

INDUSTRY AWARDS **2026**



2026 INNOVATION AWARD FOR ADVANCEMENTS IN COMPOSITES

The **2026 Innovation Award** recognises transformative, visionary or inventive achievements in Australian made composites through manufacturing processes, materials or design that enhance productivity and quality and redefine performance metrics,

industrial outcomes and/or material science. It focuses on recognising complex composite part engineering and manufacturing, inventive solutions that drive efficiency, elevate standards, and sets new benchmarks in operational excellence.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR THE AWARD

This self-nominating award is open to organisations in the composites value chain, including manufacturers, suppliers, Universities and education institutions working in the composites manufacturing sector.

SELF-NOMINATOR REQUIREMENTS:

- Organisation/Affiliation:** Must be a member of Composites Australia.
- Effectiveness and Feasibility:** Must show the effectiveness and feasibility of the innovation in an industrial setting, including through pilot projects, field tests or production outcomes.
- Judging Criteria Compliance:** Must effectively address the specified judging criteria.

ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR SELF-NOMINATORS:

- Registration:** Must be registered in Australia with an Australian Business Number (ABN).
- Legal Compliance:** Must adhere to workplace health, privacy, safety, and industrial relations legislation.
- Regulatory Compliance:** Must have no current compliance issues with any regulator, patent infringement challenges or adverse issues with any government contracts.
- Accuracy of Information:** Must ensure that all information and claims in the self-nomination are true and correct.

SUBMISSION QUESTIONS FOR THE 2026 INNOVATION AWARD FOR ADVANCEMENTS IN COMPOSITES

- ◆ Description of the Innovation
- ◆ Visionary and Inventive Aspects
- ◆ Engineering and Manufacturing Complexities
- ◆ Efficiency and Standards
- ◆ Impact and Outcomes
- ◆ Additional Materials
- ◆ Additional Information

AWARD PRIZE DETAILS

- ◆ An official Award Certificate
- ◆ Recognition at the CA Annual Conference Dinner
- ◆ Feature in Connection Magazine
- ◆ Recognition on CA's website and social media
- ◆ Complimentary attendance at the CA Conference and Dinner on June 17, 2026.

AWARD PROCESS

- Download** the application form at this link.
- Complete** and send to awards@compositesaustralia.com.au.
- Submission Deadline: Monday May 25, 2026.**

Questions: ✉ awards@compositesaustralia.com.au

DISCLAIMER FOR CA AWARDS PROGRAM:

The Judging Panel's decision is final. The judging panel comprises three CA members who are not affiliated with any nominee. Awards are merit-based. Absence of qualifying applications may result in no awards being given. Nominees may be filmed or photographed during the program for promotional, marketing and archival purposes related to the awards and associated activities.

PRIVACY AND INFORMATION HANDLING:

Nominee information is strictly confidential, accessible only to authorised CA officers and judges. Judges sign confidentiality and conflict of interest statements.

WEB PUBLICATION CONSENT:

Nominees consenting to web publication acknowledge the potential for material use and disclosure by any web user and global accessibility. This consent is exclusively for promoting the CA Awards.

By participating, nominees agree to these terms.

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This form is designed for self-nominating organisations within the composites value chain seeking recognition for their innovative contributions to the field of composites manufacturing in Australia. Please ensure all provided information is accurate and verifiable.

ORGANISATION/AFFILIATION INFORMATION

Organisation Name: **Australian Business Number (ABN):**

Contact Person:

Contact Email: **Contact Phone Number:**

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA CONFIRMATION

PLEASE CONFIRM THE FOLLOWING:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Member of Composites Australia. | <input type="checkbox"/> Adheres to workplace health, privacy, safety, and industrial relations legislation. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Innovation has been demonstrated in an industrial setting. | <input type="checkbox"/> No compliance issues with any regulator, patent infringement challenges, or adverse government contract issues. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Addresses the specified judging criteria. | <input type="checkbox"/> All information and claims in this self-nomination are true and correct. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Registered in Australia with an ABN. | |

SUBMISSION QUESTIONS

Description of the Innovation: Tip: How does this innovation contribute to advancements in composites in terms of manufacturing processes, materials, or design? In what ways does this innovation enhance productivity and quality within the industry?

300 words max.

Visionary and Inventive Aspects: Tip: How does the innovation exhibit transformative, visionary, or inventive qualities?

Explain how the innovation redefines performance metrics, industrial outcomes, or material science.

300 words max.

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Engineering and Manufacturing Complexities: Tip: Describe the complex composite part engineering involved in the innovation. How does the innovation address manufacturing complexities or challenges?

300 words max.

Efficiency and Standards: Tip: How does the innovation contribute to driving efficiency in operations? In what ways does it elevate standards or set new benchmarks in operational excellence?

300 words max.

Impact and Outcomes: Tip: What are the tangible impacts of this innovation in the composites industry? Provide examples or case studies demonstrating the effectiveness of the innovation.

300 words max.

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Additional Materials: Tip: Is there any other information that you would like to provide that supports this nomination?

300 words max.

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

Nominators are encouraged to accompany their submission with a video, photos, or other supporting material to provide a more comprehensive response and assist the judging panel in their evaluation.

Please upload any videos, photos, or other supporting material to your file sharing service and put link here:

CONSENT FOR WEB PUBLICATION

I consent to the web publication of submitted materials for promoting the CA Awards Submission.

SUBMITTING

By submitting this nomination, you confirm that all information provided is accurate to the best of your knowledge and agree to the terms and conditions of the CA Awards Program.

Please review all details before submitting.

Submit by **Monday May 25, 2026.**

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This form covers all necessary information and instructions for nominators, ensuring a comprehensive understanding of the award's requirements and submission process.