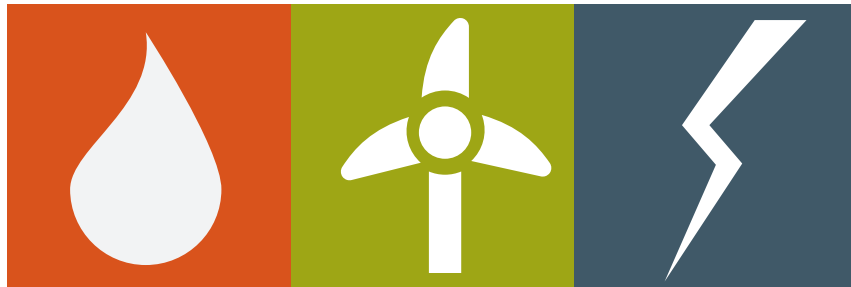


Surat Basin

Energy Awards



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From the CEO



TSBE is proud to be delivering the Surat Basin Energy Awards for the first time in 2021 to celebrate the enormous contribution the energy sector has made to our region. We're very proud that the Toowoomba and Surat Basin is an energy-production powerhouse with natural gas, solar, wind, ethanol and coal production all occurring within our region.

The Surat Basin Energy Awards will recognise the leaders in a range of categories within the energy sector and showcase the key players who have made the energy sector such a significant part of the regional economy.

We invite you to be involved in the Surat Basin Energy Awards, which will conclude with a lavish awards ceremony. This is a unique opportunity to support and recognise the significant contribution the energy sector has made in so many different ways to the Toowoomba and Surat Basin region.

Ali Davenport
CEO, TSBE

About Toowoomba and Surat Basin Enterprise



Toowoomba and Surat Basin Enterprise (TSBE) is a not-for-profit, independent economic development organisation, linking business with opportunity to create sustainable economic growth and diversity in the region. TSBE has approximately 450 members, the majority of whom are local businesses that have joined with us to connect to opportunities, such as those found in the energy sector.

We're very proud of the fact that this region is home to 45% of QLD's existing and proposed energy production plants and that we represent a thriving energy hub. TSBE focuses on providing local content opportunities for our members and works closely with major infrastructure projects and other development opportunities in the region.

From the Event Partner



The Western Downs has been one of Australia's fastest growing regional economies over the past five (5) years. The Western Downs is trademarked the "Energy Capital of Queensland" with five pillars of energy; coal, gas, ethanol, solar and wind featuring throughout the region. Besides being one of Queensland's major suppliers of natural gas, the region has traditionally led the way in renewable energy with Australia's first grain-to-ethanol facility being established in Dalby in 2008.

The expansion continues with the development and construction of several solar farms, the Coopers Gap Wind Farm in progress and the Dulacca Renewable Energy Project on the horizon.

Celebrating the Economic Contribution of the Surat Basin Energy Sector

Energy production in the Toowoomba and Surat Basin, from natural gas, coal and renewable projects, makes a major contribution to the National Electricity Market. The region continues to move towards becoming the 'energy capital' of Australia, it is important for industry and business to come together to recognise the diversity of energy production, and to continue driving the future of energy in the Toowoomba and Surat Basin region.

TSBE is proud to be undertaking the region's first Energy Awards to help celebrate the people, business and industry that have shaped energy production in Toowoomba and the Surat Basin. This unique event will highlight traditional and emerging industries, celebrate individual and business ambassadors and showcase success stories and key contributors who have paved the way in the energy sector.

TSBE invites you to showcase your business through submitting nominations from the listed categories which have been identified as important components to the Toowoomba and Surat Basin region's success.



Energy Awards Key Dates

Applications Open

Judging Process

Applications Close
1 April, 2021

2020 Surat Basin
Energy Awards
Ceremony
29 April, 2021

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Why Nominate your Business?

