

## Connect 2022 success: Supplier Diversity Award winners announced

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On behalf of the Supply Nation team, I would like to thank everyone who attended Connect 2022 on Wednesday 25 May! What an incredible day of networking, celebrating and reconnecting.

We are thrilled to share that we had over 1,860 Indigenous businesses, corporate and government members and international delegates through the Tradeshow doors – our biggest Indigenous Business Tradeshow yet!

Thank you to our Tradeshow host Dan Bouchier for a fantastic day, interviewing the award finalists and showcasing the excitement on the Tradeshow floor. We would also like to thank Yvonne Weldon from the Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council for the warm Welcome to Country and Gumaroy Newman and Yidaki Yulugi for the traditional performances at the Tradeshow and the Gala Awards Dinner. We were also thrilled to welcome Benson Saulo and our international delegates from the First Trade Mission and thank the Harbour Beizam Dance Group for their performances throughout the event.

What a glamorous evening at the Gala Awards Dinner. Thank you to Stan Grant for hosting an incredible dinner with almost 1,400 guests! A special thank you to Matthew Doyle and the Jannawi Dancers for the smoking ceremony and to the Bangarra Dance Company, R&B Soul Artist Mi-kaisha, Torres Strait Islander dance artist Albert David and First Nations Entertainer Mitch Tambo for their breath-taking performances throughout the evening. Lastly, thank you to Supply Nation's CEO Laura Berry and Chairman Michael McLeod for their inspiring words and ongoing commitment to the Indigenous business sector.

Congratulations to the finalists and winners of the Supplier Diversity Awards. It was an amazing evening celebrating with you all and we're excited to see what the future holds for each of you. To view all of the award winners, click [here](#).

We'd also like to pay special tribute to our valued sponsors, exhibitors and partners for making this year's event so successful. At Supply Nation, one of our core values is collaboration, and we know that we couldn't continue to produce events of this size, scale and impact without you.

Laura Berry  
CEO, Supply Nation

## Supplier Diversity Award winners for 2022

Award	Winner
<b>Procurement Professional of the Year</b> Proudly sponsored by Killara Services	Henri Fadli, JLL
<b>Indigenous Businesswoman of the Year</b> Proudly sponsored by Westpac	Jasmine Newman, Killara Services
<b>Supplier Diversity Advocate of the Year</b> Proudly sponsored by AusIndustry	Belinda Murdoch, Laing O'Rourke
<b>Sam Tjengala Reuben Award recognising Young Entrepreneur of the Year</b> Proudly sponsored by EY	Jack Reis, Baidam Solutions
<b>Certified Supplier of the Year</b> Proudly sponsored by Telstra	Indigeco
<b>Corporate Member of the Year</b> Proudly sponsored by Kulbardi	BGIS
<b>Government Member of the Year</b> Proudly sponsored by Laing O'Rourke	Department of Defence
<b>Registered Supplier of the Year</b> Proudly sponsored by BP	Marawar
<b>Emerging Indigenous Exporter of the Year</b> Proudly sponsored by Austrade	Kalinda IT
<b>Supplier Diversity Partnership of the Year</b> Proudly sponsored by ANZ	Indigenous Defence & Infrastructure Consortium and Boeing Australia
<b>Dr Dean Jarrett Award recognising Outstanding Impact</b> Proudly sponsored by Wesfarmers	Henri Fadli, JLL

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### About Supply Nation:

Supply Nation is Australia's leading supplier diversity organisation. Since 2009, Supply Nation has worked with Indigenous businesses and procurement teams from government and corporate Australia to help shape today's emerging and rapidly evolving Indigenous business sector. Supply Nation's world-leading verification process provides peace of mind by ensuring that all businesses listed on Indigenous Business Direct are not only Indigenous owned but are regularly audited for changes in company structure. Supply Nation's support, combined with a range of business tools, helps our members develop their supplier diversity practices, and build a strong, successful and sustainable Indigenous business sector.

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