



Export Council of Australia

The Voice for Australia's Exporters

QUEENSLAND COMPANIES ANNOUNCED AS NATIONAL WINNERS

The Export Council of Australia (ECA) would like to congratulate the Queensland exporting businesses announced as National winners at the 53rd Australia Export Awards in Melbourne last night. Vying for one of 12 industry specific category awards all state and territory winners went on to compete for the top accolade - the prestigious Australian Exporter of the Year.

With more than 500 guests attending one of Australia's most influential export networking events, the Honourable Andrew Robb AO MP, Minister for Trade and Investment joined us in celebrating the achievements of Australia's most innovative exporters.

Chief Executive Officer for the Export Council of Australia Lisa McAuley says it was a tremendous result with four Queensland companies, more than the other state, taking out a National award. Queensland was certainly one to watch, after winning five of the 12 categories in 2014, and they didn't disappoint.

"Family owned business Blast Movement Technologies and gamer developer Halfbrick were shining bright as they were announced the winners of their respected category for the second year in a row.

"Education and publishing company ORIGO Education won the Education category up against some of Australia's leading educational institutions. This is a fantastic result for Queensland and shows the rest of Australia our capabilities. With education as one of our top exports it's a pleasure to have leading Queensland organisations recognised for their success.

"With the Free Trade Agreements now in force the ECA believes the number of Australian businesses will increase considerably, in fact, we believe it's vital to ensure strong economic growth across many sectors. Our goal is to create an export culture that takes advantage of what is available to them."

"To assist this process the ECA has developed a new range of educational offerings to address today's business dynamics and create solutions for companies at different stages of their export journey."

"We look forward to following the success of this year's winner and working with them to help shape the future of international trade," Ms McAuley said.

The 2015 Queensland National winners are:

- Alt.vfx – Creative Industries Award
- Origo Education – Education and Training Award
- Halfbrick – Online Sales Award
- Blast Movement Technologies – Minerals, Energy and Related Services

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About the Export Council of Australia The Export Council of Australia is the peak Industry body for the Australian export community. The ECA is the next exciting step in the evolution of the Australian Institute of Export (AIEx) which, for over 50 years, has had the interests of Australian exporters at heart.