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WELCOME TO THE 2024 VICTORIAN MANUFACTURING HALL OF FAME AWARDS.



Natalie Hutchins

The Hon. Natalie Hutchins MP

Minister for Jobs and Industry
Minister for Women
Minister for Treaty and First Peoples

Message from the Minister

Now in its 22nd year, the awards are about recognising the incredible businesses and people whose dedication to manufacturing excellence form the cornerstone of our world-class capabilities.

Victoria is a global leader in advanced manufacturing and the nation's manufacturing heartland. Our \$33.5 billion manufacturing sector is a significant contributor to the state's economy, providing over 260,000 jobs and \$23.9 billion in exports.

The Victorian Government's *Made in Victoria 2030: Manufacturing Statement* sets out a clear vision for a technology and skills-led manufacturing future where we are more efficient, resilient, and better able to meet market demands.

The Victorian Government continues to back our manufacturing industries to achieve this through a range of initiatives, including the \$20 million Manufacturing and Industry Sovereignty Fund, the Industry and R&D Infrastructure Fund and the Made in Victoria – Manufacturing Growth Program.

This year's awards introduce a number of new categories to recognise leaders in Textile, Clothing and Footwear, Construction Technologies and Gender Equality and Inclusion.

And while there is much to celebrate, there's still work to be done in address the gender imbalance where women make up only 31 per cent of Victoria's manufacturing workforce.

As the Minister for Women and the Minister for Jobs and Industry, I'm delighted to be launching the Victorian Government's *Women in Manufacturing Strategy* at this year's awards.

The strategy will help raise awareness among girls and women about the range of manufacturing jobs on offer and make an important contribution to addressing labour and skills shortages.

Congratulations to all of this year's finalists and winners. I look forward to following your future achievements.



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Award Recipients and Finalists

HONOUR ROLL

Service to Industry

WINNER

John Grant Krueger

Founder
Krueger Transport Equipment



John Krueger is the founder of Krueger Transport Equipment, Australia's leading semi-trailer manufacturer that has become market leaders in innovative semi-trailer design.

After leaving school at the age of 12 to support his four brothers and his mother who was diagnosed with cancer, John became a truck driver, moving reels of paper for the Herald Sun.

His experiences on the road sparked his inventive spirit. Despite having no formal education in engineering, he began developing ideas to improve the efficiency and safety of load transportation, which led him to conceive Krueger Transport Equipment.

John built his first semi-trailer in his Werribee driveway, marking the humble beginnings of what would become a significant enterprise in the Australian transport industry. Leveraging his practical experience on the road, John dedicated countless hours to engineering and manufacturing, addressing critical safety and handling issues. His redesigned skeletal and flatbed models quickly gained acceptance among customers, despite initial skepticism from competitors and industry insiders.

John's innovation continued to push the boundaries of traditional trailer design, setting new industry standards in Australia and earning the company numerous patents and industry awards.

Krueger Transport Equipment stands as a pioneer in establishing new industry benchmarks in Australia, a testament to John's visionary leadership and unwavering dedication to excellence. John's life is a testament to resilience, innovation, and relentless determination.

MANUFACTURING APPRENTICE OF THE YEAR

WINNERS

Hannah Dillimore

Apprentice
Newform Steel Fabrications



Since starting her Certificate 3 apprenticeship in fabrication engineering at Newform Steel Fabrications, Hannah Dillimore has distinguished herself as a leader.

As a third-year apprentice, Hannah has been independently managing her own projects for some time.

Hannah has diligently worked on enhancing her skills and now possesses qualifications as a dogman, rigger, intermediate rigger, and a certified welder, even though she has not yet completed her apprenticeship.

Hannah has earned the respect of her peers and routinely provides advice to her senior colleagues.

Levi Konnerth

Apprentice
A.W. Bell Machinery



Levi Konnerth has rapidly established himself as a rising star during his apprenticeship with A.W. Bell Machinery. Despite being interested in mechanical and engineering principles, Levi was unsure if he would be successful in these fields. After stints as a painter and a panel beater, Levi decided to test his abilities with an apprenticeship where he has surpassed all expectations of an apprentice.

Levi has demonstrated his advanced technical abilities, highlighted by a jig he designed and manufactured that has improved process efficiency by 200 per cent on a major component produced by the foundry.

FINALISTS

Luca Weber

Apprentice
IXOM Operations



In the 18 months he has spent with IXOM Operations, Luca Weber has continually impressed his supervisors and colleagues with his initiative, strong work ethic, commitment to safety, and passion for learning. His enthusiasm is unwavering, and he is driven by a steadfast commitment to advancing his own knowledge and putting the skills he has learned into practice across a range of electrical applications.

