

Celebrating 24 Years of Great Southern Business!

Albany Chamber is delighted to announce that The Dam Denmark have been recognised as the 2023 Great Southern Business of the Year.

Business representatives, entrepreneurs and budding business leaders from across the region attended a packed room of 190 guests on Saturday 21 October to hear winners announced at the 24th annual ACCI Great Southern Business Awards.

Attendees were treated to a night of decadence and glamour, with an 'Old Hollywood' theme and a black-tie event. There was entertainment from well-known local band, Pinstripe, as well as a few surprises thrown in including a burlesque performance from Devil's Burlesque Dance Group. The Awards didn't end there. Attendees moved to EVE Late Night Bar and partied the night away for the afterparty celebrations.

Each year, the Awards celebrate the achievements of Great Southern businesses and business people over the last 12 months. The 2023 Awards saw a total of 34 finalists across 14 business and individual award categories.

The winners of this year's ACCI Great Southern Business Awards are as follows:

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| Business Person of the Year: | Harpreet Dhaliwal |
| Business Start Up: | The Dam Denmark |
| Business with over 10 Employees: | Mount Barker Cooperative |
| Business with up to 10 Employees: | The Gardens at Bullimah |
| Employee of the Year: | Katie Pope |
| Environment and Sustainability Award: | Cannabis Botanical Distillery |
| Excellence in Tourism and Hospitality: | Discovery Bay Tourism Precinct |
| Food and Beverage Manufacturing: | Stirling Ranges Beef |
| Home Based Business: | Waves and Wild |
| Indigenous Organisation of the Year: | Kadadjiny Aboriginal Corporation |
| Innovation in Business: | Synergy Graphics |

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| Trainee or Apprentice of the Year: | Denon Richards |
| Young Business Person of the Year: | Chelsea Beaton |
| Great Southern Business of the Year: | The Dam Denmark |

ACCI Chief Executive Kristen Pyrz-Brown thanked the panel of judges, which were selected from different areas of local business expertise.

"This year we made a few changes to the award categories, and were thrilled to celebrate our young talent with the Trainee or Apprentice of the Year award. Whilst the process was streamlined from years before, we are still very cognisant of the huge amount of effort that goes into just filling in the application. To have had so many showcasing their businesses, is testament to how strong our community is in the Great Southern."

"The Awards received a large number of applications and nominations, resulting in a competitive and diverse pool that made it a challenge for the judges!"

"This really speaks to the diversity and innovation of our Great Southern Businesses; from small Home-run sole traders, to up and coming individuals, and large complex businesses, the Great Southern business community is definitely something to be very proud of!"

Kristen also acknowledged thanks to Award partners, Katanning Regional Business Centre and Denmark CCI, for their involvement and support. Thank you to our category sponsors: Albany Advertiser, Albany Business Centre, Australian Training Management, City Of Albany, Commonwealth Bank, HHG, REX Airlines, Synergy, Development WA, Department of Primary Industry and Regional Development, Small Business Development Corporation, Regional Development Australia, Rio Tinto, Great Southern Development Corporation, The Apprentice and Traineeship Company and Training Alliance Group. Thanks also go to event partners and support: Retravisio Stadium, EVE Late Night Bar, and Great Southern Bus Charters.

Finalists, winners, and attendees can contact Albany Chamber of Commerce and Industry for a link to view and download photos taken on the Night.

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