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Business Excellence Awards Winners 2018 Announced

After five months, two rounds of judging and more than 130 nominations, 13 winners have been awarded top honours in the 2018 City of Melton Business Excellence Awards.

Category award sponsors presented each winner with a trophy recognising their achievements in front of more than 420 of their peers, at a glittering gala dinner at Tabcorp Park.

City of Melton Mayor, Cr Bob Turner, praised the 2018 winners and finalists and Hall of Fame Inductees.

"It was another amazing celebration; a great way to showcase local business success," Cr Turner said.

Cr Turner congratulated Fixwell Smash Repairs and its owner Victor Mercieca for taking out the coveted Business of the Year award, noting Mr Mercieca and his team "had always been shining examples of best practice in their industry."

"We, of course, could not have put these awards together without the support of our wonderful and committed sponsors," Cr Turner said.

Quest Apartments Caroline Springs general manager, Natalie Bui, said: "We have been principal sponsor for a couple of years now. We just love our association with the awards as it's a great vehicle to give something back to the local business community who support us in so many ways."

"Full credit to the organisers and the many hard-working businesses who entered."

A special presentation to induct Abey Australia and Westcare Medical Centre into the City of Melton Business Excellence Hall of Fame was held during this year's Gala.

A full list of winners is attached.



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Best Creative Industries Business Award Sponsored by Victoria University Same Day Printing

Best Hospitality & Tourism Business Award Sponsored by WestWaters Hotel and Entertainment **Compass Expeditions**

Best Micro or Home Based Business - Mayoral Achievement Award Sponsored by Venture Melton

Beauty On Avebury

Best Professional Services Business Award Sponsored by Western Water Lady and the Hair

Best Retail Business Award Sponsored by the GEO Group Melton Pools and Spas

Best Trade & Construction Business Award Sponsored by The Atherstone Exchange **Fixwell Smash Repairs**

Business Transformation Award Sponsored by Melton Toyota **Pacing Dynamics**

Community Contribution Award Sponsored by MatchWorks **Hope Street Youth & Family Services**

Innovation Award Sponsored by Western BACE **FibreSand Solutions**

Access & Inclusion Award Sponsored by Melton Disability Advisory Committee **Melton Music**

Recognition of Excellence Award Sponsored by Woodgrove Monte's Kitchen Cabinets

2018 Business of the Year Award Sponsored by Quest Caroline Springs **Fixwell Smash Repairs**

2018 Hall of Fame Inductees Abey Australia & WestCare Medical Centre

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