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2019 MEA AWARD WINNERS LIST

Meeting & Events Australia is pleased to announce the winners of the 2019 MEA State and National Awards at the MEALIVE 2019 Award virtual event held at ICC Sydney Studios tonight.

This was the first time that the state and national awards were presented together and the first time it was broadcast to an audience of more than 500 attendees from across Australia participating online.

Robyn Johnson CEO, of MEA, commented, "This was a whole new experience, taking the Awards online was certainly a complex operation that involved an enormous amount of technical coordination. Our goal was to make it the benchmark in virtual awards events. We were absolutely delighted with the attendance and the way the industry grasped the opportunity to celebrate with their colleagues virtually. It was an amazing night and a bright moment for the events industry."

It was a major technical production with award winners accepting their awards and entertainment performing online from around Australia and the world.

The State and National Award winners were as follows:

STATE AND TERRITORY AWARDS

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

Events of the Year Category	Sponsored by Destination New South Wales
Association Event of the Year	Trucking Australia 2019

NEW SOUTH WALES

Events of the Year Category	Sponsored by Destination New South Wales
Association Event of the Year	ASFA Conference 2019
Cause Related Event of the Year	Paralympics Australia Infinite Possibilities Gala
Corporate Event of the Year	Salesforce World Tour 2019
Exhibition of the Year	Get Global
Government Event of the Year	NSW Training Awards
Incentives Event of the Year	Amway China 2019 Leadership Seminar
Major Event or Festival of the Year	1Dance Africa
Regional Event of the Year	Deni Ute Muster
Special Event of the Year	National Association of Women in Construction (NAWIC) NSW Awards for Excellence
Event Management Awards	
Event Agency	Forum Group Events & Marketing
Event Management Team - Association	ASHM Conference and Events
Event Management Team - Corporate	IBM Australia and New Zealand

Professional Conference Organisation	Arinex
Venue Awards Category	
Event Hotel of the Year	Crowne Plaza Hunter Valley
Event Venue - Capacity less than 500	Aerial UTS Function Centre
Event Venue - Capacity more than 500 and less than 1,500	Sydney Masonic Centre
Event Venue - Capacity more than 1,500	ICC Sydney
Event Products & Services Category	
Audio Visual Services	NW Group
Banqueting & Catering	Sydney Showground
Event Marketing	Milestone Creative Australia
Event Technology	Sprintr by AV1
Speakers, Entertainers and Team Builders	SongDivision
Event Professional Awards Category	
Operations Person of the Year	Marc Singerling – ICC Sydney
Sales, Marketing or Business Development Person of the Year	Kristi Blake – Crowne Plaza Terrigal Pacific
Destination Marketing Awards Category	
Regional Destination Marketing Organisation or Bureau	Destination North Coast
Innovation Award Category Sponsored by Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre	
Innovation Award	Harry the hirer
Event Legacy Award Category	
Event Legacy Award	Legacy Program – SIBOS 2018

NORTHERN TERRITORY

Events of the Year Category Sponsored by Destination New South Wales	
Regional Event of the Year	Uluru Climb Closure Celebration Event
Special Event of the Year	NLC Indigenous Ranger Forum 2019
Venue Awards Category	
Event Venue - Capacity more than 1,500	Darwin Convention Centre
Event Professional Awards Category Sponsored by StageKings Pty Limited	
MEA Future Leader	Rosie Fall - AA&P Events

QUEENSLAND

Events of the Year Category Sponsored by Destination New South Wales	
Cause Related Event of the Year	FearLess National Conversation on PTSD 2019
Corporate Event of the Year	UQ Open Day – St Lucia
Government Event of the Year	SportAccord 2019
Major Event or Festival of the Year	UQ Open Day – St Lucia
Special Event of the Year	Sunset Sangria on Brisbane's New Runway

Event Management Awards Category	
Event Management Team - Government	Programs and Events Team, Department of Education, Queensland
Venue Awards Category	
Event Hotel of the Year	Mantra at Sharks & Events Centre
Event Venue - Capacity more than 500 and less than 1,500	Howard Smith Wharves
Event Venue - Capacity more than 1,500	Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre
Event Products & Services Category	
Banqueting & Catering	Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre
Event Technology	EventsAir
Event Professional Awards Category	
	Sponsored by StageKings Pty Limited
MEA Future Leader	Kate Nichols – Howard Smith Wharves
Education Award Category	
	Sponsored by ICC Sydney
Education and Training Award	TAFE Queensland, Brisbane region
Event Legacy Award Category	
Event Legacy Award	SportAccord 2019

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Events of the Year Category	
	Sponsored by Destination New South Wales
Special Event of the Year	Nexteel Brand Launch
Venue Awards Category	
Event Venue - Capacity less than 500	National Wine Centre of Australia
Event Venue - Capacity more than 500 and less than 1,500	Adelaide Oval
Event Products & Services Category	
Audio Visual Services	Novatech Creative Event Technology
Banqueting & Catering	Adelaide Oval
Event Professional Awards Category	
	Sponsored by StageKings Pty Limited
MEA Future Leader	Lauren Symons – National Wine Centre of Australia
Innovation Award Category	
	Sponsored by Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre
Innovation Award	Novatech Creative Event Technology
Event Legacy Award Category	
Event Legacy Award	68 th International Astronautical Congress

