



"Our export heroes have fought and won on the international stage."

MEET THE SUPER HEROES OF AUSTRALIAN EXPORTING

The Australian Export Heroes Awards recognise the special qualities local businesses that have succeeded in international markets share. Congratulations to all the winners.

Just over 10 years ago the Australian Export Heroes Awards were created by a group who believed in acknowledging the efforts of the people behind the companies that achieve outstanding export results. Since its creation in 1997, the Australian Institute of Export, now the Export Council of Australia (ECA), has invited more than 100 of our leading exporters to join the Australian Export Heroes register.

There are many facets to developing our export culture in Australia. As well as adding to the growth of international trade in Australia, the Export Heroes have contributed to Australia's image as a progressive member of the international business community and are role models for future generations of Australian exporters.

Taking a company to export success, as most established exporters can testify, is no small feat. Australian companies have an even bigger mountain to climb, given our location. This is why the Australian Export Heroes Awards were created by a group who believe in acknowledging the efforts of those hard-working people, who often spend years building their companies and taking them to global success, while also supporting Australian industry.

The recipients below have fought and won on the international stage. Technically smart, creative and hard working they are able to show the world that Australians can not only do anything, they can do it as well and often better than anybody else.

The Export Council of Australia is pleased to announce the 2014 Australian Export Heroes Awards to six outstanding Australians.

- David Larkin – Atron Enterprises
- Graeme Tudor – Micromine
- Ross Spencer – SOS Marine
- Milton Huxtable
- Glenn Keys – Aspen Medical
- Warwick Norman – RightShip

Programs that involve the achievement of individuals are always special. However, there are a number of factors that make the Australian Export Heroes Awards even more special. People who receive an Export Hero Award have succeeded globally. They have made more sacrifices, travelled more kilometres and spent more time away from home than they would care to remember. They have that magic mix of good business skills blended with loads of passion.

Whether from big established business or from the family farm or factory, they all deserve recognition for their vision, passion and sheer hard work. The awards presentation thanks them for their unique contribution, as well as their families for their support, in what has undoubtedly been a rewarding, but nonetheless challenging journey.