

Media Release

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AustCham Westpac Australia-China Business Awards 2019 Winners Announced

The Australian Chambers of Commerce in Hong Kong, Shanghai and Beijing are pleased to announce the award winners for the 2019 AustCham Westpac Australia-China Business Awards (ACBAs). The 2019 winners were announced at the prestigious **Westpac AustCham Australia-China Business Awards Gala Dinner** at the Grand Hyatt in Hong Kong.

Hosted by the Australian Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong and sponsored by Westpac Banking Corporation, the evening presented 9 awards recognising businesses who demonstrated Australia-China business excellence.

With 400 guests in attendance, keynote speaker Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, the Honourable Carrie Lam Cheng Yuet-ngor, GBM, GBS, gave an insightful address about Greater Bay Area opportunities and advancements in technology and innovation in the region. Mrs Lam also announced Australia will be the next destination to host the overseas promotion of the Greater Bay Area.

The evening also included a special dialogue with Maggie Zhou, Alibaba's Managing Director for Australia and New Zealand and Jonathan Larsen, Ping An Group's Chief Innovation Officer and Chairman and CEO of the Ping An Global Voyager Fund on innovation.

Other notable speakers and presenters included Yang Yirui, Deputy Commissioner, Office of the Commissioner of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the PRC in the HKSAR; Charge d'Affaires Gerald Thomson, Australian Embassy China; Her Excellency the Honourable Linda Dessau AC, Governor of Victoria; Michaela Browning, Australian Consul-General to HK & Macau; The Honourable Martin Pakula MP, Victorian Minister for Jobs, Innovation and Trade and Michael Correa, Westpac General Manager – Asia Pacific.

“This prestigious awards program is one of the greatest platforms to showcase innovation, perseverance and success among Australian businesses in Greater China”, Westpac General Manager, Asia Pacific Michael Correa said.

“As a sponsor, Westpac is proud to continue its support for businesses who are leading the way in the important Australia – China corridor.”

The winners in each of the award categories were announced amongst much-deserved celebration.

The winners of the AustCham Westpac Australia-China Business Awards 2019 are:



Agriculture, Food and Beverage Award

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Geraldton Fishermen's Cooperative Ltd

Geraldton Fishermen's Cooperative Ltd have built a world-leading supply chain from Western Australia to China, delivering value directly back to hundreds of fishing families and communities along the Western Australian coastline.

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Hancock Prospecting Pty Ltd

Hancock's focus in the agricultural sector uses the latest technology, science and innovation to constantly improve the quality of their products in order to deliver the highest quality beef and dairy products to customers in China and around the world.



Business Innovation, Creative Industries and the Digital Economy Award

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Melbourne Symphony Orchestra

The MSO's sold-out six city tour of China in 2018 promoted Australia's cultural assets to an audience of more than 200 million people through live performance and 4 concert broadcasts across China. Publicity for this engagement reached an estimated 1.56 billion people. MSO have also established key partnerships with China including a 4 year agreement with the National Centre for Performing Arts Beijing and a 10 year Australian-exclusive partnership with international classical content distribution giant UNITEL.



Construction, Infrastructure and Natural Resources Award

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Downer EDI Limited

Downer has a proud rail heritage dating back more than 100 years. Downer has partnered with China Railway Rolling Stock Corporation, the largest train manufacturer in the world to work together on major projects in Australia up until 2053 including the Melbourne Metro and Sydney's Waratah fleet. In unique collaboration, both Downer and China Railway Rolling Stock Corporation have co-located teams (both in Australia and China) working together on delivering this high quality infrastructure.



Australian Government

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Consumer Services Award

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UOW Global Enterprises

University of Wollongong's City University of Hong Kong is recognised as a premier College providing quality tertiary education to over 6,000 students each year. The College has demonstrated consistent and sustained business excellence, delivering an exceptional Australian student experience across all its programs. It is highly regarded for its rigor in quality assurance and holistic education, delivering transformative student experiences in Hong Kong.



Cross-Border Investment Award

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Tianqi Lithium Corporation & Tianqi Lithium Australia

Tianqi made the bold decision in 2016 to build the world's largest lithium plant in Western Australia. This included the decision to set up a Kwinana office to be Tianqi's global headquarters and to run most of the company's corporate development activities from Western Australia. The company has since created 900 construction jobs and over 200 permanent operational jobs in the Kwinana area - a significant injection of Chinese investment dollars into WA. The judges also praise Tianqi's investment into grassroots CSR initiatives for the local community totaling at \$1 million AUD per year, in addition to a \$5 million AUD sponsorship of the new WA Museum currently under construction - which includes a commitment to bring two world class Chinese exhibitions to the Museum over the next five years.

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Professional and Business Services Award

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Moelis Australia

Since its establishment in 2009, Moelis Australia has advised on corporate transactions with a value in excess of \$80 billion AUD, raised over \$6.5 billion AUD in capital for clients and manages in excess of \$3.5 billion AUD in assets. Over the last five years, their asset management division has created and led some of Australia's most innovative investment strategies focusing on Chinese investment. Moelis were the pioneers of the Significant Investor Visa program, which has now seen more than \$10 billion AUD in investment flow into Australia, primarily from China. They are now one of the largest managers of high net wealth investment capital in Australia.



Small-To-Medium Enterprises Award

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Steriline Racing

Based in South Australia, Steriline's team of 12 staff designs, manufactures, installs and services racetrack equipment for the international horse racing industry. Over half of the company's total sales come from exports, with its market-leading equipment used in over 50 countries across the world. Steriline also works with clients to research and develop products that are safe for both animals and jockeys, including for the Hong Kong Jockey Club and Conghua development in Guangzhou.



Sustainability, Diversity and Social Responsibility Award

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Swisse

In 2018, Swisse and its parent company the H&H Group founded the H&H Group Foundation. The purpose of Foundation is to advocate and educate consumers about living a healthy lifestyle, especially under the pillars of nutrition, movement and mind. The Foundation has invested in programs, events and innovation with charity and not-for-profit partners in the preventative health and wellness community that educate and promote people living healthy lives.

About AustCham Hong Kong

The Australian Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong is the largest international Australian Chamber and one of the largest and most influential international business organisations in Hong Kong. Established more than 30 years ago, the chamber represents approximately 500 companies and 1400 members.

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About Westpac

Westpac has been the official key sponsor of the ACBAs since 2009. Westpac has operated in Asia for over 40 years and was the first Australian bank into China. In addition to its Asian regional headquarters in Singapore, Westpac has offices in Singapore, Hong Kong, Beijing, Shanghai, Mumbai and Jakarta. Westpac's goal in China is to both support Australian and New Zealand customers in the region, as well as provide a gateway for Chinese firms and individuals with interests in Australia and New Zealand.

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