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23rd Annual AustCham Westpac Australia-China Business Awards Winners Announced

Shanghai: 14th April - The AustCham Westpac Australia-China Business Awards Gala Dinner last night recognised Australian and Chinese businesses in Greater China across a broad spectrum, from small entrepreneurs through to large publicly listed companies.

Hosted by Beverley O'Connor, Presenter on The World, ABC News 24, the evening presented 11 awards recognising businesses and individuals who have demonstrated strong commitment and leadership to Australia-China business. With a record 600 guests in attendance at the Pudong Shangri-La and keynote speaker CEO and Managing Director of Blackmores Christine Holgate delivering a stellar keynote address, the night was an unforgettable one. Other notable speakers and presenters included The Honourable Steven Ciobo MP, The Honourable Andrew Robb AO MP, Australian Ambassador to China Jan Adams, and Chief Executive of Westpac Lyn Cobley. Media sponsors ABC's Australia Plus Network and International Channel Shanghai (ICS) were present on the night to capture the celebration. Winners and guests were interviewed and ICS shot a live television cross, featuring a brief interview with AustCham Shanghai Chairman Peter Arkell.

The winners in each of the award categories were announced amongst much-deserved celebration. The winners of the AustCham Westpac Australia-China Business Awards 2016 are:

- **The Business Excellence Award for Agriculture, Food & Beverage:** Orisis
- **The Business Excellence Award for Business Innovation sponsored by Huawei:** SmartTrans
- **The Business Excellence Award for Construction, Infrastructure, & Natural Resources sponsored by Westpac:** Macquarie Group Ltd
- **The Business Excellence Award for Education & Training sponsored by Australia Plus / ICS:** University of Technology Sydney
- **The Business Excellence Award for Services sponsored by Qantas:** Argyle Hotel Management Group (Australia) Pty Ltd
- **The Business Excellence Award for Start-Up Enterprises sponsored by CPA Australia:** Soapnut Republic
- **The Business Excellence Award for Sustainability and Social Impact sponsored by CLP Holdings Limited:** ANZ Global Services and Operations Chengdu Company Ltd
- **The Award for the Advancement of Diversity in the Workplace sponsored by UQ Business School Executive Education:** Ben Way, CEO Macquarie Asia
- **Judges Special Recognition Award:** Craig Willis

- **Lifetime Membership:** The Honourable Andrew Robb AO, MP
- **The Chairman's Award for Significant Contribution to Australia-China Business:** Stephen Fitzgerald AO, PhD

"Last night's record attendance demonstrates how far we've come in building strong ties between Australia and China. It was terrific to see the diverse spectrum of companies that was represented in each of the award categories", AustCham Shanghai Chairman Peter Arkell said.

"This high-profile awards program is one of the greatest platforms to showcase success among Australian businesses in Greater China", Chief Executive of Westpac Lyn Cobley said. "As a sponsor for seven years, Westpac is proud to support businesses in the Australia – China corridor, at this critical point in its economic and financial market development."

Congratulations to all ACBA 2016 winners and finalists. Many thanks to all of our generous sponsors for a fantastic event.

About AustCham Shanghai

The Australian Chamber of Commerce Shanghai was founded in 1994 and has grown into a strong networking organisation representing 420 members (330 corporate) benefiting thousands of company employees with 180 events annually.

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Westpac in China

Westpac has been the official key sponsor of the ACBAs since 2009. Westpac has operated in Asia for over 40 years and was the first Australian bank into China. In addition to its Asian regional headquarters in Singapore, Westpac has branches in Hong Kong, Beijing, Shanghai, a sub-branch in the Shanghai Free Trade Zone, a branch in Mumbai and a representative office in Jakarta. Westpac's goal in China is to both support Australian and New Zealand customers in the region, as well as provide a gateway for Chinese firms and individuals with interests in Australia and New Zealand.

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