The 2021 Surat Basin Energy Awards will showcase the people and the projects that have significantly contributed to the growth of the energy sector in the Toowoomba and Surat Basin region.

The awards are designed to:

- Provide recognition and rewards for the key players and emerging leaders within the sector
- Highlight businesses that have made a major contribution to the growth of the energy sector within the Toowoomba and Surat Basin region
- Provide marketing opportunities for successful businesses
- Leverage multiple industry networks through extensive on-the-night networking opportunities
- Showcase the national importance of the Toowoomba and Surat Basin energy sector
- Create ambassadors who can showcase their success stories outside the region

The awards ceremony is a celebration of the Toowoomba and Surat Basin energy sector and has been designed to enhance collaboration of industry, benchmark best practice for the region and honour all nominees in a professional and social environment.

New to the Surat Basin Region?

We welcome new investment and business to our region. All businesses that are part of the energy sector are welcome to attend this event. It will be an excellent opportunity to get acquainted with local businesses and major industry leaders, to build networks and learn how your business can be positioned in the energy sector of Toowoomba and the Surat Basin.

Find out more

It is a simple and easy application process. For any questions or to purchase tickets to the Surat Basin Energy Awards please contact TSBE on (07) 46394 600 or awards@tsbe.com.au.

Information regarding terms & conditions, category criteria and judging processes are included in this nomination pack.

Award Categories

TSBE has identified categories as major contributing components to the success of the energy sector in the Toowoomba and Surat Basin region. Applicants are encouraged to apply for one or more categories listed below, referring to the nomination process, guidelines and terms & conditions to determine eligibility. Please note, a separate nomination form is required for each category.

EXPORT AWARD - PROUDLY SPONSORED BY



This will be awarded to an energy sector business that has achieved outstanding national and/or international success in exporting products, technology and/or services from the Toowoomba and Surat Basin region.

Respond to the following questions and demonstrate through supporting documents how your business has been successful within the export market.

- Provide an overview of the product, service and/or technology that is being exported and the new markets that have received your products.
- Demonstrate how your export journey has contributed to the generation of jobs, the economic diversification of the Toowoomba and Surat Basin and developed opportunities for the broader business community.

INNOVATION AWARD - PROUDLY SPONSORED BY



This will be awarded to a business that has demonstrated the development of innovative products/services which has led to the transformation of their business in the Toowoomba and Surat Basin energy sector.

Respond to the following questions and demonstrate through supporting documents how your business has successfully innovated.

- Provide an overview of the product/service developed or adopted that has transformed your business and contributed to the energy sector in the region.
- Demonstrate how this innovation has created opportunities for the energy sector.

LEADERSHIP AWARD - PROUDLY SPONSORED BY



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This award can be self or peer nominated.

This will be awarded to an individual who has demonstrated outstanding leadership skills that have contributed to the development of the energy sector in the Toowoomba and Surat Basin region.

Respond to the following questions and demonstrate through supporting documents how your leadership skills have helped your business.

- Demonstrate how your leadership has helped transform the energy sector and the growth of your business.
- Provide third party evidence or endorsement of the above question e.g. testimonials on how your leadership has positively contributed to the development of the Toowoomba and Surat Basin energy sector.

The Leadership Award winner will receive a cash prize to the value of \$5,000

COMMUNITY AWARD - PROUDLY SPONSORED BY



This will be awarded to a business operating in the energy sector that has supported the local community through social investment in the Toowoomba and Surat Basin region.

Respond to the following questions and demonstrate through supporting documents how your business has successfully invested in community programs or initiatives.

- Demonstrate what initiatives/programs have been implemented to create positive community outcomes.
- Demonstrate the long-term benefits of the initiatives/programs for the community.
- Provide supporting evidence validating the success of the initiatives/programs for the community.

SAFETY AWARD - PROUDLY SPONSORED BY



This will be awarded to a business that has ensured safety is at the forefront of their business culture and contributes to reducing risk within the energy sector of the Toowoomba and Surat Basin region.

