Innovation, Research and Development Award Winner: FORMFLOW

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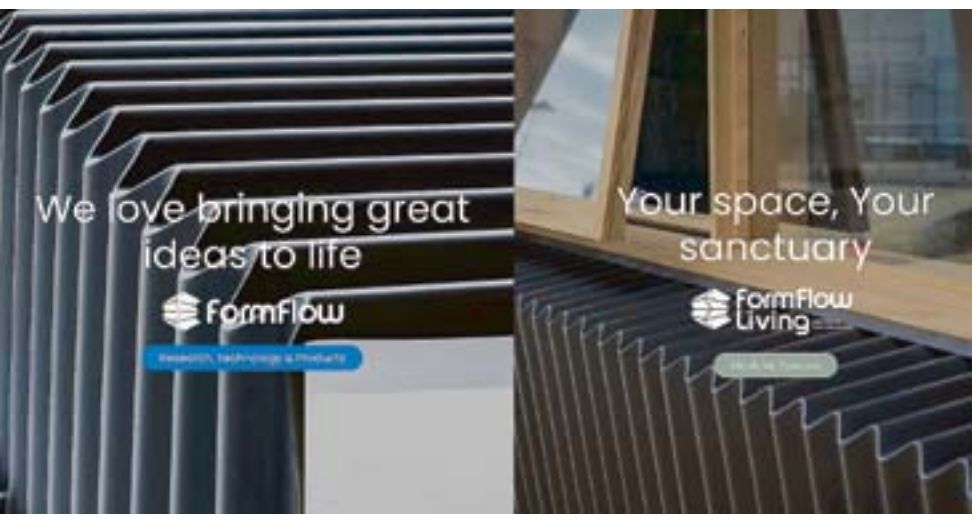

Founded in 2016, FormFlow's world-first technology is used to create sharp bends in corrugated metal sheets. The judges said they certainly saw the need for such innovation in the industry, and could see incredible promise for Geelong's advanced manufacturing industries.

The judges said FormFlow's vision for wide-range access to beautiful, functional and sustainable housing was commendable, and the manner in which FormFlow has built business partnerships is beneficial and proactive. The establishment of business relations with the likes of Deakin University and BlueScope Steel is impressive and shows great wisdom in expanding to different areas of experience in political, educational, research and industry roles.

Advancing research capabilities and sourcing highly skilled labour professionals is extremely significant to the industry, and the manufacturing of a world-first high performance product to enhance bushfire resistance and the energy efficiency of buildings is a credit to the team at FormFlow.

The judges also deeply valued the approach of utilising unique building systems and materials to address current issues within the community, and can see the growth of each revenue stream in their respective markets to be considerable. Practices like these are how the world can be changed a little bit at a time, and FormFlow's honorable efforts are solidified with this award, they said.

Hospitality and Tourism Award Winner: THE 18TH AMENDMENT BAR

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The multi-award winning, critically-acclaimed cocktail venue the 18th Amendment Bar can add the Geelong Business Excellence Awards Hospitality and Tourism honour to its list of accolades this year.

The judges viewed the level of innovation extended to the creation of its world class quality cocktails as deserving of local, national and international recognition.

In the prohibition-themed venue, guests can enjoy delicious and innovative cocktails, with trained staff readily available to recommend a cocktail for every adult.

The environment's ambience is perfectly in-line with its theme and the myriad of premium spirits and liqueurs used in the bar's cocktails will knock the socks off even the most seasoned of cocktail enthusiasts.

With weird and wonderful cocktail ingredients that feature smoke, acids, foams, nuts, herbs and fruits, there is something for everyone, including non-drinkers. The delectable range of virgin cocktails will delight teetotallers and drinkers alike.

The judges agree that the 18th Amendment Bar has helped to cement Geelong's place on Victoria's bustling hospitality and tourism scene.

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