



2020 MEA AWARD WINNERS LIST

Reflecting on a particularly challenging year, the MEA National Awards recognised the innovation and exceptional work done by organisations and individuals in the events sector throughout 2020. Congratulations to all the State Finalists and National Winners.

NATIONAL WINNERS

Excellence in Industry Awards	
Destination Marketing Organisation or Bureau	Destination North Coast
Innovation Award	Harry the hirer (NSW & VIC)
Event Products & Services Awards	
Sponsored by 	
Audio Visual Services	Novatech Creative Event Technology
Banqueting & Catering	Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre
Event Marketing	Milestone Creative Australia
Event Technology	EventsAIR
Exhibition Services	Harry the hirer
Speakers, Entertainers and Team Builders	SongDivision
Specialist Services and Suppliers	Congress Rental Australia
Event Legacy Award	
Event Legacy Award	<i>World of Drones & Robotics Congress 2020, Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre</i>
Event Professional Awards	
Sponsored by  ungerboeck	
Event Manager of the Year - Agency	Alison Jack – Admire Events
In-House Event Manager of the Year - Association, Corporate or Government	Victoria Dillon – La Trobe University
MEA Future Leader	Joshua Clark – Formerly ICC Sydney
Operations Person of the Year	Chantal Trimboli – Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre
Sales, Marketing or Business Development Person of the Year	Christine Kotsis – Harry the hirer
Event Management Awards	
Sponsored by 	
Event Agency	Alive Events Agency
Event Management Team - Association	ASHM Conference & Events
Event Management Team - Corporate	La Trobe University
Professional Conference Organisation	Arinex



Venue Awards	
Event Hotel of the Year	Hyatt Regency Sydney
Event Venue - Capacity less than 500	Fed Square
Event Venue - Capacity more than 1,500	Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre
Events of the Year Awards	Sponsored by  
Association Event of the Year	<i>The University of Melbourne MD Student Conference 2020, ICMS Australasia</i>
Cause Related Event of the Year	<i>NSW Rotary Emergency Services Community Awards (RESCA), Admire Events</i>
Corporate Event of the Year	<i>GradsFest2020, La Trobe University</i>
Government Event of the Year	<i>Creative Generation – The Show Goes on 2020 TV Broadcast, Department of Education</i>
Major Event or Festival of the Year	<i>New Year's Eve Featuring Tones & I and Sheppard at Darwin Waterfront, Agentur & Darwin Waterfront Corporation</i>
Regional Event of the Year	<i>ASBAQ 2020 State Conference, ICMS Australasia</i>
Special Event of the Year	<i>Fed Square's Dining In Turned Inside Out & Sky Castle, Fed Square</i>
Platinum Awards	Sponsored by 
Event Company of the Year	Harry the hirer
Event Professional of the Year	Christine Kotsis – Harry the hirer
Event Company of the Year	<i>New Year's Eve Featuring Tones & I and Sheppard at Darwin Waterfront, Agentur & Darwin Waterfront Corporation</i>
Outstanding Contribution Award	
Outstanding Contribution Recipient	Kate Smith - WALDRONSMITH Management





STATE AND TERRITORY WINNERS

NEW SOUTH WALES STATE WINNERS



Excellence in Industry	
Destination Marketing Organisation or Bureau	Destination North Coast
Innovation Award	Harry the hirer (NSW)
Event Products & Services	
Sponsored by 	
Audio Visual Services	ICC Sydney
Event Marketing	Milestone Creative Australia
Speakers, Entertainers and Team Builders	SongDivision
Specialist Services and Suppliers	Congress Rental Australia
Event Legacy Award	
Event Legacy Award	NSW Rotary Emergency Services Community Awards (RESCA), Admire Events
Event Professional Awards	
Sponsored by  ungerboeck	
Event Manager of the Year - Agency	Alison Jack – Admire Events
MEA Future Leader of the Year	Joshua Clark – Formerly ICC Sydney
Sales, Marketing or Business Development Person of the Year	Christine Kotsis – Harry the hirer
Event Management Awards	
Sponsored by  ungerboeck	
Event Agency	Forum Group Events & Marketing
In-House Event Management Team – Association	ASHM Conference and Events
Professional Conference Organisation	Arinex
Venue Awards	
Event Hotel of the Year	Hyatt Regency Sydney
Event Venue – Capacity less than 500	Aerial Function Centre
Event Venue – Capacity more than 1,500	Australian Turf Club
Event of the Year Awards	
Sponsored by  	
Association Event of the Year	ICOMOS GA2020 Marker Event, Arinex
Cause Related Event of the Year	NSW Rotary Emergency Services Community Awards (RESCA), Admire Events
Corporate Event of the Year	Dell Tech Virtual Event, Forum Group Events & Marketing
Government Event of the Year	NSW Training Awards, Forum Group Events & Marketing



