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Excellence in Technical Innovation

This award recognises an engineer or technologist (or team) that has taken an innovative approach to the technology of one or more community radio stations. Each entry for this award will be judged on the following criteria:

1. The individual or team has utilised creative thinking in using existing technology in an innovative way to address a technical problem for the station.
2. The individual or team has effectively utilised a new or emerging technology to enhance the station's capabilities.
3. The innovation of the individual or team is considered a benchmark for such projects in the community radio sector.

Entry name

Station Name

Contact Name for Correspondence

Phone Number

Email

Station Website (optional)

Nominee's name

Overview 350 words

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The innovation of the individual or team is considered a benchmark for such projects in the community radio sector. 350 words

- All supporting material loaded into the Award Force system must be clearly labelled with the station call sign and any program name details. i.e category_stationcallsign_titleofnomination
- The total attached audio and supporting documentation for each entry must not exceed 100MB.
- If your master program file is larger than 100MB, please upload to a video platform like Soundcloud, YouTube or Vimeo and provide a link.
- The accepted file types are: jpg, jpeg, png, gif, pdf, docx, doc, mp3, m4a and mpeg4. If you wish to submit any other format, please contact the CBAA
- Videos must be hosted on a video site such as YouTube or Vimeo. Use the 'Add link or video' button to provide a url.
- Entrants are asked to only attach supporting documentation that enhances their written responses to the criteria and does not repeat information already provided. Permissible attachments may include, but is not limited to news paper articles referencing the nominated individual, program or event, examples of community / listener engagement, organisation reports and or production schedules.
- If supporting documentation or audio is required and not provided, the relevant entry or entries may not be considered for judging.

Attachment name

Upload image (optional)



Please provide a high resolution image related to the entry. This will be used as part of award promotional material if the nominated entry is a finalist and winner in their category.

Photography credit (optional)

Please provide the identity of the photographer if necessary

Please provide nominee social media URL (optional)

Please provide a social media URL (Facebook or Twitter) for the nominee that we can include for promotional material through social media if the nominee is a finalist or winner in their category.

Supporting documentation and media

Use the following buttons below to upload any other supporting documentation or media that you believe will enhance your entry.

If an audio sample is requested as part of your entry, do not use the **Add link or video** button to share your sample. This audio must be uploaded as an audio file via the **Select file** button above. If you're attaching an audio sample as part of your supporting documentation, we recommend that you point to an area that judges can focus on within this audio.

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Failure to abide by these terms and conditions may render an entrant ineligible for the Awards.

• The CBAA Community Broadcasting Awards are produced by the Community Broadcasting Association of Australia (CBAA) and are only open to CBAA member stations and individuals or groups authorised to represent member stations.

• Entrants are required to obtain permission of the station's board President or Station Manager before submitting their entry. If the station board President or Station Manager is the individual entering the award, permission will not be required.

• Entries must be received by 11:59 pm Monday, 30 June 2026 AEST. Entries received after this closing date will not be accepted.

• All entries must be submitted via the online Awards entry system, Award Force (www.cbaa.awardsplatform.com). Entries will not be accepted by other means.

• All entries must be focused on broadcast, station or individual activities occurring between 1 May 2025 and 30 April 2026.

• Entries that have won in the same category in the previous year's CBAA Community Broadcasting Awards are not eligible to be submitted again. If the same content previously won in that category, it will be deemed ineligible.

• Entries are open to organisations with a Permanent Community Broadcaster CBAA Membership or Temporary Community Broadcaster CBAA Membership.

• Each member station may submit a maximum of one entry per category. If a station submits multiple entries in the same category, only the first submission received will be judged, and any additional entries will not be considered.

• Entrants may enter the same work in more than one category if it fits the criteria for each category. A separate entry must be completed for each category.

• When completing entries, use the name of the nominated station, program, initiative or individual exactly as they would appear on the finalist's certificate or winner's trophy. CBAA will not be responsible for incorrect spelling of names.

• If your entry requires an audio component, it is the entrant's responsibility to ensure that this content is playable and accessible by judges. The accepted file types are: mp3, m4a and mpeg4. Each 'file upload' field is limited to 100MB per submission.

• If supporting documentation or audio is required and not provided via the Awards Force system, the relevant entry or entries may not be considered for judging.

• All supporting material loaded into the Award Force system must be clearly labelled with the station callsign and any program name details.

• All entries may be reproduced to promote the Awards and to champion the excellent work of the community broadcasting sector. If entrants do not own all copyright or there are restrictions in your right to use, any material included in your entry, it is the entrant's responsibility to obtain permission from all relevant third parties for CBAA to use the entry as described.

• Where misleading information is supplied within entries, regardless of intention, the CBAA reserves the right to disqualify such entries.

• By participating, entrants accept that the CBAA may run these awards as it sees fit without right of appeal.

• All entries related to programs must upload a 30-second byte from the program/event in the attachments tab of the Award Force System.

• Some case studies may be made available for download from the CBAA website.

• Awards judges' decisions are final. No correspondence or discussion will be entered into regarding the judging process or any outcomes reached.

• Award winners may be asked to make themselves available for other CBAA activities outside the awards ceremony such as being involved in media and communications following or in the lead up to the awards.

• CBAA may extend any deadline or time limit, terminate the Awards or vary the terms of entry at any time and for any reason at its sole discretion. The CBAA may also choose not to present any given award if none of the nominees sufficiently meet the qualifications for that award.

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☐ I have permission to submit this entry from Station Manager or Board President as per the CBAA 2023 Community Radio Awards Ts&Cs

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