Respond to the following questions and demonstrate through supporting documents how your business has successfully created a safety culture.

- Demonstrate what initiatives/programs have been implemented in your business to create a positive safety culture.
- Demonstrate how the adoption and ongoing commitment to HSSE has contributed to the energy sector in the region.
- Provide supporting evidence that validates the success of the initiatives/programs within your business.

STEM AWARD - PROUDLY SPONSORED BY



This will be awarded to a business that operates in the energy sector in the Toowoomba and Surat Basin region and has adopted elements of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) within their business.

Respond to the following questions and demonstrate through supporting documents how your business has successfully implemented STEM programs.

- Demonstrate how incorporating STEM initiatives within your business has helped contribute to new products/solutions or collaboration of community & industry to support the energy sector in the region.
- Provide supporting evidence validating the success of the initiatives/programs and your ongoing commitment to the outcomes.

CO-EXISTENCE AWARD - PROUDLY SPONSORED BY

This will be awarded to a business that has demonstrated dedication to building sustainable co-existence relationships for the betterment of the Toowoomba and Surat Basin community and the energy industry.

Respond to the following questions and demonstrate through supporting documents how your business has successfully fostered co-existence relationships within the Toowoomba and Surat Basin region.

- Demonstrate initiatives/programs that have been successfully implemented within your business to establish co-existence relationships.
- Provide specific examples of the opportunities that have come from developing co-existence relationships and how this has improved the energy sector and/or the community.
- Provide supporting evidence validating the success of the coexistence initiatives/programs.

ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD - PROUDLY SPONSORED BY

This will be awarded to a business operating in the energy sector that has demonstrated their ongoing commitment to sustainability and achieving excellence in environmental management within the Toowoomba and Surat Basin region.

Respond to the following questions and demonstrate through supporting documents how your business has successfully implemented environmental practices or solutions to ensure sustainable environmental outcomes for the energy industry in the region.

- Demonstrate the environmental solutions or practices that have been developed or adopted by your business to achieve positive environmental outcomes for the energy sector.
- Demonstrate the environmental outcomes delivered from developing and implementing environmental solutions within your business and how this is relevant for the energy industry and/or community.
- Provide specific examples of how your project/program is measured and outcomes achieved.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS AWARD - PROUDLY SPONSORED BY



Darling Downs
Workplace Wellness Initiative

This will be awarded to a business operating in the energy sector that has implemented initiatives to support the health and wellbeing of their workforce in the Toowoomba and Surat Basin region.

Respond to the following questions and demonstrate through supporting documents how your business has successfully worked towards increasing positive health and wellness for your employees.

- What initiatives/programs are in place to enhance health and wellness in your business?
- Demonstrate how the commitment of a health and wellness culture has created tangible outcomes for your business and contributed to the Toowoomba and Surat Basin energy sector.
- Provide evidence of how your business measures the effectiveness and outcomes of the initiatives.

APPRENTICESHIP AND TRAINING - PROUDLY SPONSORED BY



This will be awarded to an energy sector business that demonstrates passion for developing skilled staff within the Toowoomba and Surat Basin region to benefit the wider community and ensure there is a highly skilled local workforce to support the future needs of the region.

Respond to the following questions and clearly demonstrate through supporting documents how your business has successfully fostered professional development of apprentices/trainees or how training existing staff has provided positive outcomes.

- Clearly demonstrate how your business has incorporated apprentices and/or trainees within your workforce and/or how upskilling your staff has benefited your business, the regional community and the Toowoomba and Surat Basin energy sector.
- What initiatives/programs are currently in place to integrate and grow apprenticeships, traineeships or training in your business and advise how this is measured to ensure internal upskilling results are reached?
- Provide specific examples and outcomes of how continual training and upskilling of staff is creating a positive flow-on effect to the business community and the region.