NORTHERN TERRITORY STATE WINNERS


Event of the Year Awards	Sponsored by  
Government Event of the Year	<i>2020 Northern Territory Training Awards, AA&P Events</i>
Major Event or Festival of the Year	<i>New Year's Eve Featuring Tones & I and Sheppard at Darwin Waterfront, Agentur & Darwin Waterfront Corporation</i>

QUEENSLAND STATE WINNERS

Event Products & Services	Sponsored by 
Audio Visual Services	NW Group
Banqueting & Catering	Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre
Event Technology	EventsAIR
Event Legacy Award	
Event Legacy Award	<i>World of Drones & Robotics Congress 2020, Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre</i>
Venue Awards	
Event Venue – Capacity more than 1,500	Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre
Event of the Year Awards	Sponsored by  
Association Event of the Year	<i>World of Drones & Robotics Congress 2020, Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre</i>
Corporate Event of the Year	<i>UQ Open Day Online, The University of Queensland</i>
Government Event of the Year	<i>Creative Generation – The Show Goes On 2020 TV broadcast, Department of Education</i>
Major Event or Festival of the Year	<i>UQ Open Day Online, The University of Queensland</i>
Regional Event of the Year	<i>Association of School Business Administrators Queensland or ASBAQ 2020, ICMS Australasia</i>



SOUTH AUSTRALIA STATE WINNERS

Event Products & Services	Sponsored by 
Audio Visual Services	<i>Novatech Creative Event Technology</i>
Event Professional Awards	Sponsored by  ungerboeck
MEA Future Leader of the Year	Tina Troptsidis – National Wine Centre of Australia
Venue Awards	
Event Venue – Capacity less than 500	National Wine Centre of Australia

TASMANIA STATE WINNERS

Venue Awards	
Event Hotel of the Year	Hotel Grand Chancellor Hobart

VICTORIA STATE WINNERS

Excellence in Industry	
Innovation Award	Harry the hirer (VIC)
Event Products & Services	Sponsored by 
Exhibition Services	Harry the hirer
Speakers, Entertainers and Team Builders	Saxton
Event Professional Awards	Sponsored by  ungerboeck
In-House Event Manager of the Year – Association, Corporate or Government	Victoria Dillon – La Trobe University
MEA Future Leader of the Year	Amrita Dip – Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre
Operations Person of the Year	Chantal Trimboli – Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre
Event Management Awards	Sponsored by  ungerboeck
Event Agency	Alive Events Agency
In-House Event Management Team – Corporate	La Trobe University
Professional Conference Organisation	Wise Connections



Venue Awards	
Event Venue – Capacity less than 500	Fed Square
Event Venue – Capacity more than 1,500	Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre
Event of the Year Awards	Sponsored by  
Association Event of the Year	<i>The University of Melbourne MD Student Conference, ICMS Australasia</i>
Corporate Event of the Year	<i>GradsFest2020, La Trobe University</i>
Government Event of the Year	<i>Get Around Warrnambool Presents LoungeFest, Warrnambool City Council</i>
Regional Event of the Year	<i>Solstice Searching, Warrnambool City Council</i>
Special Event of the Year	<i>Fed Square's Dining In Turned Inside Out & Sky Castle, Fed Square</i>