

## Australia punches above its weight at the 2025 Stevie® Awards for Women in Business



**Brisbane, Queensland Nov 12, 2025 ([Issuewire.com](https://www.issuewire.com))** - Australia was represented by a powerhouse of founders, executives, thought leaders and innovators in New York this week, after a record number of local women won gold, silver and bronze at the 22nd annual Stevie® Awards for Women in Business, one of the most competitive global platforms recognizing women shaping business, industry, and social change.

From disability care and multicultural advocacy to AI, retail, hospitality, social impact, consumer products, and visibility strategy, Australian women are standing shoulder-to-shoulder with the world's best across more than 40 categories.

What ties them together isn't just their industries; it's grit, originality, and the refusal to do business the way it's always been done.

A snapshot of standout Australian winners:

### Public Policy, Advocacy & Government

Malini Raj – Australian Multicultural Women's Alliance

SILVER – Female Executive of the Year – Government/Non-Profit

SILVER – Female Thought Leader of the Year – Government/Non-Profit

Malini leads the national organisation representing migrant and refugee women. She shapes policy,

advises government, influences federal submissions, and even secured PBS support for rare-disease medications — advocacy with real-world consequences.

#### Disability Care & Social Change

Kerry Bolton – Caring Lotus

GOLD – Best Female Entrepreneur – Consumer Services

SILVER – Female Social Entrepreneur of the Year

SILVER – Most Resilient Female Leader

Kerry runs a disability care organisation that treats people like humans, not compliance risks. She's ripping out the red tape and rebuilding care around safety, dignity and genuine connection.

Spear & Arrow

GOLD – Women-Run Company for Social Good

SILVER – Social Change Maker – Disability

BRONZE – Social Change Maker – Race

Spear & Arrow supports regional and First Nations families living with disability. Their work is trauma-informed, culturally grounded and designed for communities that mainstream services often overlook.

Foundations of Hope – Danielle Bradtke

GOLD – Most Innovative Woman – Government/Non-Profit

SILVER – Female Social Activist of the Year

SILVER – Female Executive – Government/Non-Profit

BRONZE – Organisation of the Year – Government/Non-Profit

Danielle supports women in the terrifying aftermath of domestic violence, the stage where most services end but trauma doesn't. She rebuilds safety, stability and futures.

### Entrepreneurship & Business Services

Jenny Pither – Allied Health Admin & Consulting

SILVER – Best Female Entrepreneur – Business Services

BRONZE – Female Executive – Business Services

Jenny helps allied health clinics survive the administrative chaos of NDIS, Medicare and compliance. She creates systems that prevent burnout and keep clinicians doing what they're trained for... actual care.

Kristy Smith – Virtual Elves

SILVER – Best Female Entrepreneur – Business Services

Kristy was building virtual teams long before Zoom calls were mainstream. She specialises in helping businesses outsource properly so they can grow without headaches or chronic overwhelm.

Boxer & Co – Gwen Blake

SILVER – Company of the Year – Business Services

BRONZE – Best Female Entrepreneur – Business Services

Gwen leads one of Australia's most respected FMCG branding agencies. If you've ever picked up a supermarket product because it "just felt right", her team probably designed it.

### Consumer Products, Performance & Innovation

SANAME Performance & Immunity Multi-Collagen & Bone Broth – Peta Warby GOLD – Best Female Entrepreneur – Consumer Products

GOLD – Woman of the Year – Industry

GOLD – Achievement in Product Innovation

SILVER – Best Women-Led Wellness Product

SILVER – Company of the Year – Consumer Products

SILVER – Best New Product – Consumer Products

SANAME develops premium collagen and bone broth formulations backed by science, not snake oil.

Wellness and functional foods can be ethical, effective, and led by women who know their stuff.

Little Windmill Clothing Co

SILVER – Best New Product – Consumer Products

SILVER – Company of the Year – Consumer Products

Little Windmill makes hard-wearing, bush-inspired kidswear that actually survives childhood. It's grounded in rural heritage, not fast fashion.

For Keeps – Jess Chalk

BRONZE – Best Female Entrepreneur – Consumer Products

Jess runs Australia's leading floral and memorabilia preservation studio, transforming bouquets, heirlooms and mementos into pieces families can keep forever.

Wiluray Ganyah – Indigenous-led Respite House

GOLD – Best New Product or Service – Consumer Services

Wiluray Ganyah offers culturally grounded respite care designed by Indigenous families for Indigenous families — a model the entire sector should be paying attention to.