LOCAL CONTENT AWARD - PROUDLY SPONSORED BY



This will be awarded to a business that operates in the energy sector that has implemented local content initiatives which has resulted in positive outcomes for local businesses within the Toowoomba and Surat Basin region.

Respond to the following questions and demonstrate through supporting documents how your business has successfully implemented local content practices.

- Provide recent examples of successful local content initiatives and show how your business has contributed to the local economy.
- Demonstrate your ongoing commitment to local content within the Toowoomba and Surat Basin region and provide project/program examples.

INDIGENOUS ACHIEVEMENT AWARD - PROUDLY SPONSORED BY



This will be awarded to a business that operates in the energy sector that has produced outstanding positive outcomes for the Indigenous community within the Toowoomba and Surat Basin region.

Respond to the following questions and demonstrate through supporting documents how your business has successfully achieved or collaborated with the Indigenous community to provide positive economic and/or community outcomes.

- Demonstrate the initiatives/programs that have been implemented within your business to create positive outcomes for the Indigenous community or Indigenous businesses.
- Identify examples of how success is measured and benchmarked within your business.

INDUSTRY LEGACY AWARD - PROUDLY SPONSORED BY



Peer nomination only

This will be awarded to an individual who has been identified by their peers as someone who embodies commitment to the energy sector of the Toowoomba and Surat Basin region through their leadership, community initiatives, innovation, knowledge or skills. This leader has built a legacy in the Toowoomba and Surat Basin energy sector for future generations of professionals to learn and benefit from.

To be eligible for the Industry Legacy Award, the person must have demonstrated experience in leading or delivering a major project, undertaken initiatives or programs that have benefited the energy sector and the Toowoomba and Surat Basin community, fostered high level relationships amongst the energy sector or uncovered and lead innovative solutions that have benefited the region.

Respond to the following questions and demonstrate how this person has successfully influenced positive outcomes for the energy sector in the Toowoomba and Surat Basin and left a legacy from their commitment.

- Bio of the nominated person including business details, their position and description of how their achievements have had an impact on the energy sector (i.e. beyond their employer organisation).
- Describe why you believe this person should be awarded the Industry Legacy Award in 2021, with reference to personal qualities or skills that underpin their professional achievements including examples of successful project outcomes .
- Write a maximum of 800 words for this application, and then send the above information directly to awards@tsbe.com.au (nomination form not required for this category)

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Nomination Guidelines

Eligibility

Businesses that are currently undertaking or have undertaken projects in natural gas, coal, renewables or bio-ethanol energy production sectors within the Toowoomba and Surat Basin region are eligible to nominate for the Surat Basin Energy Awards.

Businesses should carefully read the outline of each category prior to nomination. Those looking to nominate should be able to clearly respond to the nomination questions for each category.

Category sponsors are ineligible to nominate for a category they have sponsored, however, event partners (e.g. Major, Gold and Dinner) can nominate for all categories.

- Read through the criteria of each category to determine eligibility.
- Complete the attached nomination form and answer category questions on company letterhead (Industry Legacy Award nominations do not require a nomination form or company letterhead).
- Return completed nomination form and responses, including relevant supporting documents to awards@tsbe.com.au prior to the closing date of 1 April, 2021.
- TSBE will notify both successful and unsuccessful nominees regarding their nomination.
- Industry Legacy award nominations must be submitted directly to TSBE (awards@tsbe.com.au).

Please note: Finalists will be required to purchase ticket/s to the Surat Basin Energy Awards to be eligible to win.

Refer to the checklist to ensure all documentation is correctly included before submission. Nominations or supporting documents received after the closing date will not be accepted. Incomplete nominations will be ineligible for judging.

Award Nominations

Businesses are able to apply for multiple categories. Nominations are subject to category eligibility and a separate nomination form for each category is required, including separate supporting documents.

Applicants are encouraged to provide as much detail as possible for each submission.

A maximum 800-word response is required for each category question, not including supporting documents.

Judging Process

The Surat Basin Energy Awards judging panel aims to recognise the businesses making major contributions to the region's energy sector.

