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STATE'S LEADING BUSINESSES CELEBRATED

Top businesses from around NSW have been recognised for their excellence in the face of a challenging economic environment.

The state's peak business organisation, **Business NSW**, honoured winners from all over the state at a black tie event in Sydney Friday night.

Business NSW CEO Daniel Hunter said these businesses have gone above and beyond with respect to innovation, diversity and inclusion, sustainability and leadership.

"It's great to see so many businesses displaying such impressive forward-thinking to tackle the needs of NSW communities," Mr Hunter said.

"It has certainly been a challenging few years for NSW with floods, bushfires, a mouse plague and of course the COVID pandemic.

"After not being able to meet in person for the 2021 Business Awards, it's fantastic that so many of us are able celebrate our resilience and show that NSW means business."

Business of the Year went to Zepto Payments, founded in Byron Bay in 2017.

The payments technology company enables businesses to make, manage and receive payments in real time by connecting them directly to their customers' bank accounts.

They are soon to have \$50 billion worth of transactions flowing through their platform.

Outstanding Young Business Leader went to Raghav Murali-Ganesh, Co-Founder and CEO of CancerAid.

Raghav had the vision and led the development of the Coach Program - a health coaching behaviour change program for people impacted by cancer.

The program has been proven to improve return-to-work rates for cancer patients by 73 per cent, as well as improve the speed at which people return to work by 16.5 weeks.

"Small to medium business is the heart and soul of our nation, the heartbeat of our economy and the glue that binds our society," Mr Hunter said.

"More than ever COVID taught us that agility, passion and determination, resilience and innovation kept NSW going."

2022 NSW BUSINESS AWARD WINNERS

Outstanding Employee: Hayley Shute, Aussie Ark

Outstanding Young Business Leader: Raghav Murali-Ganesh, CancerAid

Outstanding Business Leader: Laura Prael, LEP Digital

Excellence in Micro Business: Projectura

Excellence in Small Business: Topsoil Organics

Excellence in Large Business: Warrigal

Outstanding Start Up: Compassion Creamery

Excellence in Innovation: Zepto Payments

Excellence in Sustainability: The Hi-Vis Group

Excellence in Export: Meet PAT

Employer of Choice: C7EVEN

Excellence in Diversity and Inclusion: iClick2Learn

Outstanding Community Organisation: Boys to the Bush

Outstanding Local Chamber: Business Lismore

Business of the Year: Zepto Payments

About Business NSW

Formerly the NSW Business Chamber, **Business NSW** is the peak policy and advocacy body which has been representing businesses in NSW since 1826.

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