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Small business to shine

NOMINATIONS have now closed for the Central Highlands Small Business Awards.

Businesses could be nominated for an award if they contributed towards the success of an organisation, club, committee or group. The awards are part of Small Business Week which runs from May 15 to 20. Central Highlands Development Corporation has partnered with a number of stakeholders to ensure businesses throughout the region are recognised. Partner company C-Res, general manager Tracey Cuttriss-Smith said the awards were about recognising and "acknowledging small businesses that contribute to the community".

"Small businesses are the backbone of communities," she said.

"They also donate their time, goods and services and offer school based traineeships and apprenticeships. So when the community supports small business, it ensures the funds go back into the community and the cycle continues."

Now in its second year, Mrs Cuttriss-Smith said entries for the small business awards had increased.

"There are a lot of small businesses that are contributing that go without recognition, the awards encourage people to nominate the businesses that have supported their group, sporting club or charity."

However, Mrs Cuttriss-Smith said it wasn't just about recognising the businesses for one week.

"It's about continually acknowledging and being really proud of what our small businesses are doing," she said.

To ensure recognition continues throughout the year, customers and businesses can use the #chcommunitychampions hash tag.