



## 2019 National Retail Awards

### Lifetime Achievement (30+ Years of Service) Award

The **Lifetime Achievement Award** recognises the efforts of an individual who has dedicated over 30 years of their life to the retail industry.

#### Rules of Entry

- You must have been previously or currently employed in retail for 30 years or more.
- You must be endorsed by a past or present colleague to verify your eligibility.
- If you are unsure if you fit the criteria above, please contact the NRA at [marketing@nra.net.au](mailto:marketing@nra.net.au).
- Your business does **not** need to be a National Retail Association member to enter.
- There is no charge to enter the awards, however we do recommend that all entrants attend the Gala ceremony. The entrant or the entrant's representative must be present at the gala to accept the award.
- We strongly recommend that all persons considering entering should check the [Award website](#) regularly and subscribe to receive award updates – [click here to register](#).
- Winners of Individual awards are not eligible for People's Choice Retailer of the Year.
- Please note that the NRA reserves the right to disqualify entries if entrants fail to abide by the rules of entry or information provided is found to be false or misleading.

## Judging Process

- Submissions will only be accepted via the National Retail Awards online portal.
- Submissions must be uploaded to the online portal by **midnight, Friday 14 June 2019**. Please do not leave your submission until the last moment. Submissions will not be accepted after the due date.
- You will receive an email receipt verifying that your submission has been received. Please keep this as proof of entry. If you do not receive an email, please contact [marketing@nra.net.au](mailto:marketing@nra.net.au).
- Once the awards portal closes, all entries will be reviewed and assessed by a panel of judges, comprised of industry leaders, academic researchers, retired professionals, and trained consultants. Judges are carefully screened and are not allowed to judge any category which presents a conflict of interest.
- The judges' decisions are final. You must not communicate with members of the judging panel about the awards during the nomination process.
- The top 5 finalists will be announced and notified by email on **Monday, 15 July 2019**.
- Finalists should be able to attend the National Retail Awards Gala in Sydney on Wednesday 4 September 2019. The winner will be announced at the Gala.
- All finalists receive one (1) complimentary ticket to attend the Gala ceremony. Travel and accommodation costs are not covered.

## Key dates

- Mon 8 April                      Submission criteria released
- Mon 15 April                    Online submission portal opens
- Fri 14 June (Midnight)       Submissions close
- Mon 15 July                      Finalists notified by email
- Wed 4 September              National Retail Awards Gala (Sydney)

## Submission

You will be asked the following questions in the online Awards Portal. We recommend that you prepare and save your answers in a Word document (or similar) before using the online Awards Portal. Please follow the structure and word limits provided.

**Your submission should focus on your initiatives and developments within the last 12 months.**

### 1. Career overview

Provide an overview of your career in retail and (if applicable) your current position. You may wish to detail your employment history and any significant achievements.

*(Max 300 Words)*

### 2. Challenges

What was the biggest challenge you faced during your career and how did you manage to overcome it?

*(Max 300 Words)*

### 3. Adapting

The retail industry has evolved over the last few decades. What are the most significant changes you have experienced, and how did you adapt to these changes during your 30+ years of service? For example, online or international competition, etc.

*(Max 300 Words)*

### 4. Contributions

Provide examples of your professional and personal contributions to the retail industry. How has this benefitted your career and the people around you?

*(Max 300 Words)*

### 5. Supporting material

You can choose to attach a maximum of three (3) x A4 pages that provide evidence or support your submission above e.g. charts, images, testimonials, examples. Note: The visual design of attachment will not factor into judging.

*Upload each attachment as a pdf file - Max 1MB per attachment.*

## Have questions?

We strongly recommend that all businesses considering entering an award, subscribe to receive Award updates ([subscribe here](#)).

If you have a query about entrant eligibility or rules of the competition not covered in this document or the FAQs on the [National Retail Awards website](#), please contact us at [marketing@nra.net.au](mailto:marketing@nra.net.au). Please note it may take up to 2 working days for a response.

Sorry, to be fair to everyone, the NRA or judges cannot provide guidance on specific questions in submission criteria.

## National Retail Awards Gala

The National Retail Awards Gala is that one special night in the year where hundreds of Australian retailers come together to take in and celebrate our hard-earned successes, to inspire the next generation of young retailers, and to learn from each other's shared experiences. Oh, and we don't mind having fun as well!

Early bird tickets to the 2019 Gala go on sale on **Tuesday 30 April** priced from \$170pp with additional discounts for group bookings.

Tickets are open to the public and have sold out in previous years - so book early!

[Click here for more information about the Gala.](#)