WELDING PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR AWARD CRITERIA

This Award recognises professionals who are making a valuable contribution to the Australian welding and fabrication industry. The individual should demonstrate a high level of skill, knowledge or craftsmanship, be dedicated to their profession, and have professional development plans in place.

Welding Coordinator: To qualify for the Welding Coordinator of the Year Award, the individual will need to be assessed by Weld Australia as conforming to the requirements of AS/NZS ISO 14731 (ISO 14731) and continues to perform the role of welding coordinator. IIW International Welding Engineer (IWE), IIW International Welding Technologist (IWT) or an IIW International Welding Specialist (IWS) qualification is preferred.

Welding Supervisor: To qualify for the Welding Supervisor of the Year Award, the individual must at least hold either an AS 1796 Certificate 10, an AS 2214 qualification, or an IIW International Welding Specialist (IWS) qualification (or equivalent or higher).

Welding Inspector: To qualify for the Welding Inspector of the Year Award, the individual must hold one of the following: an AS1796-11 qualification, an IIW International Welding Inspector - Basic (IWI-B), or an IIW International Welding Inspector - Standard (IWI-S) qualification.

Evidence of this qualification (such as a certification of completion) may be required / requested. Weld Australia reserves the right to not award in any specific category where nominated candidates do not meet required criteria.

You must be a current 2026 Weld Australia member to apply for this award. If you are unsure about your membership status or would like to join, please email membership@weldaustralia.com.au or phone David Choudry (Membership Manager) on 0417 878 104.

You will need the following information on hand to complete your online entry form. The online entry form can be accessed via: https://weldaustralia.com.au/2026-welding-excellence-awards/

Contact Details (of both the Nominator and the Welding Professional)

First Name | Last Name | Title
Company Name | Email Address | Phone Number
Street Address

Photos

Please upload two photos of the welding professional - one should be an action shot of them working, the other should be a head shot. These photos will be used for promotional purposes, including but not limited to: PowerPoint presentations at event ceremonies, in Weld Australia's newsletters, EDMs, magazines, social media and website. By uploading photos, you confirm that you have the permission of all people photographed for their use in promotional purposes. Please note that the files must be either a JPEG or a PNG; and over 1MG in size, but the larger the better.

Brief Biography (500 words maximum)

Please provide a brief biography of the welding professional being nominated for the Award. This should include details of any training or qualifications, a summary of their professional experience, their key skills, and any major projects or achievements. It should also summarise why they deserve to win the award.

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High Level of Skill, Knowledge or Craftsmanship (500 words maximum)

Outline how the welding professional demonstrates a high level of skill, knowledge or craftsmanship in their day-to-day role. This may include specific examples of projects or client work.

Dedication to Their Profession (500 words maximum)

Outline how the welding professional demonstrates dedication to their profession. This might include creating a positive company culture, being reliable, seeking feedback, meeting client deadlines, or volunteering to help.

Professional Development Plans (500 words maximum)

Outline the professional development plan and future aspirations that the welding professional has in place. This might include training that they are currently undertaking or future plans for training, as well as on-the-job learning.

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