



Duncan Pegg MP

Member for Stretton

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Duncan Pegg urges local businesses and charities from the Southside to nominate for the 2017 Telstra Business Awards

Duncan Pegg, Member for Stretton has called on the local community to celebrate the achievements of local businesses and charities by nominating them for the 2017 Telstra Business Awards.

Now in their 25th year, the Telstra Business Awards are renowned for showcasing and celebrating the achievements and entrepreneurial spirit of Australia's most brilliant small and medium businesses (SMBs) and charities.

Duncan Pegg said that SMBs and charities are the engine room of the economy and deserve to be recognised.

“Local business owners and leaders drive growth and deliver jobs for many Australians by pouring their hearts and souls into their businesses every single day,” he said.

“It's important they are recognised for their contributions not just to the economy but to the community as well.”

“The Telstra Business Awards is a wonderful platform to celebrate their achievements, giving them the opportunity to receive national acclaim and paving the way for others.”

While a Telstra Business Award recognises the current achievements of a business, it can also open up the possibility of many more in the future through enviable networking opportunities and the positive impact of external recognition.

Nominations are open year-round. Anyone can make a nomination for any of the five Award categories:

- **New Business Award** – operating for one to three years with up to 200 employees
- **Micro Business Award** – with five or fewer employees
- **Small Business Award** – with more than five and up to 20 employees
- **Medium Business Award** – with more than 20 and up to 200 employees
- **Charity Award** – ACNC registered with DGR status, between one and 200 employees and an annual income of between \$250,000 and \$10,000,000

State and Territory winners of the 2017 Telstra Business Awards will be announced at gala events later this year, with the Queensland Awards taking place on Friday 14 July.

To nominate, please visit: www.telstrabusinessawards.com/nominate or call 1800 AWARDS. Entries will open on 30 January and will close on 16 March 2017.

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