



Prestigious Awards Launched Today The 2017 Premier's NSW Export Awards

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The Export Council of Australia (ECA), along with our principal partner the NSW Government, and our 2017 award partners, are pleased to announce that applications are now open for the 2017 Premier's NSW Export Awards.

At a launch event, held last night, with our venue partners, HSBC Bank more than 80 local exporters and representatives from industry and government gathered to participate in a panel discussion about increasing market access for trade. Special guests included representatives from previous NSW export award winners; Blackmores and ATRON Enterprises.

Key note speaker for the event, the Hon Niall Blair MP, Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry discussed the importance of trade for NSW.

CEO of the ECA Lisa McAuley says "As one of Australia's leading export recognition programs, the NSW Export Awards are entering their 55th year and we are delighted to once again identify new and established innovative companies that are contributing NSW's economic future.

"The program is open to all companies engaged in international business activities, regardless of size or location, and is a fantastic opportunity for any business that is taking on the world and winning to raise their profile both in Australia and overseas."

"With 12 national award categories and seven NSW specific categories available we encourage all companies engaged in international business to stand up and be recognised."

"The Premier's NSW Export Awards are about rewarding businesses that have shown a commitment and determination to grow their global business and who, against adversity, seek new innovative ways to compete on the international stage," Ms McAuley said.

This year the program will be launching its first-ever award recognising the NSW Defence Industry award and we are looking for interesting companies that have achieved outstanding export achievement in designing, manufacturing and adapting world class products/services to meet military requirements globally.

The ECA is now calling for all companies engaged in international business to apply for the program. Information can be found at www.exportawards.com.au/nsw. Applications will officially close on 14 August 2017. The finalists will be notified in September with winners announced at a prestigious awards presentation dinner on the 25 October 2017 at The Star, Pyrmont.

2017 National award categories:

- Agribusiness
- Business Services
- Creative Industries
- Digital Technologies
- E-commerce
- Education and Training
- Environmental Solutions
- Health and Biotechnology
- Manufacturing
- Minerals, Energy and Related Services
- Regional Exporter
- Small Business

2017 NSW state specific award categories:

- NSW Asian Exporter Award
- NSW Emerging Exporter & Export Scholarship Award

- NSW Innovation in Export Award
- NSW International Development Award
- NSW Women in International Business Award
- Western Sydney Exporter Award
- NSW Defence Industry Award

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