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Tasmania's leading exporters recognised at awards

The Tasmanian Government is proud to support our exporting community which came out in force on Friday night (Sept 24) to celebrate its highest achievers at the Tasmanian Export Awards 2021.

This was the first time in the event's 27-year history that it was held in the North-West at Devonport's paranapple Convention Centre, which provided the perfect setting for a night of celebration.

Hosting the Awards builds capacity within the exporting community, which is a key priority under the Tasmanian Government's *Trade Strategy 2019-2025*. Tasmania is enjoying record exports and we know more exports means more jobs.

This year's winners represent Tasmania's leaders in overseas exports based on their levels of success and ingenuity.

Recognition of this success is particularly deserved having gone through and come out of the coronavirus pandemic matching the nation's economic figures and, in many cases, coming out on top.

It is exciting that many of this year's winners are from regional Tasmania and with a majority of the awards being accepted by leading businesswomen.

The event was supported by a number of business who are integral to the export journey of many of the products and services of the winning businesses. This year's Awards Partner, TasPorts, has a long history of facilitating trade for the benefit of all Tasmanians and TasPorts' level of involvement with the awards shows its continued commitment.

The Tasmanian Export Awards are held annually to celebrate the success of Tasmania's top exporters, with State winners going on to be finalists in the Australian Export Awards Program.

The category winners included:

Category

Advanced Technologies

Winner

Lightning Protection International

Agribusiness, Food and Beverages	Tasmanian Oyster Co.
E-Commerce	Scoot Boot
Emerging Exporter	Lawrenny Estate Distilling
International Health	Selborne Biological Services
Manufacturing & Advanced Materials	Ignite Digi
Regional Exporter	Blue Hills Honey
Small Business	Hill Farm Preserves
Sustainability	True South Seafood
Minister's Award for Young Exporter of the Year 2021	Ms Jelina Bennett (Aqua Clean Tas)
Minister's Award for Export Leadership 2021	Ms Beth Mathison (True South Seafood)