



**BLIND AUSTRALIAN  
OF THE YEAR AWARDS**



## 2024 Blind Australian of the Year Awards

The Blind Australian of the Year Awards is a not-for-profit program implemented by Link Vision Ltd, a charity providing accommodation and lifestyle services to people living with low vision, blindness and other disabilities.

The core mission of the Blind Australian of the Year Awards is to actively promote the contribution that over half a million people who live with very low vision and blindness make to Australian society. By doing so, we celebrate all people living with disability, and improve capacity for inclusion within Australian workplaces and society.

At the top of the 'hierarchy of disabilities' sits blindness. Confirmed by research, blindness is recognised as the most feared of all conditions by many in the community.

**The Blind Australian of the Year** demonstrates the capacity of those living with blindness to contribute powerfully to society and live purposeful, meaningful lives even in a vision-centric society.

By highlighting the innovation and achievements of individuals living with blindness and low vision, we can change the narratives about disability that are mainly based in fear, ignorance and a lack of imagination about what is possible for people with diverse life experiences and conditions.

**The Blind Australian Employer of Choice** provides examples of how inclusion is achieved in workplaces, educational and social environments, achieving 2 outcomes:

- changing the conversation to one of "People with Disability Can Do"
- and providing a template for how that is achieved.

**Link Vision also supports Young Blind Australians** to achieve their dreams in a variety of walks of life. This support is both financial by way of sponsorships or scholarships, and by human interaction through mentoring.

We help shift the narrative from Aspirational to Achievable, from Dream to Reality. In so doing, we build the confidence of people living with disability and we build pathways for fuller participation and connection across Australian society. This is described in one word – **Inclusion**.

The annual Link Vision Blind Australian of the Year Awards create visibility, invite collaboration, and encourage diversity.

**Yours faithfully**

**Terry O'Neill**

**Chief Executive Officer**



## **2024 Blind Australian of the Year Awards**

**- Saturday October 26, 2024**

### **How to become involved in this prestigious occasion**

#### Sponsor the Awards

- Platinum Sponsor with Naming rights - \$25,000. Includes table of 10
- Gold Sponsor (2 available) - \$10,000 each. Includes 3 Gala tickets
- Silver Sponsor (4 available) - \$5,000 each. Includes 2 Gala tickets
- Blind Australian of the Year Prize Sponsor - \$2,500. Includes 1 Gala ticket
- Bronze Sponsor (5 available) - \$2,000. Includes 1 Gala Ticket
- Sponsor \$1,000. Includes 1 Gala ticket

#### Attend the Gala Dinner

- Gala Dinner – held at Amora Hotel, 200 Creek Street, Brisbane CBD
- Tickets
  - \$150.00 all inclusive including 3 course dinner, drinks etc
  - \$130.00 for sponsors
  - \$75.00 for people who are Blind or living with a Disability, and \$75.00 for their companions
  - Tables of 10 - \$1,250.00
  - Finalists past and present, and past recipients no charge
  - Numbers are limited to 200

#### Nominate a Recipient

- Nominations for the 2024 Blind Australian of the Year, also
- the 2024 Employer of Choice are open now

#### Attend the Trade Expo

- held at the Amora Hotel in the afternoon of the Gala
- Fantastic opportunity to network
- Tickets to exhibit at the Expo
  - \$1,000. Includes 1 Gala ticket

#### Spread the Word