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Applications Now Open for the 2026 [GoodCompany Awards](#)

Australia's leading recognition program celebrating businesses creating meaningful social impact through workplace giving, volunteering and corporate responsibility.

GoodCompany, Australia and Aotearoa's leading workplace giving, volunteering, fundraising and charity gift card platform, today announced the launch of the **2026 GoodCompany Awards**, with applications now officially open.

The annual awards recognise Australia's **Top 40 Good Companies**—organisations leading the way in employee giving, volunteering, community investment and social impact. Applications are free and open to organisations of all sizes until **30th October 2026**.

"The GoodCompany Awards recognise organisations that are creating real, measurable impact—not just for charities and communities, but for their own people," said **Ash Rosshandler, CEO of GoodCompany**.

"Australia is home to thousands of businesses doing incredible work behind the scenes. These awards celebrate those organisations that have embedded giving back into their culture and are empowering employees to make a genuine difference through volunteering, fundraising, workplace giving and community partnerships. "We encourage every organisation making an impact to put themselves forward."

Why Enter?

Being recognised as a GoodCompany Award winner demonstrates leadership in corporate social responsibility and employee engagement.

Successful organisations receive:

- Recognition as one of Australia's Top 40 Good Companies.
- National exposure across GoodCompany's network.
- Benchmarking against leading Australian employers.
- Independent recognition of their social impact programs.
- The opportunity to showcase their commitment to purpose-driven business.

Insights from the **2025 GoodCompany Awards** show Australian businesses continue to invest in creating positive social impact.

Workplace Giving & Employee Engagement

- **65%** of organisations offer payroll giving, helping employees support the causes they care about through regular workplace donations.
- **56%** provide employees with an Open Choice giving model, while **44%** support a curated charity partner model aligned with business purpose.
- **78%** match employee donations, with an average annual matching cap of **\$3,000 per employee**.
- **95%** provide paid volunteer leave, averaging **2.1 volunteer days per employee** each year.
- **78%** maintain dedicated team volunteering budgets, investing an average of **\$471 per employee** in volunteering experiences.

Social Impact & Sustainability

Leading organisations are also embedding purpose across their broader operations.

The 2025 Awards found:

- **85%** have Diversity, Equity and Inclusion programs.
- **80%** publicly support equal pay for equal work.
- **65%** have an active Reconciliation Action Plan.
- **63%** have Green Energy or Recycling targets.
- **63%** have Social Procurement policies.
- **48%** publicly align with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.
- **40%** are pursuing or have committed to B Corp certification.

Judging Criteria

The GoodCompany Awards assess organisations across a range of corporate social responsibility initiatives, including:

- Workplace Giving
- Payroll Giving
- Employee Volunteering
- Volunteer Leave
- Donation Matching
- Fundraising
- Charity Gift Cards
- Community Partnerships
- Diversity & Inclusion
- Environmental Sustainability
- Employee Choice & Engagement
- Governance and Social Impact initiatives

Applications are assessed using GoodCompany's evidence-based evaluation framework to identify Australia's leading organisations for social impact.

About the GoodCompany Awards

Each year, the GoodCompany Awards recognise businesses that are building stronger workplaces and stronger communities by empowering employees to give back.

The awards celebrate organisations that understand purpose, generosity and social impact are fundamental to building engaged teams and successful businesses.

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Learn more and apply: [GoodCompany Awards](#) | [GoodCompany](#) | [Australia](#)

About GoodCompany

For more than 25 years, GoodCompany has helped organisations create meaningful social impact through workplace giving, volunteering, fundraising, charity gift cards and employee engagement.

As Australia and Aotearoa's leading unified workplace giving and volunteering platform, GoodCompany partners with organisations to strengthen workplace culture while supporting thousands of charities.

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