



EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

CATERING FOR THE 2027 CENTRAL HIGHLANDS BUSINESS EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Issued by: Central Highlands Development Corporation (CHDC)

Event Date: Saturday, 11 September 2027

Location: Emerald Town Hall

EOI Closing Date: Thursday, 4 December 2027

The Central Highlands Development Corporation (CHDC) invites regional catering businesses to submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) to deliver the catering component of the 2027 Central Highlands Business Excellence Awards (CHBEA) Gala Dinner.

The CHBEA is the region's premier celebration of business excellence, attracting over 250 guests from across the Central Highlands and beyond, including business leaders, government representatives, sponsors, and community partners.

CATERING BRIEF

We are seeking a professional and creative catering partner to provide a high-quality three-course plated meal that reflects the region's produce and complements the event's formal and celebratory atmosphere. Service must include:

- Full kitchen coordination and staffing (front and back of house)
- Food service to approximately 300 guests
- Coordination with CHDC's event and venue teams
- Compliance with all food safety and licensing requirements
- Preference will be given to caterers who:
 - Champion local produce and suppliers
 - Demonstrate capacity to deliver high-volume service to a premium standard
 - Offer menu flexibility and innovation
 - Provide evidence of previous large-scale event experience

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Please include the following in your EOI:

1. Business name and contact details
2. Proposed menu concept and pricing (indicative per person)
3. Capacity and staffing overview
4. Examples of similar events catered
5. Evidence of food safety certification and public liability insurance

SUBMISSION DEADLINE

- EOIs must be submitted by Thursday, 4 December 2027 to:
Kylie Hawkins
Events & Board Coordinator
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khawkins@chdc.com.au or call if you have any questions 07 4982 4386.