## CAIRNS CONVENTION CENTRE

## AWARD-WINNING CENTRE AT THE HELM

Having recently celebrated 20 successful years of operation, the Cairns Convention Centre is a flagship venue in Cairns & Great Barrier Reef region, catering for up to 5,000 delegates and attracting a variety of international conferences, corporate meetings, industry exhibitions, and large scale sporting and entertainment events.

Winner of the AIPC World's Best Congress Centre Award in 2004 and 2014 and boasting a stylish new look following a AUD\$13 milion refurbishment, the acclaimed Cairns Convention Centre is an international standard, purpose-built venue located amidst an atmosphere and environment the world envies.

The Centre has hosted world leaders for the Pacific Island Forum and APEC meetings, Nobel Laureates at the International Conference on Atomic Physics, international travel professionals for the 2014 Australian Tourism Exchange (ATE14), and Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors as part of the G20 delegation visiting Australia in 2014.

More recently, the Centre welcomed prominent scientists from various disciplines during the International Society for Horticultural Science Meeting, the Australian & New Zealand Orthopaedic Association Annual Scientific Meeting and the International Conference on Electromagnetics in Advence Applications and IEEE-APS Topical Conference on Antennas and Propagation in Wireless Communications, all providing a forum for thought leaders to share ideas and knowledge leading to progress and innovation in diverse industries.



## SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE VENUE

The Cairns Convention Centre prides itself on its socially responsible ethos and numerous environmental credentials, including the many awards it has won for its energy and resource conservation features.

Following its 2016 redevelopment, the Centre salvaged steel from its roof and commissioned local Indigenous artist Wayne McGuiness to produce sculptures made from the reclaimed materials. Using the curve of the corrugations, McGuiness crafted steel Manta Rays, creating pieces of history that were gifted to the Centre's partners to thank them for their support over 20 successful years of operations.

In addition to supporting environmental initiatives, the Cairns Convention Centre also runs the Satchels for Schools Project, whereby excess delegate satchels are donated for use as school bags in educational establishments and "child soldier" rehabiliation centres in Uganda and Ghana, as well as in Cape York, Papua New Guinea and Arnhem Land.

