

# AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE

2026

Online Submission Process

# NAWIC SA

## Awards for Excellence 2026

Showcasing and recognising the outstanding achievements  
of individuals driving progress in construction

### Details:

Friday, 18th September 2026

National Wine Centre

6:30pm – Midnight

# 2026 Nomination Categories:

## CRYSTAL VISION AWARD

*Celebrates individuals, businesses or organisations that actively promote women's participation and career progression in construction or related industries. Winners represent NAWIC SA at the National Awards*

## CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT AWARD

*Recognises significant contributions by a South Australian-based female to improving construction projects, company processes or industry initiatives, particularly in environment, safety or quality*

## CONTRIBUTION TO DESIGN AWARD

*Recognises excellence by a South Australian-based female through the design or concept of a construction or fit-out project that delivers innovative or complex solutions while meeting or exceeding the client brief*

## PROJECT ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

*Recognises a female who has made a significant contribution to the successful delivery of a project, including processes, outcomes, innovation or stakeholder management*

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# 2026 Nomination Categories:

## BUSINESS PROFESSIONAL AWARD

*Recognises an individual who has demonstrated excellence as a decision-maker within a construction-related organisation, including roles in ownership, management, administration, HR, estimating, legal, finance, marketing or not-for-profit*

## EMERGING LEADER AWARD

*Recognises a female working in construction or related industries in South Australia with less than five years' experience, celebrating leadership potential and community involvement*

## GRADUATE OF THE YEAR AWARD

*Recognises the outstanding contribution of a female in construction during the early stages of her career, having graduated between 2024 and 2025*

## MENTOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

*Recognises an individual, regardless of gender, who has made an outstanding contribution to mentoring and supporting the career development of women in the construction industry*

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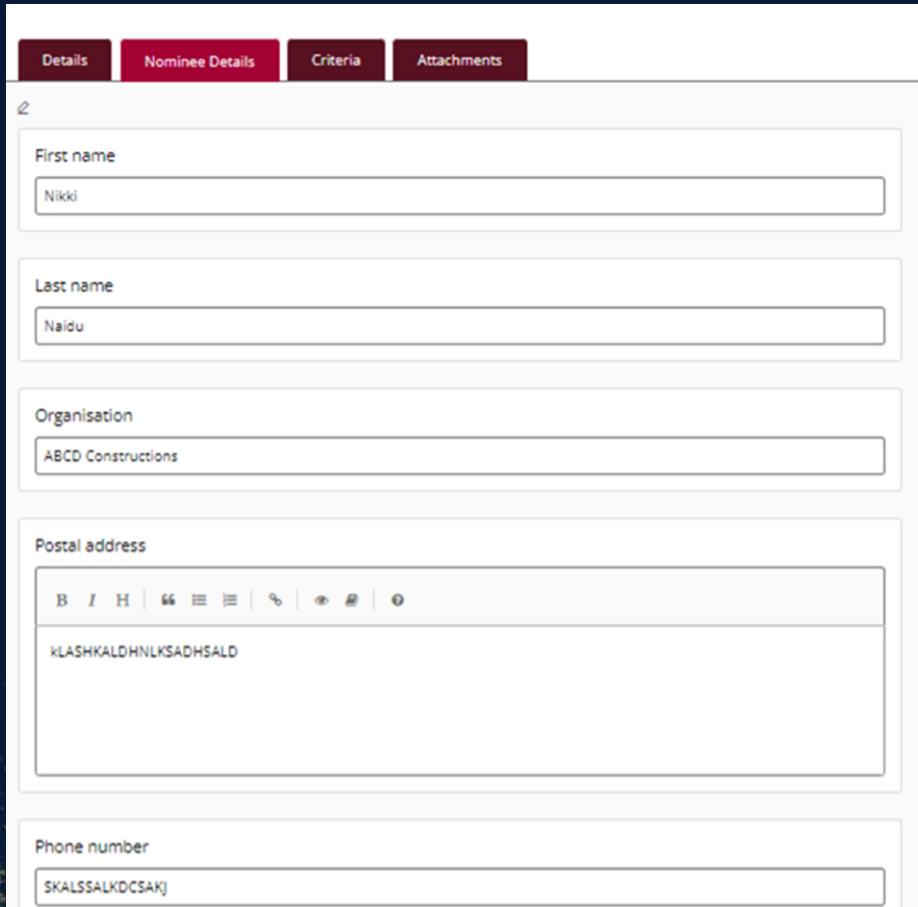


