

# ASIAL AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE NOMINATIONS CRITERIA



Recognising excellence, achievement  
and innovation in the Australian security industry

**Awards presentations:** Wednesday, 28th October 2026

**Venue:** Park Hyatt, Melbourne

For information on award categories, criteria and how to nominate visit:

[www.asial.com.au/Awards2026](http://www.asial.com.au/Awards2026)

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## RECOGNISING EXCELLENCE

Organised by the Australian Security Industry Association Limited (ASIAL), the 2026 Australian Security Industry Awards for Excellence are Australia's premier security awards program.

Now in their 30th year, the awards recognise outstanding individuals and organisations within the security industry.

Winners of the 2026 Australian Security Industry Awards for Excellence will be celebrated at a joint awards ceremony with the 11th Annual Outstanding Security Performance Awards (OSPAs) and the 15th annual Australian Security Medals Awards.

### KEY DATES

**Nominations open:** Friday 20th March 2026

**Nominations close:** Friday 31st July 2026

**Award Ceremony:** Wednesday 28th October 2026  
at Park Hyatt, Melbourne

## BENEFITS OF NOMINATING

Among the many benefits of nominating for the 2026 Australian Security Industry Awards for Excellence include the opportunity to:

- Be recognised as an industry leader and tell your story to a wider audience;
- Gain acknowledgement from industry peers for the projects, initiatives and achievements of your organisation;
- Achieve independent acknowledgement of the quality of your work and/or achievements;
- Promote your achievements to customers through use of the Awards for Excellence winner's logo;
- Have your award-winning work promoted in industry media.

## CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

1. A completed written nomination form must be submitted with payment.
2. Nominations must address the award criteria specified and include a written description of up to 500 words.
3. One additional piece of supporting documentation (either pdf or word file size up to 5MB) may be uploaded per nomination.
4. Multiple entries can be made in each category (separate nominations are required to be completed for each nomination).
5. No alterations to nominations will be permitted once submitted.
6. ASIAL reserves the right to use all or part of the material entered in the competition for promotion of the Awards, unless the nomination is submitted as commercial in confidence. Under no circumstances shall the organisers be held responsible for the payment of royalties or other charges for the use of materials provided in support of the Awards.
7. All entries become the property of ASIAL once submitted. No entries will be returned.
8. The judges' decision will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.
9. A non-refundable nomination fee of \$100.00 (inclusive of GST) per nomination per category is payable when you submit your nomination. The fee contributes to the cost of administering the Awards for Excellence program, including judging.

## JUDGING CRITERIA AND PROCESS

An independent panel chaired by an ASIAL representative will judge each nomination based on the criteria set out above for each award category. An ASIAL representative chairs the panel, but does not vote in selecting award category winners.

Judges reserve the right to decline to present an Award in a particular category if, in their opinion, a minimum standard of excellence has not been achieved. Judges reserve the right to transfer an entry into another category if it is considered more appropriate, should this occur nominees will be advised. The decision of the judges is final and no correspondence will be entered into. ASIAL accepts no responsibility or liability for any loss of commercial privilege or anything, which constitutes loss or damage as a result of an entry in the 2026 Australian Security Industry Awards for Excellence.

## AWARDS PRESENTATION

Winners of the 2026 Australian Security Industry Awards for Excellence will be celebrated at a joint awards ceremony with the 11th Annual Outstanding Security Performance Awards (OSPAs) and the 15th Australian Security Medals Awards held on Wednesday 28th October 2026 at an Awards ceremony at Park Hyatt, Melbourne.

**REGISTER TO ATTEND THE AWARDS DINNER**



## NOMINATION PROCESS

Nominations open on Friday 20th March 2026. Nominations must be submitted online at [www.asial.com.au/awards2026](http://www.asial.com.au/awards2026)

## AWARD CATEGORIES

- Electronic Security Installation
  - > \$500,000
  - < \$500,000
- Diversity and Inclusion
- Individual Achievement – Electronic Security
- Individual Achievement – Protective Security Services
- Integrated Security Solution
  - > \$500,000
  - < \$500,000
- Product of the Year
  - Access Control Systems
  - Alarm Systems
  - Video Surveillance Systems (CCTV IP System)
  - Physical Security
  - Cybersecurity Products - New!
- Security Equipment Manufacturer/Distributor/Supplier
- Unsung Hero
  - Electronics Security Sector
  - Protective Services Sector
- Cybersecurity Leader of the Year - New!

## AWARD CRITERIA

Please familiarise yourself with the conditions of entry. Once received, entries will be checked to ensure that they adhere to the criteria set out for each award category. Nominations will then be assessed by an independent panel of judges chaired by a non-voting ASIAL representative.



# AWARD CATEGORIES

## ELECTRONIC SECURITY INSTALLATION

The **Electronic Security Installation** award is presented to an organisation which has demonstrated excellence in the provision of a security system or an electronic security project of significance under \$500,000 with regard to its outcome, benefits, innovation, complexity or challenges. The award applies to an electronic security installation completed within the past 12 months and includes two categories:

- Security Installation over \$500,000
- Security Installation under \$500,000

Nominations must include:

- **Company background** – brief company history (i.e. when established, size, scope of business, nature of clients, key personnel);

Scope of installation:

- A brief overview of the electronic security installation and the challenges faced;
- A statement outlining how the security system was implemented and managed;
- How a successful outcome was achieved for the customer.



## DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

The **Diversity and Inclusion** award is presented to an organisation that has integrated Diversity, Equity and Inclusion into their business leading to an inclusive workforce and serving as an inspiration to others. The award applies to initiatives undertaken within the past 12 months.

Submissions must address:

- **Company background** – brief company history (i.e. when established, size, scope of business, nature of clients, key personnel);
- **Scope of program or initiative** – an overview of the key objectives of the diversity and inclusion program or initiative, including any unique challenges that were overcome;
- **Leadership** – evidence of executive management support within the organisation which has seen principles of diversity and inclusion embedded within the organisation’s culture;
- **Workplace flexibility** – a program or initiative that identifies and addresses issues within the organisation impacting on the attraction, retention and development of diversity and inclusion;
- **Innovation** – evidence of a program or initiative that represents a new and creative approach to the challenge faced by the organisation;
- **Measurement** – evidence of diversity and inclusion representation across different levels of the organisation;
- **Outcomes** – outline some of the measurables.



## INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENT – PROTECTIVE SECURITY SERVICES

The **Individual Achievement – Protective Security Services** award recognises an individual who has made an exceptional contribution to the protective security services sector.

Nominees must include:

- Evidence of the individual's contribution to the protective security industry.

## INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENT – ELECTRONIC SECURITY

The **Individual Achievement – Electronic Security** award recognises an individual who has demonstrated exceptional technical competence and has made an exceptional contribution to the electronic security industry.

Nominees must include:

- Evidence of the individual's contribution to the electronic security industry.



## INTEGRATED SECURITY SOLUTION

The **Integrated Security Solution** award is presented to an organisation that has demonstrated innovation and excellence within the integration of electronic security systems.

The award applies to security installations completed within the past 12 months and includes two categories:

- Integrated security solution over \$500,000
  - Integrated security solution under \$500,000
- Nominations must include:
- **Company background** – brief company history (i.e. when established, size, scope of business, nature of clients, key personnel);
  - **Scope of installation** – provide a brief overview of the key objectives of the installation, including any unique technical complexities or challenges that were overcome;
  - **Project management** – outline the key timelines and project management challenges that had to be met to complete the installation;
  - **Innovation** – provide evidence of how innovative solutions were used to meet the key project outcomes;
  - **Project outcomes** – outline some of the measurable benefits delivered by the installation following completion of the project.





## PRODUCT OF THE YEAR

The **Product of the Year** recognises a new product introduced to the Australian market in the past 12 months that has demonstrated technical innovation and excellence, including but not limited to:

- Access Control Systems
- Alarm Systems
- Video Surveillance Systems (CCTV IP System)
- Physical Security (such as a bollard, gate, barrier, locksmith)
- Cybersecurity Products (not services).

Five awards will be presented.

The award applies to products released into the market within the past 12 months.

Nominations must address:

- **Company background** – brief company history (i.e. when established, size, scope of business, nature of clients, key personnel);
- **Innovation** – provide evidence of what is innovative about the product and why it should be recognised;
- **Differentiation** – what sets the product apart from its competitors or what is different about the product that enables it to be used in new markets and for new applications;
- **Application** – provide evidence of how the product has been used in practical applications and what measurable benefits have been achieved.
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## SECURITY EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURER/ DISTRIBUTOR/SUPPLIER

The **Security Equipment Manufacturer/Distributor/Supplier** award is presented to a Manufacturer/Distributor/Supplier of products servicing the Australian security market that has demonstrated an exceptional level of service in either the manufacturing, distribution and supplying of professional security products. Submissions must address:

- Describe the manufacturer/distributor including any innovative aspects that enable the company to be considered as a market leader;
- Describe how the manufacturer/distributor products have been specifically designed to address a market, describe how these products have added value to the security industry;
- Describe the key distinguishing strengths the manufacturer/distributor brings to the market;
- Highlight the business approach and how it meets a distinct market demand;
- Identify examples of business success, customer service, support, warranty, training of staff and customers;
- Describe examples of building effective relationships with stakeholders.





## UNsung HERO

The **Unsung Hero** award is presented to an individual who has made an exceptional contribution to their organisation in Australia in a supporting role such as human resources, information technology, administration, finance or operational role.

- Electronics Security Sector
- Protective Services Sector

Nominations are for a staff member that goes over and above the everyday demands of their role and exhibit exceptional qualities that are worthy of recognition.

Submissions must address:

- **Company background** – brief company history (i.e. when established, size, scope of business, nature of clients, key personnel);
- Name of nominee and Position in the organisation;
- Achievements, leadership, dedication and service;
- What sets this person apart in the business.

## CYBERSECURITY LEADER OF THE YEAR

The **Cybersecurity Leader of the Year** award recognises a future-focused individual who has demonstrated leadership, strategic vision, and measurable impact in strengthening cybersecurity outcomes in Australia. The award celebrates leaders who drive best practice in cyber governance, risk management and innovation while responding effectively to an evolving threat landscape.

Nominations are for a leader across the public or private sector who demonstrates admirable influence, credibility, and contribution to improving cyber resilience across organisations or the broader community.

Submissions must address:

- **Company background** – brief company history (i.e. when established, size, scope of business, nature of clients, key personnel);
- Name of nominee and Position in the organisation;
- Leadership impact & achievements;
- Industry contribution & demonstrated commitment to elevating cybersecurity standards in Australia.





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