

Media Release

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NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR 21ST VICTORIAN MANUFACTURING AWARDS

The Andrews Labor Government is recognising the world-leading capabilities of local businesses in the 21st Victorian Manufacturing Hall of Fame Awards.

Minister for Manufacturing Sovereignty Ben Carroll today announced nominations are open for this year's awards, which is the state's biggest celebration of Victoria's leading manufacturers.

Established in 2001, the awards recognise individuals and companies that embrace new technologies, excel in business innovation, drive exports and boost the state's economy.

Victoria's \$31 billion manufacturing industry is made up of more than 23,000 businesses, employing more than 260,000 people – providing around 30 per cent of Australia's manufacturing output.

Nominations are open for 15 categories including 'Young Manufacturer of the Year', 'Woman Manufacturer of the Year' and 'Honour Roll for Services to Industry'.

Nine new awards have been introduced this year including 'Manufacturing Apprentice', 'Regional Manufacturer', as well as leaders in 'Defence, Aerospace and Space', 'Rolling Stock and Transport' and 'Zero and Low Emissions Technologies'.

The 2022 awards attracted more than 100 nominations and were attended by 770 industry guests, reaffirming its status as Victoria's premier manufacturing event, which saw Broadmeadows-based Integra Systems inducted into the Hall of Fame.

The Labor Government is building a strong and resilient manufacturing sector in the state through a range of initiatives, including the *Breakthrough Victoria Fund*, the *Manufacturing Industry and Development Fund*, the *Australian Medtech Manufacturing Centre* and the *Low Carbon Manufacturing Grant Program*.

This is outlined in the Government's *Made in Victoria 2030: Manufacturing Statement*, which sets out its priorities for boosting sovereign manufacturing, attracting investment and creating new jobs for Victoria.

Nominations for the awards close on Friday, 31 March and winners will be announced at the Victorian Manufacturing Hall of Fame Gala Dinner this winter. For more information visit business.vic.gov.au/halloffame.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Manufacturing Sovereignty Ben Carroll

"The awards recognise our top manufacturers that are leading from the front – cementing our status as Australia's manufacturing state."

"We'll continue to back our manufacturers so they can create more local jobs, drive innovation and power our economy – ensuring more products are made in Victoria."

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