

Media Release

Supplier Diversity Awards Winners Announced

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Supply Nation is pleased to announce the winners in the annual Supplier Diversity Awards.

The Awards honour and recognise businesses, government agencies, not-for-profit organisations and individuals making a significant contribution to supplier diversity and excellence in driving a prosperous and vibrant Indigenous business sector.

Winners were announced at the Gala Awards Dinner on Thursday 29 August in Meanjin, as part of Connect 2024, the largest national Indigenous business event.

Connect 2024 held for the first time in Meanjin on the lands of the Turrbal and Jagera peoples at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre saw over two hundred businesses exhibiting at the Indigenous Business Tradeshow with more than 3500 participants travelling from all over Australia and overseas to attend the two-day event.

Supply Nation’s Chief Executive Officer, Kate Russell said the Supplier Diversity Awards are a way to support and recognise excellence amongst businesses that are committed to diversified procurement policies and the benefits of working with Indigenous businesses.

“Despite ongoing challenges including the outcome of last year’s Referendum, Indigenous businesses remain resilient, optimistic, and committed to their values, and this is driving growth and success. The Supplier Diversity Awards honour organisations and individuals that are making a positive difference to prosperity and their communities, and that is something worth celebrating,” said Ms Russell.

A Supply Nation verified Indigenous businesses and members sponsor each category of the Supplier Diversity Awards, with the Dean Jarrett Award for Outstanding Impact, recognising one individual for significant and long-lasting contribution to the sector.

Award Category	Winners
Certified Supplier of the Year Sponsored by Telstra	Killara Services
Supplier Diversity Advocate of the Year Sponsored by AusIndustry	Amanda Inman – Laing O’Rourke
Corporate Member of the Year Sponsored by Ethan Indigenous	Laing O’Rourke
Indigenous Businesswoman of the Year Sponsored by Westpac	Carol Vale – Murawin
Registered Supplier of the Year Sponsored by BP	Printing with Purpose
Procurement Professional of the Year Sponsored Killara Services	Ryan Sims – Laing O’Rourke
Government Member of the Year Sponsored by Laing O’Rourke	Transport for New South Wales
Sam Tjengala Reuben Award Recognising Young Entrepreneur of the Year Sponsored by EY	Jasmine Newman – Killara Services
Indigenous Exporter of the Year Sponsored by Austrade	Elephant in the Room Consulting
Supplier Diversity Partnership of the Year Sponsored by ANZ	Kooya Fleet Solutions and Telstra
Dr Dean Jarrett Award recognising Outstanding Impact Sponsored by UGL	Amanda Inman

About Supply Nation:

Supply Nation is Australia’s leading supplier diversity organisation. Since 2009, Supply Nation has worked with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander businesses and procurement teams from government and corporate Australia to help shape today’s emerging and rapidly evolving Indigenous business sector. Supply Nation’s robust verification process provides peace of mind by ensuring that all businesses listed on Indigenous Business Direct are not only Indigenous owned, and 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.

In the year 2022/2023, Supply Nation enabled over \$4.1 billion to the Indigenous economy. To find out more, visit: supplynation.org.au

Connect is Supply Nation’s annual flagship event for the Indigenous business sector. The event brings together Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander businesses, corporate and government organisations to foster strategic opportunities and celebrate the success of the sector.

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