



## MEDIA RELEASE

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### Compumedics wins 2015 NBAA Business of the Year.

Melbourne's northern businesses, educational institutes, local government and community gathered in anticipation of the announcement of the winners of the Northern Business Achievement Awards for 2015.

The 2015 Business of the Year Award sponsored by the Victorian Government was awarded to Compumedics, for business excellence across all areas of operations.

Compumedics, Executive Director, David Lawson said 'Compumedics is truly honored to receive this award, as it is recognition of the enormous effort and dedication from all who work at Compumedics including our supplier and services networks, to create a world leading, innovative, export business. We are proud to receive it and will continue our journey to grow the business into the future.'

Other winners were:

- The **Sustainability and Environment Award** sponsored by *NORTH Link* which recognised sustainability and environmental best practices was awarded to **Sussex Taps** for their innovative sustainability solutions. Sussex Taps is located in Somerton, in the City of Hume.
- Distributing to more than 50 countries through a network of more than 40 distributors **Compumedics**, was awarded the **Export Award** sponsored by *NORTH Link*. An incredible eighty-five 85% of Compumedics annual revenue is generated from export sales. Compumedics is located in Abbotsford, in the City of Yarra.
- The **Customer Service Award** sponsored by *MatchWorks* which recognised excellence in customer service from an all round perspective was awarded to **Latitude**. Latitude is located in West Heidelberg, in the City of Banyule.
- The **Innovation and Enterprise Award** sponsored by *AusIndustry* recognised significant innovation and enterprise initiatives. This award was presented to **Metal Drilling** for taking what seemed like an impossible task and making it possible. Metal Drilling is located in Thomastown, in the City of Whittlesea.
- The **Industry-Education Engagement Award** sponsored by *Northern Melbourne RDA* recognised **Going Green Solutions** for effective and essential public education engagement on the importance of sustainability and energy saving. Going Green Solutions is located in Hurstbridge, in the Shire of Nillumbik.
- The **Human Resources Award** sponsored by *M+K Lawyers* recognises the investment in employee engagement and development. This award was presented to **DASSI** for their programs that engage and develop a positive employee culture for skills enhancement. DASSI is located in Northcote, in the City of Darebin.
- The **Workplace Diversity Award** sponsored by *Melbourne Polytechnic* recognises companies who value in a culturally diverse workplace and was awarded to **HiCity** for having implemented formal and informal practices that respect the diverse religious and cultural practices in their workplace. HiCity is located in West Heidelberg, in the City of Banyule.

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Another organisations was recognised on the day as being a stand out in their industry.

- **JustMums** a small business who partner with like-minded businesses that truly value the contribution mothers make to the workplace and specialise in offering end-to-end recruitment services, talent sourcing, training and resume support. JustMums is located in Coburg, in the City of Moreland.

And for only the second time in seven years the Chairman's Award was presented to **New Age Caravans** for their excellence across a wide range of categories including customer service, high level of training for their staff at all levels, innovation in their designs and continued improvements to their products. New Age Caravans is located in Epping, in the City of Whittlesea.

The Northern Business Achievement Awards Grand Finale breakfast for 2015 was held on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December and was hosted by the City of Whittlesea and attracted over 200 people.

The Awards align with NORTH Link's aims of economic development and marketing and promotion of Melbourne's north, by recognising local business achievement, encouraging innovation and providing valuable networks and opportunities for enterprise growth and development.

So as to encourage continuing accomplishment amongst businesses, The Northern Business Achievement Awards (NBAA) have been created as a series of business breakfast events designed to:

- acknowledge and celebrate the successes of Small-Medium enterprises (SME's)
- offer opportunities for valuable networking
- learn and exchange ideas

Chris Heysen Chair of NORTH Link said "The 2015 NBAA Grand Finale again showcased the best that Melbourne's north industry has to offer. I congratulate the winners and all nominees on their achievements".

The NBAA have been created by NORTH Link with initial funding from the Victorian Government and the support of the Cities of Banyule, Darebin, Hume, Moreland, Whittlesea, Yarra and the Shire of Nillumbik.

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