# Terms and Conditions include (but not limited to):

- Nominee must be a financial member of NAWIC SA at time of judging and Awards event
- Winning entries cannot be resubmitted from previous years
- Nominees can be eligible for more than one award
- Nominees are expected to attend the Awards event on 18 September 2026
- There is a preference for winners to attend the International Women's Day event the following year on 26 February 2027, as some winners may be given the opportunity to speak on the panel
- No extensions will be permitted for submissions
- If a minimum of 2 nominations are not received for any category, NAWIC SA reserves the right remove that award category

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# Nomination Process



The screenshot shows a web form with four tabs: "Details", "Nominee Details", "Criteria", and "Attachments". The "Nominee Details" tab is active. The form contains the following fields:

- First name:** Nikki
- Last name:** Naidu
- Organisation:** ABCD Constructions
- Postal address:** KLASHKALDHNLSADHSALD
- Phone number:** SKALSSALKDCSAKJ

Navigate to <https://nawic.com.au/Site/Chapters/SA/SA-Awards.aspx>:

- Navigate to "Nominate Here"
- Click "Learn More"
- Sign up to NAWIC Awards Force Portal
- When you start your application and choose your award category, nominating either yourself or your colleague, first fill out the Nominee Details. Under the Nominee Details tab fill in all details requested.

# Nomination Process

The screenshot shows a web interface for a nomination process. At the top, there are four tabs: 'Details', 'Nominee Details', 'Criteria', and 'Attachments'. The 'Criteria' tab is active. Below the tabs, there is a breadcrumb trail 'Criteria' with an upward arrow. The main content area is divided into two sections:

- Nominee's Biography**: A text input field with a word count of '0 / 200 words'. The field has a rich text editor toolbar with icons for Bold (B), Italic (I), Highlight (H), Quote, List, Link, Image, and a placeholder icon. To the right of the field, there is a grey box containing instructions: 'Provide a description of the nominee, business or organisation. If applicable, provide a description of the relevant team within the business or organisation, or the nominee's role within the team for individual nominations. State if this is a self-nomination, or if you are nominating someone else. To be written in the third person.'
- Brief Summary of Submission**: A text input field with a word count of '0 / 100 words'. It also has a rich text editor toolbar. To the right of the field, there is a grey box containing instructions: 'To be written in third person for use in the Awards Presentation.'

A 'Need help?' button is visible on the right side of the form.

Next, move on to the Criteria questions and provide the Nominee biography (written in third person) and a summary of the submission (written in third person). Ensure the Assessment Criteria are completed within the relevant word count.

# Nomination Process

Details   Nominee Details   Criteria   **Attachments**


Additional material may be attached as follows:

- Upload JPEG, PDF, Word or video files. Maximum file size is 15MB per piece.
- Please do not upload any material other than that specified as being required below as the judges will not consider these. The writ

The following **MUST** be uploaded before your nomination is deemed to be complete.

- Letter of Endorsement if relevant (i.e. a nominee is using a third party's project example). This letter should be from someone involved in the organisation or project who can attest to the nominee's role and contribution.
- Good quality image of the nominee for use in the Awards Presentation.
- Good quality images of the project(s) as referenced in the nomination submission if applicable. Quantity of images to be provided at the nominee's discretion. Maximum of three (3) project images to be provided for use in the Awards Presentation.

