



A CHANCE TO MIND YOUR BUSINESS



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NOMINATIONS opened for the City of Sydney Business Awards on June 4, and already 50 businesses have put their hands up to be recognised for their contribution to the city's economic life.

Fashion designers, cafes, restaurants, tax consultants, real estate agents and a crisis hotline have all joined in the race to be named Sydney's Business of the Year.

With 23 awards spread across retail, hospitality, tourism, professional services and other business categories, as well as the Lord Mayor's Sustainability Award and the Business of the Year Award, there are ample chances for success.

Nicola Dault, owner of Crown St, Surry Hills vintage clothing store Grandma Takes A Trip, has already signed up.

A finalist in last year's awards, Ms Dault said she entered again because "you never know, do you"?

"I think anything that focuses on small businesses is good," she said. "Small business is what makes a city interesting."

Businesses owners and employees can nominate themselves up until July 25.

Public voting opened on June 27 and also ends on July 25.

The finalists in each category will then be assessed by a panel of judges, which will select the winners and the Business of the Year.

The judging process involves mystery shoppers.

The winners will be announced at a gala awards ceremony at Doltone House in Pyrmont, 2007's Business of the Year.

For more information head to www.sydney-businessawards.com.au.



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