

CRN Channel Awards Australia 2026: Meet the judges

See who will be judging your entries for this
year's awards!



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As entries are soon to close for the CRN Channel Awards Australia, now is the perfect time to get to know who will be judging your entries.

Judging is done by an esteemed panel of IT channel stalwarts, from CEOs at MSPs, regional leaders at global vendors, to managers of local distributors.

These have been selected by an editorial panel to ensure that your entries are judged by those who understand the channel deeply.

We asked each judge a handful of questions about the channel industry and what they are looking for when judging an entry.

Without further ado, here are your 2026 CRN Channel Awards Australia judges!

Navneesh Garg, CEO, Adactin



Why are the CRN Channel Awards Australia important?

What with so much change happening in the IT industry right now these awards represent those companies and individuals at the forefront of shaping that change and forging new ways of tapping technology to support Australian businesses and government agencies reap the benefits of this period of digital disruption.

It's important that everyone's voice in the industry can be heard and these awards enable vendors, partners and distributors to celebrate team and individual achievements. While working hard is always important being visible through an award submission is also important.

Ultimately, by being part of industry events, you learn from your peers and it's good for your career.

What is your favourite thing about the Aussie IT channel?

I've been in an entrepreneurial role for more than 20 years now and have seen Australian channel companies become increasingly sophisticated with motivated, high performing workforces and an asset to the wider Australian business community.

Not only is the channel talking the talk but we're running with our clients to drive success and opportunity while also building diverse internal cultures.

As an industry, we're forging ahead with clarity, confidence and purpose, investing for impact and looking for solutions that can solve real world problems.

It's an exciting place to be right now and, in the next decade, I truly believe that we'll look back at this time and confidently claim that the Australian channel in the 2020s was a force for positive impactful change.

What do you hope to see in the entries?

It would be great to hear as many voices as possible from companies and individuals with clarity of vision, those driving real-world innovation, and the courage to create and drive impactful change. In addition, I'd love to see those champions creating positive change and a demonstration of their real-life dedication to their companies and the industry as a whole.