



THE KING'S TRUST AUSTRALIA AWARDS

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Launch of the Inaugural King's Trust Australia Awards

Celebrating success in education, employment and enterprise.

The King's Trust Australia is proud to announce the launch of The King's Trust Australia Awards. These national awards reflect The Trust's emerging commitment to support young people through education, employment, and enterprise pathways, while continuing to celebrate the successes of Australian Defence Force veteran and family entrepreneurs.

Building on the legacy of the 2022 – 2024 Beyond Service Awards, The King's Trust Australia Awards will champion young people and those that support them – including individuals and organisations driving future-focused skill building, employment opportunities, and exemplifying the spirit of enterprise across Australia.

Michelle Endacott, Chief Executive of The King's Trust Australia, said:

“These awards embody The King's Trust Australia's ambition over the next three years to help 5,000 young people discover who they are, what they're living for, and how to make a living,”

“We are celebrating the full spectrum of community-driven progress by recognising the inspiring efforts of young people and their supporters, as well as the achievements of veterans and their families in business.”

Four categories are open for public nomination, and two categories are limited to nominations from programmes associated with The King's Trust Australia. This includes collaborative partnerships with organisations and educators that use The King's Trust Australia's learning frameworks and resources. They are:

- **Commonwealth Bank Business of the Year Award:** The peak award recognising the outstanding efforts of veterans, ADF partners and spouses in business(es). Open for public nomination.
- **Educator of the Year Award:** Recognising the outstanding efforts of educators, mentors, trainers, and facilitators working with young people within schools and non-school environments. Open for public nomination.
- **Employer of the Year Award:** Recognising the outstanding achievements of an employer or recruitment agency supporting young people from marginalised backgrounds into employment. Open for public nomination.

- **Rising Star Award:** Recognising the outstanding efforts of a veteran or Australian Defence Force (ADF) family business owner/operator 35 years old and under. Open for public nomination.
- **Veolia Sustainability Award:** Recognising the outstanding achievements of an individual, project or business whose innovative work is having a positive impact on the environment or local community. Nominee must have participated in a programme associated with The King's Trust Australia.
- **Young Achiever Award:** Recognising the outstanding achievements of a young person aged 16 - 35 years old who has participated in a programme associated with The King's Trust Australia.

Veolia Australia and New Zealand is proud to sponsor The King's Trust Australia Awards. Richard Kirkman, CEO and Managing Director of Veolia ANZ, remarks:

“As a global leader focused on depolluting, decarbonising and regenerating the world, sponsoring the sustainability category aligned perfectly with our ambition to transform our environment for the good of all and support the next generation joining us on this journey.

Our global ambition, coupled with our strong local programs that help young people and Defence veterans join Veolia's ecological transformation mission, is why we're proud to support this event which recognises and celebrates their successes in education, employment and enterprise.”

Commonwealth Bank is proud to sponsor the Awards for the fourth time. Julie Hall, Senior Manager, CommBank for Veterans said:

“At CommBank, we are immensely proud to support our Australian Defence Force men, women, and their partners as they transition successfully into business. Their resilience, discipline, and entrepreneurial spirit are an inspiration to us all. It's an honour to recognise their achievements as part of this year's Commonwealth Bank Business of the Year Award in partnership with The King's Trust Australia.”

Nominations open on Monday, 2 June 2025 and close on Monday, 30 June 2025. Winners will be announced in October 2025.

To nominate, visit: <https://kingstrustaustralia.awardsplatform.com/>

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About The King's Trust Australia

The King's Trust Australia is part of The King's Trust Group, a global charitable network founded by His Majesty King Charles III. Our ambition is to help young people discover who they are, what they're living for, and how to make a living through research-backed education, employment and enterprise pathways.

About Commonwealth Bank

For 100 years, the Commonwealth Bank has been supporting everyday Australians and businesses to build a brighter future, committed to empowering and supporting the entire small business community.

Commonwealth Bank is proud to support veteran owned businesses, with a team of specialised bankers and a range of products, partnerships and business solutions to support veterans and their families to successfully transition to entrepreneurship and build thriving businesses.

Find out more [here](#).

About Veolia

Veolia is a 172-year-old global company founded on the idea of ecological transformation — to depollute, decarbonise, and regenerate the environment we live in. It has 215,000 employees worldwide designing and deploying solutions for water waste and energy. In 2024, the Veolia group provided 111 million inhabitants with drinking water and 98 million with sanitation, produced 42 million megawatt hours of energy and treated 65 million tonnes of waste.

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