Luca is aiming to complete a dual apprenticeship over five years. After gaining his electrical certification, he shows the promise to go on and complete a more advanced certification in instrumentation.

Caitlin Crowley

Apprentice
Boeing Aerostructures Australia



Inspired by her love to travel, Caitlin Crowley started at Boeing Aerostructures Australia in September 2022 as part of the first intake of the female apprentice program. With stints in tourism and hospitality industries, Caitlin was the supervisor at a resort bar at Uluru when she successfully applied for the apprentice program, and subsequently moved back to Melbourne.

During her time at Boeing Aerostructures Australia, Caitlin has worked on the 787 Inboard Flap, 737 Aileron and 777 Elevator programs, learning about the different assembly processes and techniques across the broad range of products at the site.

YOUNG MANUFACTURER OF THE YEAR

WINNER

Afnan Siddique

Robotics, Vision and Simulation Engineer
Bosch Australia Manufacturing Solutions



Afnan Siddique joined Bosch Australia Manufacturing Solutions (BAMS) in 2021 while he was still a Mechanical Engineering student at Swinburne University. Afnan developed the software stack for BAMS' first physics-based Digital Twin Architecture, enabling the software team to virtually commission machines end-to-end before setting foot on customers' manufacturing sites.

Since graduating in 2023, Afnan has taken on a full-time role at BAMS and has been driving collaboration among international colleagues to collectively share advancements in the digital twin, virtual commissioning, and simulation domains. Afnan also serves as the technical software lead on some projects, ensuring the successful implementation of cutting-edge solutions for the Victorian manufacturing industry.

FINALISTS

Thomas Crugnale

Engineering Manager
Neo-Bionica



As the Engineering Manager at Neo-Bionica, Thomas Crugnale is an emerging leader in the design, development, and manufacture of advanced Neurotech medical devices. After graduating with first-class honours in Mechanical Engineering from RMIT University, Thomas has led high-impact manufacturing projects for a range of MedTech products, including a point-of-care PCR COVID testing device, next-generation hearing implants, deep brain stimulation devices and peripheral nerve stimulation devices.

Thomas has also played a critical role in strengthening the Victorian MedTech manufacturing ecosystem. In 2023, Thomas led the implementation and launch of Australia's only hermitization service, which gave Victorian implantable medical device innovators access to a local company that meets their full development and manufacturing needs.

Antonio Di Vito

Operations Director
SYNC



Born in Italy, Antonio Di Vito relocated to Australia seven years ago. After starting as a metalworker in waste management, Antonio secured a job in the manufacturing sector as a CNC Operator at SYNC.

From his initial role as a machine operator to the current position as Operations Director, over the past five years Antonio has been focused on promoting diversity, engaging with the wider workforce, and enhancing operational processes. Antonio's commitment to discovering innovative methods to protect the environment continues to ensure a sustainable future. His mission reflects not only personal growth in the manufacturing field but also a dedication to contributing positively to the industry and society at large.

WOMAN MANUFACTURER OF THE YEAR

WINNER

Latinka Cubitt

Co-owner
Catten Industries



As the co-owner of Catten Industries, Latinka Cubitt has played a crucial role in the company's growth and success. With a background in information technology, Latinka has leveraged her skills and experience to build a successful career in management and project management.

Latinka is driven by her passion for helping others, empowering women, and giving back to the community. Latinka has mentored many young professionals and women in business, including through the Women in Manufacturing Mentoring Program.

Latinka is a strong advocate for women's empowerment and has spoken at various events, including the Women on the Go and Women in Manufacturing Summit in 2023. Latinka is an inspiring individual who has made a significant impact in her industry and community.

FINALISTS

Johanna Boland

Group Strategy & Communications Manager
ANCA



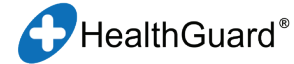
Johanna Boland has significantly advanced the manufacturing industry with her strategic and innovative leadership at ANCA. Johanna has spearheaded initiatives like the #ToolTipTuesday series and launched the prestigious Tool of the Year competition, enhancing ANCA's global visibility.

She also introduced the Female Machinist Award to promote gender diversity in the industry and developed robust internal communication strategies to unify ANCA's global operations. Beyond ANCA, Johanna has promoted Victoria's manufacturing achievements as a member of the Australian Manufacturing Technology Institute Limited (AMTIL) board.

