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CATEGORY FINALISTS ANNOUNCED IN THE 2017/18 ROWE PARTNERS PORT AUGUSTA OUTSTANDING BUSINESS AWARDS

Competition across all categories and participation in the 2017/18 Rowe Partners Port Augusta Outstanding Business Awards has been extremely high this year with 262 nominations being received by 131 different businesses and individuals for the 15 award categories.

A final total of 94 qualifying entries have now been judged and Business Port Augusta is pleased to announce the names of finalists in all categories.

Finalists 2017/18

- **National Australia Bank - Excellence in Hospitality and Tourism 2017/18**
Australian Arid Lands Botanic Garden

Kieran's Kitchen

Archers Table
- **Cinema Augusta - Excellence in Small Business 2017/18 (1-5 Employees)**
Dance Explosions
Westside Physiotherapy
Magic Memories by Erika
Terry Gardiner's Meats and Smallgoods
- **Sundrop Farms - Excellence in Medium Business 2017/18 (6-20 Employees)**
Redgum Vet and Pet Boarding
Dental on Commercial
Gulf and Ranges Optometrist
- **Better Homes Supplies - Excellence in Large Business 2017/18 (21+ Employees)**
Northpoint Toyota
Sundrop Farms
Southern Cross Austereo

- **Port Augusta Business Centre - Employer of the Year 2017/18**
 KD's Hair Flair
 Pure Indulgence Hair

- **Nistico Sen - Trainee of the Year 2017/18**
 Perry Jones – Australian Arid Lands Botanic Garden

 Phoebe Storey – Redgum Vet and Pet Boarding

 Chloe Young – Ray White Real Estate

- **Business SA - Apprentice of the Year 2017/18**
 Courtney Liebelt – KD's Hair Flair
 Cloe Muskett – Pure Indulgence Hair

- **Southern Cross Austereo – Most Innovative Business 2017/18**
 My Friend Billy

 Sundrop Farms

 Liv Sienne

- **Bultarra Australian Saltbush Lamb - Young Employee of the Year 2017/18 (18-29)**
 Skye Wilson – Redgum Vet and Pet Boarding

 Georgia Phillips – Dental On Commercial

 Emma Nutt – Gulf and Ranges Optometrist

 Ali Glover – Mayhem Fitness

- **Solar Reserve - Employee of the Year 2017/18 (30 plus)**
 Sam Dermody – Webb Software
 Christie Mitchell – Southern Cross Austereo
 Dillon Moore – Redgum Vet and Pet Boarding

- **5AU / MAGIC FM - Outstanding Emerging Business 2017/18**
 Platform Training and Fitness

 Kieran's Kitchen

 Liv Sienne

- **The Transcontinental - Most Popular Business 2017/18**

Mayhem Fitness

Magic Memories By Erika

KD's Hair Flair

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- **Supreme Clean Carpets and Restoration - Excellence in Delivery of Services by a Not For Profit or Government Agency 2017/18**

- The Friends of The Australian Arid Lands Botanic Garden

- Calvary Cottage Port Augusta

- Australian Arid Lands Botanic Garden

Business Port Augusta Chairman Darren Sherriff said that he is "...very pleased with the field of candidates in this year's Awards. In terms of numbers, it's the highest amount of entries in 15 years of the Awards. It's a great reflection of the strength and capability of our Port Augusta business community that so many people have established and run innovative and profitable regional enterprises employing local people and making a valuable contribution to the South Australian economy."

"We're putting Port Augusta on the map and getting involved in these awards shows a level of commitment to professionalism and excellence in business for which the people of Port Augusta should be very proud," he said.

Chad McKnight of Rowe Partners, major sponsors of the awards, works with many of the businesses in the Port Augusta community. He is impressed with the effort that so many businesses have taken up the challenge in competing in these awards.

"Congratulations to all nominees and especially to our category finalists. Participation this year has been great."

As business accountants, Rowe Partners understand the challenges faced by business and the effort to get involved in the submission process.

"Running a successful business enterprise in today's challenging economic times is no small achievement. People are busy and we appreciate the time taken by each business to help make the awards a success," Chad said.

"We're looking forward to the announcement of winners in each category and making the announcement for the Most Outstanding Business 2017/18 at the Gala Dinner on Friday 19th October 2018."

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