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Recognising employers who create opportunity

The NESA Awards for Excellence are offered each year by the National Employment Services Association (NESA) for outstanding performance and achievement within the employment services sector. This year there have been six Award categories, with a record number of nominations.

The **Champion Employer the Year Award** recognises employers who go the extra mile to offer employment opportunities to some of Australia's most disadvantaged job seekers.

"Organisations who work with employment services providers to open up opportunities for disadvantaged job seekers set such a positive example," said NESA CEO Sally Sinclair. "It's an honour to recognise these organisations in our national awards."

This year's finalists in the **NESA Champion Employer the Year Award** are:

- Hume Doors and Timber (VIC), for their outstanding work particularly with people with disability –
 nominated by WISE Employment
- **Bindaree Food Group**, for their openness to workforce diversity and providing opportunities for the most disadvantaged jobseekers nominated by **Enterprise & Training Company (ETC)**
- **Stellar,** for offering employment opportunities to the long-term unemployed, mature age jobseekers and people with disability nominated by **atWork Australia**

The winner of the **Champion Employer the Year Award** will be announced at the Gala Awards Dinner on the 13th August, part of the <u>NESA National Conference</u>, to be held at the Sofitel Melbourne on Collins on the 13th-14th of August, 2019.

The National Employment Services Association **Champion Employer the Year Award** is supported by the Australian Government Department of Employment, Skills, Small and Family Business.

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