Her collaborations with top Victorian universities support STEM education, fostering the next generation of innovators. Johanna's exceptional leadership and dedication to diversity have made her a trailblazer in the industry, inspiring a culture of excellence and innovation.

Victoria Harvey

Chief Operations Officer
HealthGuard Corporation



As Chief Operations Officer at HealthGuard, Victoria Harvey has extensive expertise in biotechnical surface modification treatments. During the pandemic, Victoria led HealthGuard's partnership with Melbourne University's Peter Doherty Institute for Immunity and Infection, achieving lauded outcomes in developing anti-viral fabric treatments effective against the live human strain of SARS-CoV-2.

Victoria's leadership earned global recognition. Her contributions were honored with the Global Victoria Woman's Award in 2023, reflecting her commitment to advancing hygiene technologies and enhancing global health standards, particularly in the textile sector. Victoria is passionate about collaborating with innovative companies to engage in research and development programs that address real-world issues. She remains proactive in guiding the product development of HealthGuard in response to consumer preferences in 2024.

MANUFACTURER OF THE YEAR

Regional Business

WINNER

Farm Foods
Breakwater



Beginning as a small shop in Birregurra selling fresh hand-made meat products, Farm Foods has grown over the last 25 years to become a strong regional meat manufacturing business servicing Coles, Woolworths and Aldi supermarkets nationally.

Farm Foods prides itself on being a higher quality, flexible, adaptable progressive business at the forefront of consumer trends and product innovation.

Farm Foods has an expanding international business with its own entity set up in the United States where it has supplied products to leading US retailers such as Walmart, Kroger and Aldi USA.

Farm Foods remains a strong supporter of regional manufacturing and employment in the Geelong and western region of Victoria.

FINALISTS

Godfrey Hirst Australia
North Geelong, South Geelong, Breakwater



With over 150 years manufacturing experience, Godfrey Hirst is one of Victoria's first textile mills and continues to be market leader in carpet manufacturing in Geelong, Victoria and Australia.

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Backed by a strong local heritage, Godfrey Hirst has three Geelong based manufacturing facilities and two Melbourne based warehousing and distribution centers, employing over 500 people.

Godfrey Hirst's local investment in people, manufacturing, warehousing and distribution provides total supply chain capability, ensuring quality control and consistency from product design, right through to delivery.

Hanlon Industries
Corio



Founded in 2000, Hanlon Industries is a second-generation family business that provides comprehensive in-house solutions to concept design, project management, manufacturing, and construction. Their services are recognised for state-of-the-art technology in steel fabrication, with its Geelong workshop equipped with modern machinery and overhead cranes, allowing the handling of large and complex projects.

Hanlon Industries operates across various sectors, including road, rail, airports, and commercial developments. With their extensive accreditation, Hanlon Industries is certified to undertake projects in adherence to VicRoads specifications. Hanlon Industries is recognised for its community involvement, providing apprenticeship opportunities to local talent and promoting diversity within the workforce.

MANUFACTURER OF THE YEAR

Small Business

WINNER

Assembled Threads

North Melbourne



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FINALISTS

Digital Mould Design

Castlemaine, Bendigo, Melbourne, Ballarat, Geelong



Established in 2020, Digital Mould Design (DMD) specialises in concrete formwork for the complex shapes envisioned in contemporary architecture.

Using computer based 3D design software and CNC machining solutions, DMD offers world-leading concrete formwork Australia wide for multi-story developments, landscaping, infrastructure, domestic builds and urban development.

DND start with 3D design software to model the concrete then develop the moulds. The software can output 3D and 2D files to control CNC laser cutting, CNC hot wire cutting and 5 axis robots to carve polystyrene foam, CNC brake presses and CNC routers.

Lockelec Rolling Stock

Braeside



Over the past 12 years, Lockelec Rolling Stock (LRS) has become a key supplier of disability access solutions for trams, trains, and buses to original equipment manufacturers, maintainers, and operators throughout Australia.

LRS supplies portable ramps, semi-automatic ramps, various drop down storage units and overhaul contact support, and is now working on an automated mobility access lift for the Next Generation Tram.

With a strong emphasis on design and manufacturability, LRS's dedicated team of engineers ensures their products can be rolled out in large quantities, while keeping the focus on the highest possible quality.

MANUFACTURER OF THE YEAR

Medium Business

WINNER

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FINALISTS

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Broadmeadows



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Stahl Metall

Knoxfield



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Their products are commonly used in fields requiring faultless quality, including aerospace, marine and defence, medical equipment, and telecommunication.

