formal Dining Award - Patricia's Table at Milawa Brown Brothers;
- Accommodation Award (under 10 rooms) - Brookfield Maze & Cafe;
- Accommodation award (11 rooms and over) - Quality Hotel Wangaratta Gateway;
- Industry Leader Award - Glenn Bouchier from Mason Park Funerals, recognising training excellence, self-en-

hancement & team growth;

- Promotion of Youth Employment Opportunities Award - Lyster Inc's McDonalds Wangaratta.

The penultimate award of the evening, presented by local state MP Tim McCurdy (MLA, Owens Valley), was for the Young Gun, won by Cafe the Pre-Vue apprentice Chelsea Goebly.

- Wangaratta Chronicle will have a special awards feature in Friday's edition.