



BPW Central Coast

Taking action for women's equality- at work, on boards, in leadership

WOMAN of THE YEAR 2015-16

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01 KEY DATES

Nominations for the 2015-16 BPW Central Coast Woman of the Year open Monday 2 November 2015 and close midnight Monday 14 December 2015. All nominations must be submitted online at www.bpw.com.au/central-coast/woy.

Interviews of nominees who meet the criteria will take place in the first week of February 2016.

The awards dinner will be held on Saturday, 27 February 2016.

02 WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

To be eligible to enter the 2015-16 BPW Central Coast Woman of the Year Awards, an entrant must meet the following criteria:

- They must be living or working on the Central Coast
- They are not a member or relative of a BPW Central Coast member
- BPW Central Coast members do not have a financial interest in their business or organisation
- If entering the Entrepreneur category, they will have been operating their business for at least 3 years by 30 November 2015
- They are aged 35 years or younger as at 30 November 2015, to be automatically entered in the Young Woman of the Year award

03 AWARD CATEGORIES

There are three award categories

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| Entrepreneur Award | Open to female owners who are fully engaged and active in day-to-day running and decision-making of their own business, in a business they've been operating for a minimum of 3 years on the Central Coast |
| Empowerment Award | Open to female owners, employees or volunteers of Central Coast organisations that deliver positive change for women. Includes not for profit and social ventures. |
| Young Woman of the Year | Entrants in the above two qualifying categories who are aged 35 years or under as at 30 November 2015, are automatically eligible for this category |

Qualities that potential Award winners share

The Judges look for qualities in nominee that reflect the values of the Awards; such as delivering superior service, drive and determination to succeed; overcoming adversity with determination and creative problem solving; championing the skills of relationship building and negotiation in business; mentoring other women to succeed or overcome adversity

04 HOW TO ENTER

Entrants must be nominated. Nomination forms are completed online at www.bpw.com.au/central-coast/woy and can be accessed from Monday 2 November 2015.

The nomination form should take no longer than one hour to complete and is submitted on line. You can access to nomination form at any time from 2 November to 14 December 2015. Nominees will be contacted by us following their nomination.

05 WHAT THEY WILL NEED

Nominees will need to provide before their interview:

1. Either a written CV or a link to their Linked-In profile, or preferably both
2. A one page list and short description of their key achievements to date
3. 5 Photos to display at the awards
4. Company or organisation logo in digital form (if applicable)

They will be required to attend a one hour interview with the judges in early February 2016.

06 PRIZES & BENEFITS

BPW Central Coast Woman of the Year Awards provide finalists and winners with the rich experience of self-evaluation and connection with other outstanding women. In addition, each finalists will receive:

- The opportunity to showcase their achievements or business at the awards night
- A finalists certificate to display at their place of business

Winners in each category also receive:

- A cash prize of \$500
- A BPW woman of the Year trophy in their category
- A framed commemorative certificate to display at their business/workplace
- Sponsors prizes