Stahl Metall's products are designed and built to withstand the toughest conditions and their reliability and precision are widely recognised as trusted solutions. Stahl Metall provides comprehensive design engineering and manufacturing support, including prototypes, ECNs, PPAP/FAIs, and engineering drawings and tailored solutions. They design and manufacture across three Melbourne facilities, ensuring consistency and quality control.

MANUFACTURER OF THE YEAR

Large Business

WINNER

CSL

Broadmeadows, Parkville, Tullamarine



CSL is an Australian-owned global biotechnology company with a dynamic portfolio of lifesaving medicines.

Starting in Melbourne in 1916, CSL is driven by its promise to save lives using the latest technologies. Today, CSL provides lifesaving products to patients in more than 100 countries and employs 32,000 people.

CSL is a key partner of the National Blood Authority, supporting Australian patients with their lifesaving medications.

Their facility in Broadmeadows processes domestic plasma from Australian, New Zealand, Taiwan, Hong Kong and Malaysian donor plasma. This is in addition to commercially sourced plasma through CSL Plasma (a subsidiary of CSL), one of the world's largest collectors of human plasma.

FINALISTS

ANCA

Bayswater North



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Over five decades, ANCA's relentless commitment to innovation has resulted in numerous industry-first technologies that have set new standards in the tool and cutter grinding industry.

With a workforce of over 1,100 employees and a presence in more than 45 countries, ANCA continues to push the boundaries of technology, driving the manufacturing sector forward.

Volgren Australia

Dandenong South



Established in 1977, Volgren has become one of the leading bus manufacturers in the country. With its headquarters and main manufacturing facility in Dandenong, Volgren has expanded its presence internationally, exporting buses to various countries in the Asia-Pacific region, the Middle East, and Latin America.

In recent years, the Australian company has incorporated electric bus technology. The shift towards zero-emission vehicles has helped reducing carbon footprints in urban areas, while contributing to cleaner and quieter city environments.

By combining robust engineering, innovative design, and a customer-centric approach, Volgren continues to lead the way in bus manufacturing, setting standards for the industry in Australia and beyond.

LEADER IN

Construction Technologies

WINNER

Modscape

Essendon Fields

MODSCAPE™

As a leading expert in modular construction, Modscape deliver design-led projects with greater sustainable outcomes for the Australian built environment.

With a portfolio of over 600 completed homes and commercial buildings, Modscape serve a wide range of sectors including single and multi-residential, education, health and aged care, commercial, and community infrastructure, offering tailored solutions that meet the specific needs of each industry.

As a proud 100 per cent Australian-owned and operated company, Modscape prioritise supporting local suppliers in every project they undertake.

Their manufacturing hubs in Victoria and Queensland feature state-of-the-art facilities including Modbotics, their cutting-edge robotic production line for building components.

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McMillan Engineering Group

Dandenong South

MCMILLAN ENGINEERING GROUP

Founded in 1973, McMillan Engineering Group specialises in hydraulic cylinder design and manufacture, as well as sheet metal and component fabrication.

With a long-term goal of reducing the costs, lead-times and overall business efficiencies, McMillan decided to invest in the people, technologies and the business itself in 2018. This has led to an expanded apprentice program, with now 10 per cent of employees being apprentices.

The company also procured a robot loader for the CNC, robot welder and currently engaging to have a third installed. The company also invested in cutting edge CNC machine centers from Japan, which are the largest of their kind in Australia.

LEADER IN

Gender Equality and Inclusion

WINNER

Alstom Transport Australia
Dandenong, Ballarat



From first weld through to passenger service, Alstom is at the forefront of the Victorian rail manufacturing industry, delivering rail projects with a high degree of locally sourced components.

Alstom's commitment to innovation and quality is evident in their VLocity and X'Trapolis train projects, placing Victoria internationally among the leading centres of rail.

Alstom has rapidly expanded from 150 employees to 2,500 over the last decade, with around 1,100 local jobs and many hundreds more throughout the supply chain.

Alstom's deep commitment to gender diversity and inclusion is attracting and nurturing a pipeline of talent for the business and for Victoria's manufacturing future.

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ANCA's industry leadership and progressive training approach includes diversity initiatives to attract and reward women in non-traditional manufacturing roles.

HealthGuard Corporation
Campbellfield



Originated to address asthma-related challenges of dust mite pathogens, HealthGuard has provided biotech solutions across the industry. HealthGuard's solutions have been adopted by the bedding, upholstery, curtain, and carpet industry for more than two decades, offering relief to individuals suffering from allergen-related issues worldwide.