TASMANIA

Venue Awards Category	
Event Hotel of the Year	Hotel Grand Chancellor Hobart

VICTORIA

Events of the Year Category		Sponsored by Destination New South Wales
Corporate Event of the Year	2019 Royal Melbourne Wine Awards	
Exhibition of the Year	Asia Pacific Incentives and Meetings Event	
Government Event of the Year	GPTEC 2019 (General Practice Training & Education Conference 2019)	
Major Event or Festival of the Year	Anything But Square Festival	
Special Event of the Year	Virtuoso 2019 Symposium Dinner	
Event Management Awards Category		
Event Agency	Alive Events Agency	
Event Management Team - Corporate	La Trobe University	
Professional Conference Organisation	Wise Connections	
Venue Awards Category		
Event Hotel of the Year	RACV City Club	
Event Venue - Capacity less than 500	Metropolis Events	
Event Venue - Capacity more than 500 and less than 1,500	Marvel Stadium	
Event Venue - Capacity more than 1,500	Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre	
Event Products & Services Category		
Audio Visual Services	Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre	
Banqueting & Catering	Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre	
Event Technology	Cvent	
Speakers, Entertainers and Team Builders	Saxton	
Specialist Services and Suppliers	PBM Safety	
Event Professional Awards Category		Sponsored by StageKings Pty Limited
Event Manager of the Year - Agency	Ellen Sexton – Solterbeck Events	
MEA Future Leader	Rebecca Martin – Solterbeck Events	
Operations Person of the Year	Pedro Gallo – Fed Square Pty Ltd	
Sales, Marketing or Business Development Person of the Year	Laura Reddaway – Showtime Event Group	
Innovation Award Category		Sponsored by Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre
Innovation Award	Saxton Engage	
Event Legacy Award Category		
Event Legacy Award	Conferral of Honorary Degree to Shah Rukh Khan and announcement of the Shah Rukh Khan La Trobe University PhD Scholarship	

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Events of the Year Category		Sponsored by Destination New South Wales
Association Event of the Year	AGOSCI 14th Biennial Conference 2019	
Event Professional Awards Category		Sponsored by StageKings Pty Limited
In-House Event Manager of the Year - (Association, Corporate or Government)	Kath Bailey - Property Council of Australia	

NATIONAL AWARD WINNERS

Destination Marketing Awards Category	
Regional Destination Marketing Organisation or Bureau	Destination North Coast
Event Products & Services Category	
Audio Visual Services	Novatech Creative Event Technology
Banqueting & Catering	Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre
Event Marketing	Milestone Creative Australia
Event Technology	Cvent
Speakers, Entertainers and Team Builders	Saxton
Specialist Services and Suppliers	PBM Safety
Innovation Award Category Sponsored by Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre	
Innovation Award	Novatech Creative Event Technology
Education Award Category Sponsored by ICC Sydney	
Education and Training Award	TAFE Queensland, Brisbane region
Event Legacy Award Category	
Event Legacy Award	Legacy Program – SIBOS 2018
Event Professional Awards Category Sponsored by StageKings Pty Limited	
Event Manager of the Year - Agency	Ellen Sexton – Solterbeck Events
In-House Event Manager of the Year - (Association, Corporate or Government)	Kath Bailey – Property Council of Australia
MEA Future Leader	Kate Nichols – Howard Smith Wharves
Operations Person of the Year	Marc Singerling – ICC Sydney
Sales, Marketing or Business Development Person of the Year	Kristi Blake – Crowne Plaza Terrigal Pacific
Event Management Awards Category	
Event Agency	Forum Group Events & Marketing
Event Management Team - Association	ASHM Conference & Events
Event Management Team - Corporate	La Trobe University
Event Management Team - Government	Programs and Events Team, Department of Education, Queensland
Professional Conference Organisation	Arinex
Venue Awards Category	
Event Hotel of the Year	Hotel Grand Chancellor Hobart
Event Venue - Capacity less than 500	National Wine Centre of Australia
Event Venue - Capacity more than 500 and less than 1,500	Howard Smith Wharves
Event Venue - Capacity more than 1,500	ICC Sydney
Events of the Year Category Sponsored by Destination New South Wales	
Association Event of the Year	AGOSCI 14 th Biennial Conference 2019
Cause Related Event of the Year	Paralympics Australia Infinite Possibilities Gala
Corporate Event of the Year	UQ Open Day – St Lucia
Exhibition of the Year	Get Global
Government Event of the Year	SportAccord 2019
Incentives Event of the Year	Amway China 2019 Leadership Seminar

Major Event or Festival of the Year	Anything But Square Festival
Regional Event of the Year	Deni Ute Muster
Special Event of the Year	Virtuoso 2019 Symposium Dinner

Platinum Awards		Sponsored by ICC Sydney
Individual	Marc Singerling – ICC Sydney	
Company	Arinex	
Event	SportAccord 2019	

Outstanding Contribution Award	Sponsored by Tourism Australia
Trevor Gardiner, Centium Software	

Robyn Johnson, CEO, Meetings & Events Australia commented, "MEA congratulates all of the winners of the 2019 MEA National Awards and all the state and territory finalists. MEA will publish the Celebration of Excellence book that will feature all the winners and their stories of achievement and success".

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