

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE 2018 ETHICAL ENTERPRISE AWARD FINALISTS

Moral Fairground has announced the 8 finalists of the 2018 Ethical Enterprise Award. With 2 finalists from New South Wales, 2 finalists from Queensland and 4 finalists from Victoria, the Ethical Enterprise Award has attracted attention from all around Australia.

The Ethical Enterprise Award celebrates and recognises the efforts and achievements of Australian ethical enterprises.

<https://moralfairground.com.au/ethical-enterprise-award-2018/>



Eden is a not-for-profit organisation that works to restore freedom to victims of human trafficking and sexual exploitation throughout Asia. Through their international jewellery business, victims are not only provided with trauma counselling, medical care and safe housing, they are also economically empowered through career and skills training. Eden Australia, based in Montmorency in Victoria, was established in 2015 to support the work of Eden throughout Asia. Eden Australia imports and sells this quality, handmade jewellery with the aim of raising awareness of human trafficking and generating a financial pipeline to fund Eden's programs.

<https://edenministry.org/>

Good2Go is a Melbourne-based social enterprise established in 2014 by Youth Projects that offers real work experience to youth who face barriers to employment, giving an opportunity to learn key employability skills and self-confidence. Good2Go is a café and vintage retail outlet that reflects their vision that trainees will be "good to go" into a competitive job market. They ensure that vulnerable youth are not exploited by endless unpaid internship, work trials and course fees. To date, 32 young people's lives have changed significantly who would otherwise be at risk of family violence, social isolation or homelessness.

<https://youthprojects.org.au/news/the-face-of-change-at-good-2-go/>

Human and Hope Association is a locally-run community centre in Siem Reap, Cambodia that provides education, vocational training and community development programs. Their handicrafts are made by sewing graduates and generate a sustainable form of income for their programs. Human and Hope Association Incorporated, based in Wentworthville in New South Wales, was established in Australia in 2016 and is responsible for raising 50% of funds for Human and Hope Association. As President, Sally manages a team of 15 volunteers and board members, and raises awareness on local empowerment, anti-voluntourism and sustainability.

<https://www.humanandhopeassociation.org/>



i=Change, based in Cremorne in Victoria, makes it simple for online retailers to give back to best-practice women and girls' development projects, and turns their brand purpose into a meaningful customer experience with every purchase. From an idea at 3am five years ago, i=Change has partnered with almost 60 online retailers and has raised over \$780,000, positively impacting the lives of over 240,000 women and girls in 14 countries. i=Change exists to build the capacity of best-practice NGOs to deliver outcomes focused on health, wellbeing, safety and development of women and girls globally.

<https://www.iequalchange.com/>

Kokonut Pacific, based in Queanbeyan East in New South Wales, was formed as a for-profit social enterprise with the philosophy of "trade, not aid". When Kokonut Pacific started in 1994, there was no virgin coconut oil industry, nor fair-trade or organic certification for coconut oil. They designed a radically innovative virgin coconut oil production process. This process empowers remote tropical coastal villages by enhancing their financial returns from the remarkably sustainable coconut resource. Over 400 presses have been sold globally, and Kokonut Pacific is completing the full value chain for virgin coconut oil in the Solomon Islands.

<http://www.kokonutpacific.com.au/>

SisterWorks is a "profit-for-purpose" social enterprise based in Richmond, Victoria that exists to help women migrants, asylum seekers and refugees become financially independent and happily settled in Australia. SisterWorks believes that "work empowers women", and the women become their business partners rather than beneficiaries. SisterWorks and the women develop and sell marketable products with 50--75% of the profits going directly to the women and the remainder reinvested to sustain SisterWorks programs. Their products provide the women with immediate income, crafting skills, industry expert support, vocational English skills and inspiration.

<https://sisterworks.org.au/>



SolarBuddy is a registered charity based in Teneriffe in Queensland aims to end the devastating cycle of energy poverty for marginalised communities across the world. SolarBuddy has been in over 360 Australian schools, reached over 100,000 school students of the next generation, been in 19 countries and has donated over 40,000 solar lights to children in developing communities. Participating students assemble solar lights and donate them to children. Using a solar light instead of a dangerous kerosene lamp, children can study longer, stay healthier and feel safer. A switch to solar lights also has a huge positive impact on the environment.

<https://solarbuddy.org/>

VOPO is an organisation based in Wurtulla in Queensland, with a mission to safeguard Earth's remaining wilderness and empower remote underserved communities. VOPO meticulously designs immersive and challenging remote travel experiences that support community-based sustainability projects. They partner with NGOs and community groups to develop locally-owned social enterprises and waste management solutions to support the growth of sustainable industries through eco-experiences. Destinations are chosen based on factors including prevalence of pollution, risk of immediate effects of climate change, and economic dependence on unsustainable industries.

<https://vopo.earth/>

The 2018 Ethical Enterprise Conference, titled "Future proofing business with purpose to ensure sustainable growth and impact", will be held on October 25th(Thu)--26th(Fri), 2018. This conference aims to bring together a diverse group of people who are passionate about ethical enterprise and purpose-driven business. As part of the conference, the winner of the 2018 Ethical Enterprise Award will be announced at the Ethical Enterprise Award dinner.

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