The COVID pandemic highlighted the critical importance of textile hygiene, propelling the demand for anti-microbial and anti-viral treatments, especially in healthcare settings and fabrics prone to microbial attacks. HealthGuard's work in mentoring and cultural leadership programs is providing role models and supporting industry and community leaders of the future.

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Care Essentials

North Geelong



With nearly 30 years of medical device manufacturing, Care Essentials is committed to improving patient outcomes and enhancing the quality of care for patients. Exporting from its Geelong facility to over 70 countries worldwide, Care Essentials is at the forefront of medical device innovation, having designed proprietary devices in-house that address critical healthcare challenges.

Their leading medical product, the Cocoon™ Convective Warming System, is a Forced Air Systems device that prevents hypothermia during surgery and post-surgery. It provides numerous associated benefits such as lowering risk of cardiac events, decreased hospital stays and lower costs for the patient.

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Campbellfield



HealthGuard delivers innovative biotech solutions for textiles, leather, foam and fibre. To alleviate his daughter's suffering from asthma, Dr Harvey started HealthGuard's biotech brand, which led to the discovery of a correlation between house dust mite pathogens and asthma.

This breakthrough led to the development of a highly effective triple-action dust mite treatment, which has been widely embraced by the bedding, upholstery, curtain, and carpet industry for over two decades, offering relief to individuals suffering from allergen-related issues worldwide.

The HealthGuard product portfolio has now expanded to include innovative solutions such as anti-bed bug treatments for mattress ticking and anti-mosquito treatments for outdoor apparel.

LEADER IN

Textile, Clothing and Footwear

WINNER

Australian Defence Apparel

Thomastown, Bendigo



Founded in 1912, Australian Defence Apparel (ADA) has a reputation for leadership in uniform manufacturing, creating bespoke uniform solutions tailored to the unique needs of military, police, corporate, and emergency services. ADA's Bendigo based state-of-the-art clothing manufacturing facility is equipped with advanced machinery, which enhances product quality and optimises turnaround times, guaranteeing timely deliveries without compromising standards. With a staff comprising of 87 per cent women, ADA prioritises ethical and sustainable practices from sourcing to manufacturing and is accredited by Ethical Clothing Australia. ADA sets industry benchmarks through innovation, customisation, sustainable practices, and exceptional service.

FINALISTS

ABMT Group

Cobblebank, Sunshine North, Thomastown



ABMT Group has specialised in knitting, dyeing, and finishing weft (circular) knit fabrics since 2003. Incorporating the ABMT Textiles and ABMT Apparel brands, the group offers a range of services including local apparel production, custom fabric manufacturing, wholesale fabric supply, and apparel upcycling.

Committed to reducing the environmental impact of textile production, ABMT utilises sustainable products and practices. ABMT's manufacturing facility in Cobblebank has a 1470 panel solar power system and operates an onsite water treatment plant. Leveraging from its knowledge in Australia, ABMT has now established a global supply chain, with partnered and owned facilities across China, Vietnam and Bangladesh.

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LEADER IN

Transport and Rail

WINNER

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Dandenong, Ballarat



Alstom, a global leader in sustainable mobility, has been a pivotal in the Victorian rail industry for over a century. Alstom provides a comprehensive range of products and services including high-speed trains, metros, monorail, trams, turnkey systems, services, infrastructure, signaling, and digital mobility solutions.

Over the last decade, Alstom's Victorian operations have seen rapid expansion and significant investment. The acquisition of Bombardier in 2021 not only enhanced Alstom's capabilities and workforce, but bolstered Alstom's product portfolio. Alstom has solidified its position as Australia's only end-to-end rolling stock manufacturer building trains and trams from the first weld right through to passenger service.

FINALISTS

Krueger Transport Equipment
Derrimut, Truganina



Krueger Transport is a name that has become synonymous with excellence in the Australian transport industry. For over 45 years, this proudly western suburbs based company has been manufacturing heavy-duty semi-trailers in Victoria, establishing themselves as leaders in the field.

With a focus on technical development and manufacturing, Krueger has continuously pushed the boundaries of innovation, introducing unique features that deliver optimal operational performance.

As Krueger celebrates its 45-year milestone, their industry reputation for quality and innovation remains unrivaled. They have set a benchmark for trailer manufacturing in Australia and continue to be a trusted name on the nation's roads.