The judging panel will judge each category based solely upon the information provided in the application process, therefore each application must be complete.

Judges will shortlist a maximum of three finalists per category, with the winning businesses announced at the Surat Basin Energy Awards ceremony on 29 April, 2021.

On the night

Celebrate the Surat Basin Energy Awards on Thursday, 29 April, 2021. Finalists will be required to purchase ticket/s to the Surat Basin Energy Awards and must attend to be eligible to receive the award.

The 2021 Surat Basin Energy Awards will take place at the Dalby Event Centre.

Terms and Conditions

Evaluation Process

The judging panel will be made up of a mixture of industry and community representatives appointed as independent judges by TSBE.

Those selected to judge will sign a non-disclosure agreement to ensure confidentiality is maintained.

The independent panel will be required to judge all submissions:

1. Fairly and objectively
2. Free of bias and influence
3. As per the category guidelines
4. As per the information provided in the nomination process

All decisions are final and will not be reconsidered.

Privacy

Personal information collected will be used for administrative purposes and will be provided to the judging panel.

Entry into the awards is acknowledgement that you accept these terms.

Important Information

- Each nomination must answer all questions listed under the chosen category on company letterhead (excludes the Industry Legacy award) in order to be considered for judging. A maximum of 800-word response per category is required (not including supporting documents).
- Any supporting documents that are relevant to the nomination are to be submitted at the same time as the nomination form and are additional to the 800-word limit.
- TSBE will not accept any further documentation after submission of the nomination form.
- Nominations received after the closing date of 1 April, 2021 at 5pm will not be accepted.

For further clarification on the information stated above, please contact TSBE on (07) 4639 4600 or email awards@tsbe.com.au.



Source: www.researchgate.net

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NOMINATION FORM

Refer to Terms and Conditions and Nomination Guidelines before nominating for an award. [Click here.](#)

Organisation Details

Business Name: _____

Contact Number: _____

Head Office Address: _____

Website URL: _____

Surat Basin Region Office/s (if applicable): _____

What is your identified industry classification:
eg. renewables, natural gas etc.

Years in Business: _____

Business Bio (200 words): *This bio may be used on the night of the awards ceremony or for promotional activity.*

Nominee Contact Details

Point of Contact: _____ Contact number: _____

Email Address: _____

Please select the **one** category that you wish to nominate for (separate nomination forms are required for each category entered):

☐ Export

☐ Innovation

☐ Leadership

☐ Community

☐ Safety

☐ STEM

☐ Co-Existence

☐ Environmental

☐ Health and Wellness

☐ Apprenticeship & Training

☐ Local Content

☐ Indigenous Achievement

NB: Industry Legacy Award does not require a nomination form, please see nomination guidelines listed above.

If applying for multiple categories, a separate nomination form should be completed, and relevant supporting documents submitted for each category.

Does your business currently operate in the Surat Basin Region?

Yes

If no, when was your business operating
in the Surat Basin Region? _____

Provide details of the Toowoomba and Surat Basin project that shows relevance to this category:

Name of Project: _____

Project Duration: _____

Project Description: _____

Please submit a maximum of 800 words (not including supporting documents) on company letterhead responding to the specific nomination criteria for each Award Category listed on pages 5-9

Checklist

Before submitting your nomination, please check all required documents have been attached to the email using the checklist below.

- ☐ Completed nomination form
- ☐ Category responses on company letterhead
- ☐ Supporting Documents
- ☐ Logo and/or Style Guide

Please send all completed submissions to awards@tsbe.com.au

Declaration

I _____ declare on behalf of _____

that the information provided in this nomination form, my responses and supporting documents, are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

I declare that I have the authority to submit this application on behalf of the business I represent and understand the process of nomination according to the nomination guidelines.

I have read and agree to the terms and conditions stated in the nomination pack.

Signature: _____

Position: _____

Date: _____

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