



Victorian Seafood Industry Awards 2019

Seafood Industry Victoria (SIV) is delighted to announce the opening of nominations for the 2019 Victorian Seafood Industry Awards.

The Awards provide an opportunity to promote Victoria's seafood and fishing communities and celebrates the contributions of individuals and businesses towards advancing the industry.

The Awards are now open to all sectors of Victoria's seafood and fishing industry including fishers, processors, exporters, seafood wholesalers, retailers, aquaculture producers, food service businesses and also individuals and businesses involved in research, development, safety and training.

Winners of the award categories will receive automatic entry into the Australian Seafood Industry Awards which will be held in Melbourne in October, as part of the 2019 Seafood Directions Conference on the 9-11 October.

We welcome and encourage your participation as an entrant and/or to nominate an outstanding industry participant as a potential award winner.

AWARD CATEGORIES

THE VICTORIAN SEAFOOD INDUSTRY WILL BE SHOWCASED IN THE FOLLOWING 12 CATEGORIES:

1. PRIMARY PRODUCER AWARD

Presented to a seafood primary producer with demonstrated excellence in the sustainable production of quality seafood through innovation in fishing or aquaculture practices, and that has contributed substantially towards a positive public profile for the seafood industry.

Judging Criteria:

- continually demonstrates innovative ways of improving production practices
- produces products that consistently meet customer expectations
- continually improves the delivery and marketing of its products to its customers
- contributes substantially towards a positive public profile for the seafood industry

2. BUSINESS AWARD (LARGE)

Presented to a seafood business employing the equivalent of ten (10) or more full time staff involved in any segment of the supply chain that has demonstrated business growth, innovation, excellence in product, service and marketing, and that has contributed substantially towards a positive public profile for the seafood industry.

Judging Criteria:

The business

- has achieved sustained growth over many years
- produces products and services that consistently meet customer expectations
- continually improves the delivery and marketing of its products and services to its customers
- contributes substantially towards a positive public profile for the seafood industry

3. BUSINESS AWARD (SMALL)

Presented to a seafood business employing less than the equivalent of ten full time staff involved in any segment of the supply chain that has demonstrated business growth, innovation, excellence in product, service and marketing, and that has contributed substantially towards a positive public profile for the seafood industry.

Judging Criteria:

The business

- has achieved sustained growth over many years
- produces products and services that consistently meet customer expectations
- continually improves the delivery and marketing of its products and services to its customers
- contributes substantially towards a positive public profile for the seafood industry

4. SAFETY AWARD

Presented to an entity that has demonstrated excellence in developing and maintaining a culture of safety that has contributed substantially towards improving the safety record of the seafood industry.

Judging Criteria:

The activity

- addressed a high priority safety area or risk
- was end-user driven, and produced outcomes that contributed towards the safety record of the seafood industry
- if appropriate, complied with legislation and/or certified to a recognised safety standard and supported by a formal safety management system

5. RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT & EXTENSION AWARD

Presented to an entity that has demonstrated excellence in developing and undertaking a research, development and extension activity that has contributed substantially towards a sustainable and profitable seafood industry.

Judging Criteria:

The activity

- addressed a high priority for the seafood industry
- was end-user driven, and produced outcomes that contributed towards the sustainability and profitability of the seafood industry
- was challenging, involved technical risk, and required systematic investigation and a high level of innovation to achieve the planned outcome

6. ENVIRONMENT AWARD

Presented to an entity that has demonstrated excellence in developing and undertaking an environmental activity that has contributed substantially towards protecting or rehabilitating aquatic environments or reducing adverse seafood industry impacts on the environment.

Judging Criteria:

The activity

- addressed a high priority for the seafood industry
- was end-user driven, and produced outcomes that contributed towards protecting or rehabilitating aquatic environments, or reducing adverse seafood industry impacts on the environment
- was challenging, required a high level of innovation and direct action and/or extension to achieve the planned outcome
- involved other users of the environment

7. PEOPLE DEVELOPMENT AWARD

Presented to an entity that has demonstrated excellence in developing and undertaking a people development activity that has contributed substantially towards a higher performing workforce for the seafood industry.

Judging Criteria:

The activity

- addressed a high priority for the seafood industry
- resulted in more people with higher qualifications or skills working in the seafood industry
- employed innovative ways to develop seafood industry people
- employed innovative ways to attract and/or retain seafood industry people
- was supported by planning, reviewing and continual improvement processes (where the activity involved formal vocational training, it complied with the National Seafood Industry Training Package)

8. PROMOTION AWARD

Presented to an entity that has demonstrated excellence in developing and undertaking a promotion activity that has contributed substantially towards improving the public profile of seafood and/or the seafood industry.

Judging Criteria:

The activity

- addressed a high priority for the seafood industry
- was end-user driven, and produced outcomes that contributed towards improving the public profile of seafood and/or the seafood industry
- was challenging, involved a high level of innovation and direct action to achieve the planned outcome

9. RESTAURANT AWARD

Presented to a restaurant that has demonstrated excellence in consistently serving customers with quality seafood and providing them with an overall positive seafood dining experience.

Judging Criteria:

The restaurant

- serves seafood meals that taste good
- consistently meets customer expectations for service
- serves seafood meals that include Australian seafood
- provides customers with accurate information about seafood components of the meals
- complies with Australian Standard for Fish Names and, preferably, provenance labelling
- provides an ambience that compliments the seafood meals in providing customers with an overall positive seafood dining experience
- contributes substantially towards a positive public profile for the seafood industry

10. TAKE-AWAY FISH AND CHIPS AWARD

Presented to a take-away food outlet that has demonstrated excellence in consistently providing customers with quality seafood.

Judging Criteria:

The business

- serves seafood that tastes good
- consistently meets customer expectations for service
- serves seafood that includes Australian seafood
- provides customer with accurate information about the seafood
- complies with the Australian Standard for Fish Names and, preferably, provenance labelling
- contributes substantially towards a positive public profile for the seafood industry.

11. YOUNG ACHIEVERS AWARD

Presented to a person, under 35 years of age, who has demonstrated that he or she has made a positive difference to the seafood industry and has the potential to continue to develop as an effective and respected seafood industry leader.

Judging Criteria:

The person

- has made a positive difference to the seafood industry
- is committed to effect positive change through leadership and innovation
- is respected by industry colleagues

12. INDUSTRY AMBASSADOR AWARD

Presented to a person who has demonstrated that he or she has made substantial positive difference to the seafood industry over at least twenty years, and who has been a highly effective and respected seafood leader.

Judging Criteria:

The person

- has made a substantial and sustained positive difference to the seafood industry
- has effected positive change through leadership and innovation
- is respected by industry colleagues