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Manufacturing

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A.W. Bell Machinery
Dandenong South



Since it was founded in 1984, A.W. Bell Machinery has grown to become a leader in foundry equipment manufacturing worldwide. Today, A.W. Bell Machinery has a global distribution network of over ten partners and exports machines to foundries in North America, Europe, and Asia.

It now offers over 18 standard pieces of equipment, customised fixtures and accessories, as well as robotic and automation solutions to support foundries improve their operations. Delivering superior productivity, quality and safety benefits to their customers, A.W. Bell Machinery is a great example of a Victorian manufacturing business succeeding internationally.

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Previous Recipients

HONOUR ROLL

Alistair Murray (2008)
Andrew Stobart (2007)
Bill & Jim Sutton (2010)
Bob Herbert (2004)
Bruce A. Griffiths (2003)
Bruce Parker (2009)
Carl Bizon (2015)
Darryl Page (2011)
David & Tony Ellul (2018)
David Burton (2007)
David Haymes (2006)
Douglas Maxwell (2008)
Dr Erol Harvey (2012)
Dr Graeme Blackman (2005)
Dr Walter Uhlenbruch AO (2002)
Elizabeth Lewis-Gray (2023)
Ernest Frederick Dawes OBE (2004)
Geoffrey Bell (2019)
George Gatehouse (2006)
Gerry Ryan OAM (2011)
Ivan D James (2003)
Ken Grenda AM (2012)
Lee Kidman (2007)
Pat McCluskey (2022)
Patrick Boland (2022)
Peter Carthew AM (2008)
Peter Thomas AM (2006)
Philip Leslie (2017)
Ralph Wilson Snr (2014)
Richard Pratt AC (2004)
Robert Wilson (2013)
Ross McCann (2010)
Stuart Payne (2016)
Tom Hartley (2014)
Tony Carolan (2002)
Tony Schiavello (2005)

YOUNG MANUFACTURER OF THE YEAR

Agnel D'Sousa (2011)
Anna Reid (2015)
Anne Koopmann (2017)
Benjamin Cheng (2022)
David Fitzpatrick (2009)
Dr Ashley Denmead (2016)
Dr Peter Campbell (2007)
Heidi Edmiston (2005)
James Dickey (2010)
Jason Oliver (2011)
Luke Dwyer (2008)
Matt Nettleton (2012)
Matthew Arblaster (2014)
Nicholas Orchowksi (2019)
Prue Morgan (2006)
Scott Grinter (2004)
Stephen Murtagh (2013)
Swastik Sharma (2023)
Vanessa Katsanevakis (2018)

WOMAN MANUFACTURER OF THE YEAR

Andrea Del Ciotto (2022)
Erika Hughes (2023)
Jill Walsh (2018)
Rochelle Avinu (2019)
Vanessa Kearney (2018)

MANUFACTURING APPRENTICE OF THE YEAR

Daniel Malone (2023)
Emma Mokalei (2023)

MANUFACTURER OF THE YEAR

Small Business

Amaero Additive Manufacturing (2022)
Amiga Engineering (2023)
Australian Precision Technologies (2014)
Coating and Industrial Technologies (2012)
Columbia Australia (2019)
H&H Machine Tools Australia (2016)
Integra Systems (2013)
Osteon Medical (2018)
Paarhammer (2017)
Thermofilm Australia (2014)

Medium Business

A.W. Bell (2013)
Care Essentials (2022)
Creature Technology Co. (2018)
Farm Foods (2023)
Future Fibre Technologies (2014)
GP Graders (2015)
Koko Black (2012)
Major Furnace Australia (2017)
Safetech (2019)
Thycon (2016)

Large Business

Boeing Aerostructures Australia (2023)
Bosch Australia (2018)
CSL Behring (2016)
Dulux Australia (2019)
Hickory Building Systems (2015)
Marand Precision Engineering (2012)
Planet Innovation (2022)
Genos (2013)
SRX Global (2014)
Sutton Tools (2017)

Regional Business

AME Systems (2023)