Letter of Endorsement





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or

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Under the Attachments tab, the main attachments requested are:

- Letter of Endorsement - *NAWIC SA have provided a sample "Letter of Endorsement" under SA Awards ([nawic.com.au](http://nawic.com.au)) in line with submissions - please refer to the letter and use it for your reference.*
- Image of nominee (min 1, max 2)
- Good quality images of any projects referenced (min 1 max 3)

# Nomination Process

<p>Image of Nominee</p> <p></p> <p>Drag your file here or</p> <p><a href="#">Select file</a></p>	<p>Good Quality Image of Nominee (or team if applicable)</p>
<p>Image of Projects Referenced (optional)</p> <p></p> <p>Drag your file here or</p> <p><a href="#">Select file</a></p>	<p>Good quality image of project(s) if relevant</p>

Under Attachments tab:

- Please attach your image/image of the nominee where requested (this is used on the Awards night for presentations).
- Please also attach project photos if relevant.

# Nomination Process

Nominee CV (A4 PDF or WORD max 2 pages)



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or

Select file

Please note that the SA Awards use a "blind" scoring system. Please include a CV that is a summary of your qualifications and professional history without identifying features such as your name and email address.

Under Attachments tab (Crystal Vision Award submission only):

- Please attach your CV as requested.
- Your CV should be a summary of your qualifications and professional history.

# Tips

- Be clear about your case - Why are you exceptional and why do you stand out? How are you making a difference? Tell a story in your submission.
- Understand and stick to the criteria.
- Be as specific as possible.
- Make your opening and closing statements really stand out, include clear direct and specific statements of why you deserve recognition.
- List most important information in the first few sentences, then elaborate, as necessary.
- List challenges and how they were overcome, include measurable examples.
- Provide closing statements and describe how others regard you, and how you stand out in your organisation or industry.
- Use the STAR Method to answer questions and address criteria.

# STAR Method

The STAR method is a structured technique used to answer questions by providing context, outlining responsibilities, describing actions, and highlighting results.

It helps you respond in a clear and concise manner, demonstrating your skills and experiences effectively:

- Situation – describe specific event or situation.
- Task – Explain task, include challenges you faced.
- Action – Describe *specific* actions taken to address the challenges faced.
- Result – Result of your actions.

# When creating your story doesn't come easily...

- Pretend you are telling someone your story in a conversation - record yourself talking if helpful and then convert it to written format and flesh it out with examples and supporting evidence if applicable.
- Ask for advice from your manager/supervisor, colleagues, family and/or friends.
- Take a break, put it away and come back to it with fresh eyes.
- Try keep it clear and concise by using dot points.
- Try not to overthink it - you've been nominated for a reason!

# Your Story: Tip One

Start by working out the *bones* to your 'story'...

1. Work offline in a word document.
2. Add in the assessment criteria as questions/topic headings.

# Your Story: Tip Two

Start to work out the *guts* to your 'story'...

1. Make notes using dot points.
2. Think as if you are simply writing an answer to the question, as if you are in a quiz or in person having a conversation.

# Your Story: Tip Three

Start to *flesh* out your 'story'...

1. List challenges and how they were overcome, include specific, measurable examples (using the STAR method).
2. Use specific examples of when your actions, initiative, etc. supported your cause.
3. Read your response without the question and check if it 'flows' from one event to the next.

# Your Story: Tip Four

What is your unique selling point? What makes your 'story' stand out?

1. Make it clear and obvious.
2. Focus on what makes your nomination different to others.
3. Can you inject your personality into your submission?

# Tip Summary:

- Save as you go.
- Write it offline first – check the word count.
- Tick off your content as it answers a criteria.
- Don't overthink it – word count will help you be succinct.
- Writing it in the third person is preferred.
- Don't miss any sections or attachments.
- Professional headshots for the big screen – send high quality images.
- Organise your letters of endorsement early.

# Key Dates:

- Nominations Open: Monday, 25 May 2026
- Nominations Close: Friday, 3 July 2026 at 6pm
- Ticket Sales Open: To be confirmed
- Awards Event: Friday, 18 September 2026 from 6.30pm-11.30pm
- International Women's Day Event: Friday, 26 February 2027 from 12pm – 3:30pm

Make sure you open an application on Awards Force ASAP!



# Contacts:

- For ticketing enquiries, contact NAWIC SA Major Events Committee:  
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- For award portal and nomination queries, contact Natalie (NAWIC SA Major Events Committee):  
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- To sponsor an award, or for more details on sponsorship, contact SA Sponsorship Committee:  
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