



NEWSLETTER

HOSPITALITY DISABILITY NETWORK WA INC

A NOMINATION THAT SPEAKS VOLUMES

We are proud to share that HDNWA was nominated for the **Excellence in Supporting Employment** Outcomes Award at the 2026 WA Disability Awards.

While we didn't take home the award this year, being nominated is a reflection of the collective effort of every employer partner, every team member, and every person with disability who has trusted us to walk alongside them on their employment journey. That recognition means a great deal to us.

The WA Disability Awards celebrate organisations that are genuinely moving the needle on inclusion and the fact that HDNWA was considered among that group tells us we are heading in the right direction.

But we're not done. This nomination motivates us to keep building, keep connecting confident businesses with confident candidates, and keep raising the bar for what inclusive employment looks like in Western Australia's hospitality and tourism industry.

To every employer partner who has opened their doors, adapted their practices, and championed people with disability in their workplace this nomination belongs to you too.

Together, we are proving that inclusive hiring isn't just the right thing to do; it's good for business, good for teams, and good for our community.

Watch this space. The best is still ahead.



CONNECTING WITH THE NEXT GENERATION AT THIS YEAR'S CAREERS EXPO



This year, HDNWA had the pleasure of joining Tourism WA and a number of our valued member organisations at their stand during the annual Careers Expo and what an experience it was.

Alongside some of the industry's most committed employers, we spent the day meeting students, job seekers, and people with disability who are eager to build a future in Western Australia's vibrant hospitality and tourism sector.



The energy on the floor was fantastic, and the conversations we had reminded us exactly why this work matters.

One of the highlights of the day was handing out our Passport to Your Career toolkit — a practical resource designed to help people with disability navigate their pathway into employment within the industry.

The response was overwhelmingly positive, with plenty of interest from young people who were excited to learn that hospitality and tourism is an industry that genuinely welcomes everyone.

Being part of the Tourism WA stand gave us a wonderful opportunity to stand shoulder to shoulder with our member organisations and show students and job seekers the breadth of opportunities available to them from front-of-house roles to back-of-house operations and everything in between.

Events like this are a powerful reminder that inclusive employment starts with a conversation. Every student we spoke to, every question we answered, and every toolkit we placed in someone's hands is a step toward a more diverse and stronger workforce for our industry.

We are already looking forward to next year.

OPENING DOORS EARLY

We recently had the pleasure of presenting at a Catholic Education WA (CEWA) schools event, sharing our Passport to Your Career toolkit and speaking about inclusive employment pathways in Western Australia's hospitality and tourism industry.

It was a fantastic opportunity to connect with educators and support staff who are helping young people, including young people with disability plan their next steps as they transition out of senior secondary education.

The feedback from CEWA was wonderful:

"Thank you very much for presenting to our team yesterday. We truly appreciate the time, effort, and expertise you shared with us. Your presentation was highly valuable, and it provided our team with great insights into the opportunities available for the young people in our schools when they leave senior secondary education. Thank you again, it was a pleasure having you with us." — Christine Spagnuolo - Career Development Consultant

Conversations like this are how we build a more inclusive industry, one school at a time.

SUPPORT INCLUSIVE EMPLOYMENT THIS END OF FINANCIAL YEAR

As 30 June approaches, we invite you to consider making a tax-deductible donation to HDNWA. Every dollar goes directly toward connecting people with disability to meaningful careers in Western Australia's hospitality and tourism industry.

Not ready to donate directly? You can still make a difference through Containers for Change. We have a scheme set up, so every eligible container you return can be directed straight to HDNWA a simple, everyday action that adds up to real impact. However you choose to give, you are helping us open more doors for more people.

Contact the HDNWA team today to donate or get your Containers for Change details.

Together, we can keep building an industry where everyone belongs.



DATES TO REMEMBER

1st June
WA Day

10th June
HDNWA 7th Anniversary

Bowel Cancer Awareness Month

Pride Month

Makuru Season

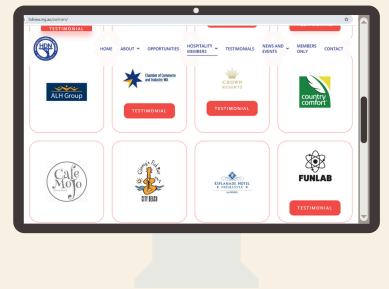
If you have any significant events to share, please feel free to let us know!

JOIN OUR MEMBERSHIP

Do you know any businesses that could benefit from joining HDNWA as a member?

We'd love to connect with them! Feel free to share our contact details or email Navigators@hdnwa.org.au with their information. **Membership is FREE**, and in addition to being promoted on our website and Social media, Members gain access to our free online training platform and access a discount rate for our new training to help them become more disability confident

They'll also have access to a pool of pre-screened candidates, ready to make an impact. We look forward to connecting with more businesses and helping them foster inclusive, diverse workplaces.



DONATE TODAY!



HDNWA now accepts tax-deductible donations.

Your support helps provide free employment services to people living with disability and their families, creating real opportunities and inclusive workplaces.

Donations of \$2 or more are tax-deductible.
Donate via our website.



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HDNWA acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land, paying respects to the Aboriginal communities of Western Australia and their Elders, past, present, and emerging. We honor the culture and contributions of First Nations People.

We also recognise the rights and dignity of all, including those with disabilities and in the LGBTQIA+ community. HDNWA is committed to inclusivity, respect, and empowerment, celebrating diversity and striving for equal opportunities for all.