COMPANY INDUCTIONS

ADA (2013)	Brintons Carpets (2003)	Foodmach (2022)
A.W. Bell Pty Ltd (2011)	Cablex (2016)	Ford Motor Company (2005)
Advanced Polymer Technology Australasia (2009)	Carbon Revolution (2015)	Future Fibre Technologies (2014)
Aerostaff Australia Pty Ltd (2008)	CDS Technologies (2003)	Futuris Automotive Interiors (Australia) (2011)
Air International Group (2002)	CE Bartlett (2006)	GBC Scientific Equipment (2003)
Air Radiators Pty Ltd (2006)	Champion Compressors	Gekko Systems (2004)
Aisin Australia (2008)	Charlwood Design (2007)	Gippsland Aeronautics (2004)
Al-Ko (2013)	Close the Loop (2016)	GKN Aerospace Engineering Services (2006)
Albins Off Road Gear (2007)	Clyne Foods (2009)	GlaxoSmith Kline Australia (2003)
Alcoa of Australia (2006)	Coating and Industrial Technologies (2003)	Godfrey Hirst Australia (2003)
Alstom Transport Australia (2015)	Cobalt Design (2016)	GP Graders (2015)
AME Systems (2008)	Colour Vision Systems (2005)	H&H Machine Tools Australia (2016)
AMR Hewitts Print Packaging (2003)	Colourcraft Printing (2002)	Haines Hunter (2006)
ANCA (2003)	Compumedics Limited (2007)	Hakubaku (2006)
Andrew Peace Wines (2016)	Coolon (2022)	Hawker de Havilland (2005)
APS Plastics (2005)	Corex Plastics (Australia) Pty Ltd (2012)	Hazeldene's Chicken Farms (2011)
ArchiBlox (2015)	Creative Cabinets (2004)	Hella Australia (2009)
Armstrong World Industries (2008)	CSL Behring (2016)	Henry Haymes (t/as Haymes Paint) (2012)
Assa Abloy (2013)	CSL Limited (2003)	Hickory Building Systems (2015)
Athlegen (2004)	DAIR Industries Pty Ltd (2007)	Hilton Manufacturing (2008)
Austeng (2009)	Dairy Innovation Australia Ltd (2015)	HM Gem Engines (2007)
Australian Arrow (2002)	Davey Products (2005)	Holden Special Vehicles (2019)
Australian Automotive Air (2002)	Diver Consolidated Industries (2009)	Hospira Australia (2012)
Australian Precision Technology (2014)	Duratray International (2015)	Hydrix (2011)
Australian Rollforming Manufacturers (2011)	DVR Engineering Pty Ltd (2013)	INC Corporation (2004)
Australian Turntable Company (2010)	EBM Papst (2016)	Injectronics (2008)
Autofab Australia (2003)	Ecotech (2008)	Institute of Drug Technology (2003)
Autoliv Australia (2002)	Ego Pharmaceuticals (2011)	Integra Systems (2013)
Avon Graphics (2002)	Elastomers Australia (2022)	Integra Systems (2022)
Backwell IXL (2011)	Energys (2023)	Invetech (2003)
Barker Trailers (2019)	Evolution Rail (2023)	J Furphy & Sons (2002)
Basell Australia (2008)	Extel Technologies (2013)	Jayco Corporation (2005)
Bervar (T/as Della Rosa Foods Group) (2014)	Fairmont Medical Products (2015)	Jindi Cheese Pty Ltd (2010)
Bluescope Steel Limited (2010)	Fantech (2012)	JS Melbourne Controls (2002)
BOC (2013)	Fergusson Plarre Bakehouses (2010)	Keech Australia (2015)
Boeing Aerostructures Australia (2018)	Ferndale Confectionery (2013)	Kingfisher International (2005)
Bombardier Transportation Australia (2011)	Finewrap Australia (2002)	Koko Black (2012)
Boss Polymer Technologies (2012)	Flavour Makers (2014)	Kraft Foods (2010)
Boundary Bend Olives (2014)	FMP Group (2008)	Laucke Flour Mills (2014)

COMPANY INDUCTIONS (CONTINUED)

LangTech International Pty Ltd (2015)
Laurent Bakery Pty Ltd (2014)
Lochard Limited (2004)
Lovitt Technologies Australia (2009)
Lumen Australia (2008)
Marand Precision Engineering (2012)
Masterfoods (2005)
Maton (2014)
McPhersons Printing Group (2002)
Melba Industries (2004)
Metaltec Precision International (2006)
Mett (2010)
MHG Asia Pacific (2016)
MIL- Systems (2016)
Millenium Electronics (2015)
MiniFab (Australia) (2011)
Mobil Refinery Australia (Altona) (2015)
Modra Technology (2023)
Morgan Advanced Materials Australia (2016)
MSD Animal Health (2016)
MtM (2009)
Murray Goulburn Co-operative (2010)
NCI Packaging (2022)
NeoProducts (2006)
NHP Electrical Engineering Products (2012)
Nissan Casting (2022)
Note Printing Australia Ltd (2007)
Olex Australia (2004)
Oz Press (2006)
PACCAR Australia (Kenworth Trucks) (2018)
Pantalica Cheese Company Ltd (2011)
Patties Foods (2006)
Paz Group (2016)
PBR Australia (2002)
Pemara Labels Australia (2014)
Placard (2002)
Planet Innovation (2022)
PMP Print (2002)
Production Parts (2005)

