For more than a decade the Young Entrepreneur Awards have been unearthing top business talent around the country and recognising the outstanding achievements of these business leaders every year. But 2020 was no normal year. Many founders told Business News Australia of the calamity and chaos that was this global pandemic. Some were impacted by border closures, gathering limits, or lockdowns. Others were pandemic-proof and managed to ride the economic conditions of the crisis to grow steadily, and in some cases exponentially.

In speaking to our finalists across the country most of the entrepreneurs were proud of the efforts they had taken to stay open, to keep their staff on the books and working from home where possible, and to give back to their local communities that were isolated, hurting, and at risk.

Each and every finalist in the Young Entrepreneur Awards 2020 has a reason to celebrate - surviving this year alone was one challenge, but to grow and capture opportunity despite the uncertainty and volatile conditions is a major achievement. Here at Business News Australia we are certain that these young business founders are now well placed to tackle anything that might come their way. Bring on 2021.
WITHOUT OUR SPONSORS THIS INITIATIVE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO GO AHEAD EACH AND EVERY YEAR. WE THANK THEM FOR SUPPORTING EXCELLENCE IN THE AUSTRALIAN YOUNG BUSINESS COMMUNITY - THE DRIVING FORCE BEHIND THE NATION’S FUTURE ECONOMIC PROSPERITY AND INNOVATION.
FROM OUR
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WHAT A YEAR IT HAS BEEN. BUSINESSES OF ALL STRIPES HAVE FACED INSURMOUNTABLE ODDS IN 2020, BUT THESE YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS HAVE PROVEN GRIT, DETERMINATION AND INGENUITY ARE WHAT IT TAKES TO THRIVE IN TIME OF CRISIS.

Here at Business News Australia we have been watching closely how businesses have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and the resulting economic headwinds. However, in testament to the strength of this year’s Young Entrepreneur Awards finalists those listed below have not just survived – they’ve thrived beyond belief.

Preparedness for the worst is undoubtedly one of the strengths we hold as business owners. Gearing up for the unexpected changes, making intelligent decisions, and seizing opportunities as they come is in our DNA. It is what makes us successful. While the end of this year is not being bookended by a well-deserved gala dinner, we hope that each and every finalist in this year’s Awards finds some time to celebrate everything that has been accomplished during these turbulent times.

Without further ado, Business News Australia presents the Sydney Young Entrepreneur Awards 2020.
SYDNEY
YOUNG
ENTREPRENEUR
OF THE YEAR 2020

FOUNDER
Izhar Basha

COMPANY
EHP Holdings

ADDITIONAL COMPANIES
EHPlabs, Blessed Plant Protein, Lust Natural Protein Bars
Trailblazer 2020

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Open Learning

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CATEGORY
WINNERS
YOUNG Awards 2020
SYDNEY

Arts & Culture

FOUNDER
Alison Green

COMPANY
Pantera Press
Digital Disruptor

FOUNDER
Amal Wakim & Jade Spooner

COMPANY
Equalution
Fashion Design

FOUNDER
Tom Lawrence

COMPANY
Swanky Socks
Finance

FOUNDER
Richard Bell

COMPANY
Business Leaderz Group

ADDITIONAL COMPANY
Fitstop Australia
Fitness

FOUNDER
Pedj Bojic

COMPANY
Play Essentials
Izhar Basha

EHP Holdings

EHPlabs, Blessed Plant Protein, Lust Natural Protein Bars
Health & Medicine

FOUNDER
Jonathan Moody

COMPANY
Physio Inq
Hospitality & Tourism

FOUNDER
Kurtis Bosley

COMPANY
CBK Hospitality Group

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CocktailsbyKurtis
Legal

FOUNDER
Alex Solo & Tomoyuki Hachigo

COMPANY
Sprintlaw
Manufacturing 
Wholesale & Distribution

FOUNDER
Jeff Yu & Anson Zhang

COMPANY
One Stop Warehouse

ADDITIONAL COMPANY
Discover Energy
Marketing

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James O’Neill & Alberto Capponi

COMPANY
WildJar
PR & Media

FOUNDER
Julia Maguire & Lelde Smits

COMPANY
The Capital Network
Professional Services

FOUNDER
Carlos Ferri

COMPANY
Zapala Corp

ADDITIONAL COMPANIES
Zapala Corp, Zapala Go,
Zapala People, Shippeezi, Educafy,
Zapala Brazil, Bhold Creative
Property & Construction

FOUNDER
Nathan Rust & Leigh Rust

COMPANY
Safetyline Jalousie
FOUNDER
Ammar Issa

COMPANY
AMR Hair & Beauty

ADDITIONAL COMPANIES
Fanola AU, Hey Stacey, Beauty Systems Group, Fanola UK, AMR UK, Inebrya AU, Roaman Smile, Heir Watches
Specialist Services

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Abdul Razak & Samira Razak

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Maple Community Services

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Startup

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Andy Skora & Will Morgan

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