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| **TEXT:** | Nominations close for the 2023 National Retail Awards on 31 August.  The prestigious awards, now in their 51st year, are an opportunity to recognise the innovation, diversity and entrepreneurialism of the businesses and individuals who make the Australian retail industry great.  The awards are open to all to enter and absolutely free with a simple entry process.  You are encouraged to nominate a standout business, colleague, yourself or a retailer offering amazing customer service.  This year there are seven new categories to recognise the growing online retail sector. The 17 categories include: Sustainable Retailer, People & Culture Retailer, Innovation Retailer, Emerging Retailer, Franchisee, Store Fitout, Marketing Campaign, Small Retailer, Medium Retailer, Large Retailer, Small Online Retailer, Medium Online Retailer, Large Online Retailer, HR Professional, Store Manager, Retail Leader and Young Retailer.  All finalists in every category will be a guest at the Australian retail industry’s gala night of fun and celebration in Brisbane on October 26, 2023. Discountet Earlybird tickets to the gala and awards night are available for purchase now.  The personal and professional rewards for winners are immense. Not only will winners gain national recognition with PR and branding opportunities to raise their business profile, they also have an opportunity to attend a National Retail Association workshop of their choice to enhance their skills and experience, with the total prize value estimated at $2,700.  Let’s put our amazing retailers and staff in the spotlight for the great work they do every day to strengthen the retail industry and their communities across Australia.  For more information, eligibility requirements and to nominate, visit <nationalretailawards.com.au>.    **Key Dates:**   * **AUGUST:** Nominations close at 11.59pm, August 31 * **SEPTEMBER**: Finalists announced * **OCTOBER:** Awards Gala Dinner, October 26, at The Rivershed, Howard Smith Wharves, Brisbane – winners announced. Tickets now available at [nationalretailawards.com.au](https://nationalretailassoc.sharepoint.com/sites/Marketing/Shared%20Documents/MARKETING/3%20EVENTS/National%20Retail%20Awards/Urbaine%20Communications/nationalretailawards.com.au). |
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