

INDUSTRY AWARDS 2026



The Composites Industry Awards 2026 serves as a platform to recognise and celebrate outstanding achievements within the composites sector. Acknowledging the importance of excellence, commitment and ingenuity, these awards honour both individuals and organisations that form the sector. Award categories invite nominations for achievement

of organisations, apprentices, staff and associates, and innovative products that signify progress and achievement in the industry. Composites Australia extends an invitation to all its members to nominate deserving candidates for the 2026 awards, nominations for which are now officially open. Awards will be presented on June 17 at the 2026 Composites Conference dinner.

AWARD CATEGORIES INCLUDE:

- ◆ APPRENTICE OF THE YEAR AWARD
- ◆ LEADERSHIP / LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
- ◆ TECHNICIAN/EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR AWARD
- ◆ ENGINEER OF THE YEAR AWARD
- ◆ INNOVATION IN COMPOSITES AWARD (DESIGN, MATERIALS OR PROCESS)



The Apprentice of the Year Award recognises an individual demonstrating advanced ability during their apprenticeship in a discipline related to composites manufacturing. The nominee will have demonstrated a commitment to their course, high level performance, an enthusiastic attitude and will be able to articulate their future industry employment goals.

This award highlights the importance of a career in manufacturing and encourages apprentices and their workplace peers to commence and complete their training. The award further promotes industry-specific jobs to students, parents, educators, government bodies and other stakeholders.



The Leadership/Lifetime Achievement Award honours an individual whose substantial and enduring leadership and achievements have profoundly and lastingly influenced the composites manufacturing industry.

This award recognises those who have made a transformative contribution to the field of composites manufacturing to shape the industry's trajectory and future. Eligible contributions span a range of achievements: effective management or stewardship of an industry company or institution, active participation in legislative or regulatory initiatives that have markedly influenced the industry and/or creation of science/research or innovative processes or products with enduring significance.



The Employee of the Year Award recognises an individual for exceptional skill and dedication in the composites manufacturing sector. Nominees should have shown outstanding commitment to their responsibilities, high-level performance, an enthusiastic attitude and be able to articulate their future goals within the industry.

This award highlights professional excellence in manufacturing and encourages all employees to strive for excellence. It also promotes industry-specific careers to students, parents, educators, government bodies, and other stakeholders.



The Engineer of the Year Award recognises an individual demonstrating exceptional technical skill, leadership and dedication in composites manufacturing. It celebrates engineering excellence in complex composite design and production, inventive problem-solving, and sustained high performance. The award encourages professional standards, supports the industry's future workforce, and promotes engineering careers to students, educators, government and stakeholders nationwide.



The Innovation Award recognises transformative, visionary or inventive achievements in Australian made composites through manufacturing processes, materials or design that enhance productivity and quality, 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 set new benchmarks in operational excellence.

Submissions can be made online through Composites Australia at :

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