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EXPORT SUCCESS CELEBRATED AT AWARDS

Canberra Region companies who are taking on the world were honoured at last night's ACT Chief Minister's Export Awards.

"Each of the finalists in last night's Awards have achieved outstanding growth in international markets over the past year. They have opened doors across the globe, not only for their own goods and services, but for Canberra Region businesses as a whole," Canberra Business Chamber CEO, Robyn Hendry praised.

The ACT Chief Minister's Export Awards recognise the innovation, hard work and success of businesses, large and small, in reaching new global markets. The Awards acknowledge the important contribution Canberra Region businesses make to the local economy through job creation and increased prosperity in the community.

"Securing export sales helps local companies expand and employ. Our businesses trading overseas play a role in ensuring we have a diverse, strong economy here in the ACT region," Ms Hendry said.

The ACT Chief Minister's Export Awards pay tribute to outstanding businesses in both ACT and national categories. Winners in the national categories will go on to compete at the Australian Export Awards in November.

The following businesses took out the top award in the ACT categories:

- **Exporting Government Solutions:** Royal Australian Mint
- **Exporting to Asia:** TelSoft
- **Emerging Exporter Category:** Dilkara Essence of Australia

In the national categories the winners were:

- **Agribusiness:** Kokonut Pacific Pty Ltd
- **Business Services:** Cogito Group
- **Creative Industries:** WildBear Entertainment
- **Education and Training:** iSimulate
- **Health and Biotechnology:** Aspen Medical
- **Digital Technologies:** Seeing Machines
- **Manufacturing:** Red Robot Pty Ltd
- **E-Commerce:** GymAware
- **Regional Exporter:** Shaw Vineyards Estate
- **Small Business:** IE Asia Pacific

Winners in each national category will now go on to compete at the upcoming national awards.

The major award of the night – ACT Exporter of the Year – was taken out by WildBear Entertainment, which has dominated the Creative Industries category for the past few years.

WildBear Entertainment is an integrated factual entertainment company, which works across television, theatrical, corporate, education and government communications.

"Congratulations to all our finalists and winners and good luck to everyone competing in the National Export Awards," Ms Hendry said.

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