

Gippsland Food and Fibre Awards 2024

Terms and Conditions

ENTRIES

Entries close 14 April 2024 at 11:59pm.

Entries must be completed and submitted online via SurveyMonkey:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/gippslandfoodandfibreawards

All entries will be acknowledged within 48 hours. If no email confirmation is received by 17 April 2024, please contact Food & Fibre Gippsland: <u>info@foodandfibregippsland.com.au</u>

All entrants will complete:

- 2 general questions about their past achievements (last 3-5 years)
- 1 general question about their future plans (next 3 years)
- 2 specific questions per category; entrants may apply to as many categories as appropriate to their agribusiness.

All questions have a limit of 300 words maximum.

Further insight can be detailed in person during the online interviews and the final judging stage.

All entrants need to be located in Gippsland, within the local government areas of either Baw Baw Shire, Bass Coast Shire, South Gippsland Shire, City of Latrobe, Wellington Shire or East Gippsland Shire. All information given in the entry process will be considered commercial-in-confidence and treated as such. Personal information provided will be used by Food & Fibre Gippsland for the purpose of the Gippsland Food and Fibre Awards.

Information will be used for that primary purpose or directly related purposes and may be disclosed to other third parties if required to do so by law. The applicant may apply to Food & Fibre Gippsland for access and/or amendment of their personal information.

The judging team will seek your approval to speak with your referees to seek further information and verification in relation to your entry.

FINALISTS

All finalists will be required to provide high-resolution images of their operation for Gippsland Food and Fibre Awards publicity purposes to showcase the sector.

All finalists will be asked to attend the celebratory evening on Friday 31 May 2024 in Maffra. We encourage finalists to invite staff, family and friends to share this special night celebrating the food and fibre sector in Gippsland.

Achievements of all finalists will be acknowledged in the media. In order to provide profiles of finalist businesses, applicants must be available for comment and media opportunities following the celebratory evening on Friday 31 May.

All finalists will receive a certificate acknowledging their achievement.

WINNERS

The winners will be announced at a celebratory dinner on Friday 31 May 2024 at Maffco Brewery and Taphouse.

Each category winner will be presented with a trophy on stage.

The successful winners of the following categories will receive prizes as follows:

- **Overall Gippsland Agribusiness of the Year:** The prize will offer the winner an opportunity to attend an international agribusiness study tour. All eligible entries will be considered for this prestigious award.
- Young Agribusiness Leader of the Year: The winner will be provided with an opportunity to complete an industry-recognised leadership program.
- Female Agribusiness Leader of the Year: The recipient will be awarded a scholarship to participate in a career-building and outcomes-focused women's leadership program.

Winners may be asked to cover some out-of-pocket expenses but where possible, Food & Fibre Gippsland will provide accommodation, flights and expenses to complete these courses.

The provision of prizes, including the dates, location and delivery format will be at the discretion of prize partners and Food & Fibre Gippsland Inc.

All winners must be committed and available to complete the prize/tour/courses on the given dates otherwise they will be liable to reimburse the costs associated for noncompletion. In the case of cancellation by the participant/winner, they will be charged:

- 0-45 days before program commencement 100% cost/value of course
- 45-90 days before program commencement 50% cost/value of course
- 90+ days before program commencement 10% cost/value of course

For all enquiries relating to the Gippsland Food and Fibre Awards, please contact Deanne Kennedy: <u>deanne@jaydee.net.au</u> or mobile 0419 878 055.