## **Events, Tourism & Experience Design**

Atelier House of Events – United Cup 2025 Multicultural Festival

GOLD – Event of the Year

This team brought multicultural Australia to the global tennis stage with an event that felt as joyful as it was inclusive.

Beam in Business – Beam Awards 2025

SILVER – Event of the Year

A national awards program celebrating women in small business, now officially recognised as an international-standard event.

Gilberton Outback Retreat

SILVER – Company of the Year – Consumer Services

A family-run, off-grid luxury escape in Far North Queensland redefining what high-end outback tourism looks like.

Hurricane's Grill – Laura Goldberg, COO

SILVER – Female Executive of the Year – Consumer Services

SILVER – Women in Family Business Leadership

Laura is steering one of Australia's most iconic restaurant groups through expansion, crisis and rebuilding, all with a people-first approach.

## **Technology & AI Leadership**

Inbal Rodnay – Inbal Rodnay Consulting

SILVER – Achievement in Thought Leadership

SILVER – Most Innovative Woman – Technology

BRONZE – Achievement in Technology Innovation

Inbal helps everyday business owners understand and adopt AI without jargon or fear. She's known for making technology human.

SpeakerLinq – Talk Hubs

BRONZE – Best New Product – Business Products

SpeakerLinq created branded conversation hubs that keep audiences engaged after the keynote — finally solving the “what now?” problem at events.

## **Books, Content & Social Impact**

Sheila V – The Brave Woman

SILVER – Social Change Maker – Gender

SILVER – Book of the Year

Sheila teaches women how tiny brave steps create massive life shifts—her book and platform are empowering thousands to stop playing small.

Macy Morrow

BRONZE – Female Employee of the Year – Business

Macy is the practice manager every business wishes they had — organised, compassionate and impossibly reliable.

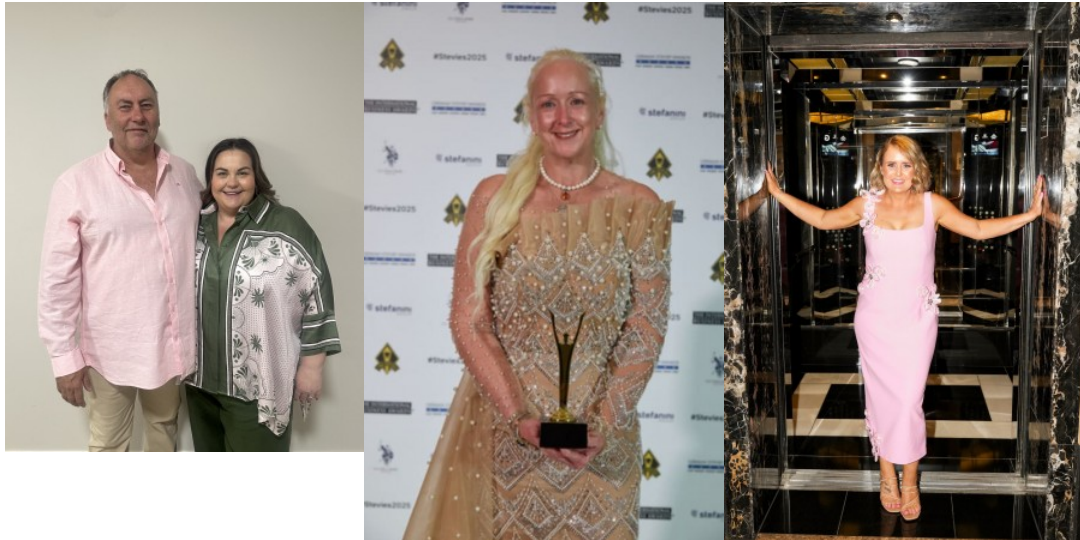
“This group couldn't be more different in what they do, yet they're fuelled by the same determination,” said Annette Densham, long-time award strategist.

“These women aren't waiting for permission. They're rebuilding broken systems, creating new industries, and showing the world that Australian leadership doesn't come out of a rulebook, it comes out of lived experience, resilience and guts. Australia isn't just on the global stage this year; we're taking up space in a way that's impossible to overlook.”

More than 1,500 entries from 48 countries were submitted to the 2025 Stevie Awards for Women in Business, across categories spanning executive leadership, entrepreneurship, innovation, social change, and creative industries. Australian finalists represent one of the strongest contingents ever from the region, signalling the growing influence of Australian women in global business.

Winners were announced at the gala event in New York on 10 November 2025.





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