

# Media Release

**The Hon Martin Pakula MP**

Minister for Industry Support and Recovery

Minister for Trade

Minister for Business Precincts

Minister for Tourism, Sport and Major Events

Minister for Racing



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## CALLING ALL EXPORTERS – AWARDS TO HONOUR TRADE EXCELLENCE

Applications are now open for the 2021 Governor of Victoria Export Awards, which acknowledge and reward the state's most innovative exporters.

The prestigious awards, now in their 42nd year, span 13 categories including Victorian Exporter of the Year and the Victorian Women in International Business Award.

Governor of Victoria, the Honourable Linda Dessau AC, is patron of the awards and has long championed Victoria's world-leading exporters.

Businesses recognised through the Victorian awards will progress through to the national finals and compete against other state and territory winners from across the country, with companies receiving national recognition for their international success.

Last year's Governor of Victoria Export Awards winners included Care Essentials, E2 Language, Ego Pharmaceuticals, Gekko Systems, Greyscan Australia, Hosico Engineering Group, Marand Precision Engineering, Planet Innovation and Senetas.

To support exporters impacted by the global pandemic, the Victoria Government has provided \$15.7 million through the *Export Recovery Package* to connect Victorian businesses to international markets.

Victoria's network of international trade offices is the largest of any Australian state or territory, strengthening our global ties in key markets.

Exports play a critical role in supporting Victoria's economy, contributing over \$45 billion to the economy and helping to support over 330,000 jobs throughout the state.

Applications for the 2021 Governor of Victoria Export Awards close on Friday, 6 August 2021.

To nominate your business for the awards, visit [global.vic.gov.au/govea](https://global.vic.gov.au/govea).

### Quotes attributable to Minister for Trade Martin Pakula

*"The Governor of Victoria Export Awards are an opportunity to recognise our leading exporters and the vital contribution they make to the state's economy."*

*"We're proud to support businesses that take their products and expertise to the world and play a key role in creating new jobs."*

*"Victoria's exporters have demonstrated outstanding resilience, innovation and adaptability and I look forward to celebrating their achievements."*