

Media Release

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CELEBRATING VICTORIA'S EXPORT CHAMPIONS

Victoria's top exporters have been celebrated at the 45th Governor of Victoria Export Awards, with 14 businesses taking out top honours for championing homegrown products and services on the global stage.

Minister for Economic Growth Tim Pallas last week joined the Governor of Victoria, Professor the Honourable Margaret Gardner AC, to congratulate the winners representing key industries including agribusiness, food and beverages, resources and energy, manufacturing, advanced technologies and sustainability.

Victorian advanced technology company PMY Group, which provides technology infrastructure for live sport, entertainment and the leisure sector, was named *Victorian Exporter of the Year* and took out the Advanced Technologies award.

PMY Group export their technology systems for events across 12 countries, including the US Open, Wimbledon, Invictus Games and Olympic organising committees, as well as venues hosting the NBA, NFL and the Rugby World Cup – taking Victorian innovation to the world.

Founder of The Paw Grocer Jenny Richards received the *Global Victoria Women's Award* for her remarkable achievements in growing her small business into a global brand.

Jenny's passion for her product and diversification strategy helped launch her business on the international market, and now exports to the Middle East, Hong Kong and Singapore.

The state awards form part of the Australian Export Awards, with Victorian winners qualifying for consideration at the national awards in November.

Exports play a critical role in Victoria's ongoing economic growth by contributing more than \$67 billion and helping to support more than 330,000 jobs ranging from food and agribusiness to technology, health and international education.

The Allan Labor Government's network of 23 international trade and investment offices is the largest and most effective of any Australian state or territory, supporting over \$1 billion in export sales from almost 3,000 Victorian businesses participating in export programs and other key initiatives in 2023/24.

For a full list of the winners, visit global.vic.gov.au.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Economic Growth Tim Pallas

"Our 2024 winners and finalists showcase the quality of Victoria's homegrown products and services that are providing solutions to real world problems."

"Victorian businesses are leading the way and exporting their innovations to the world – creating local jobs and driving economic growth in the process."

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