PZ Cussons Australia (2009)
Qenos (2011)
Radio Frequency Systems (2009)
RFI Technology Solutions (2016)
RMIT University (2015)
Robert Bosch (Australia) (2019)
Roma Food Products (2002)
Ronstan International (2003)
Rosebank Engineering (2003)
RUAG Australia (2019)
Schiavello Group of Companies (2008)
Sealite (2006)
SGE Analytical Science (2014)
Siemens VDO Automotive (2002)
SPEE3D (2023)
SRX Global (Australia) (2014)
STS Creative Printing (2002)
Sutton Tools (2017)
Swinburne University (2016)
Tenix Defence (2005)
Thales Australia (2007)
That's Amore (2023)
Think Fencing (2023)
TNA Australia (2003)
Torian Wireless (2007)
Toyota Australia (2006)
TransGlaze (2014)
TriMas Corporation (2007)
United Bonded Fabrics (2012)
Universal Biosensors (2013)
Viridian Glass (2010)
Visy Preprint (2003)
Visy Recycling (2007)
Volgren Australia (2006)
Warren & Brown Technologies (2017)
Whittley Marine Industries (2003)
Willow Ware Australia (2010)
Wilson Transformer (2011)
3DMEDiTech (2023)

HIGH GROWTH SECTORS

Albins Performance Transmissions (2018)
Alstom Transport Australia (2015)
Andrew Peace Wines (2016)
Bombardier Transportation (2011)
Chobani (2018)
Cobalt Design (2016)
Dairy Innovation Australia (2015)
Entegra Signature Structures (2018)
Fairmont Medical Products (2015)
IDT Australia (2017)
Impresa House (2017)
Keppell Prince Engineering (2018)
LangTech International (2015)
Leica Biosystems (2018)
MHG Asia Pacific (2016)
Millennium Electronics (2015)
Mil-Systems (2016)
MSD Animal Health (2016)
Procal Dairies (2017)
RMIT Advanced Manufacturing Precinct (2015)
Setec (2017)
Swinburne University of Technology (2016)

Thank you to all the company and individual nominees to the 2024 Victorian Manufacturing Hall of Fame Awards for their time and commitment. This year's nominations contributed to a very high-quality awards program.

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Mr. Marko Nel
Mr. Afnan Siddique
Mr. Jesse Pouw
Mr. John Grant Krueger
Ms. Samantha O'Brien
Ms. Bree Carlson
Miss Hannah Dillimore
Mr. David Wilson
Miss Tahnee Brancatisano
Ms. Johanna Boland
Mr. Luca Weber
Ms. Victoria Harvey
Ms. Linda Le
Ms. Caitlin Crowley
Mr. Thomas Crugnale
Mr. Chris Ellis
Mrs. Latinka Cubitt
Mr. Antonio Di Vito
Mr. Levi Konnerth
Mrs. Elly Hanlon
Mrs. Narelle Plapp

COMPANY NOMINEES

A.W. Bell Machinery
ABMT Group
Alstom
Alstom
ANCA
Assembled Threads
Australian Defence Apparel
Australian National Fabrication Facility – Victoria Node
CARE ESSENTIALS PTY LTD
Classica International Pty Ltd
Coca-Cola Europacific Partners
COMPENG INTERNATIONAL
CSL
Dellner Couplers Australia
Digital Mould Design
Farm Foods Australia
Florida Cheeses
Fusion Blending
Godfrey Hirst Australia
Grain & Bake Co
Greenleaf Cosmetics Australia
Hanlon Industries
HealthGuard Corporation
Hydro-Chem
Innofocus Photonics Technology
Innovative Mechatronics Group
Integra Systems
Krueger Transport Equipment
LIGHT & GLO Designs
Lockelec Rolling Stock
McMillan Engineering Group
MEMKO
Modscape
Monash University
OFI Weigh and Inspection Solutions
Panchamba
Rotary Heat Exchangers
Sample Room (Vic)
Stahl Metall
Successful Endeavours
SYNC
Viva Energy Australia
Volgren Australia
Wonder Pies

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