

Barhead Solutions winner of the 2020 Microsoft Partner of the Year for Social Impact.

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The only Australian Partner to win a global award from a set of more than 3,300 submitted nominations from more than 100 countries.

SYDNEY, NSW, Australia — July 14, 2020 — Barhead Solutions today announced it has won the 2020 Microsoft Partner of the Year Award for Social Impact. The company was honoured among a global field of top Microsoft partners for demonstrating excellence in innovation and implementation of customer solutions based on Microsoft technology.

Ken Struthers, CEO and co-founder of Barhead Solutions, said receiving the global award from Microsoft for the company's commitment and dedication to the NFP sector was "exceptionally exciting".

"Barhead is completely dedicated to delivering business solutions via the breadth of Microsoft cloud technologies," he said.

Barhead used Power Platform to enable YMCA Victoria to fast-track its JobKeeper applications to meet the government deadline with a two-day turnaround. This meant over 5,000 YMCA Victoria workers' applications were filed in time.

"We work closely with Microsoft Partner Development Manager and the One Commercial Partner team to help join the dots across the various cloud solutions," Mr Struthers said.

"Partnering with Microsoft is truly that, a partnership where we are confident that the Microsoft team supports our business goals and have a very clear and articulated desire to help us succeed."

Barhead co-founder John Orrock said the award recognised Barhead's position as a global leader in the NFP sector.

"Our focus on the NFP sector, with a dedicated NFP practice, has not only been important for our growth, but is also seen by the team as a sign that we are helping organisations that make the world a better place," he said.

"This Microsoft recognition means long-term partners and customers can rest assured that their trust in Barhead as both an adviser and a system integrator is well-placed."

The Microsoft Partner of the Year Awards recognise Microsoft partners that have developed and delivered exceptional Microsoft-based solutions during the past year. Awards were classified in several categories, with honourees chosen from a set of more than 3,300 submitted nominations from more than 100 countries worldwide. Barhead Solutions was recognised for providing outstanding solutions and services in Australia.

The Partner for Social Impact Award recognises a best in class Microsoft partner who has helped accelerate the digital transformation of non-profit organisations. The winning partner articulated how their solution enabled a non-profit organisation to be more productive, more innovative, and ultimately, to drive greater societal impact.

"It is an honour to recognise the winners and finalists of the 2020 Microsoft Partner of the Year Awards," said Gavriella Schuster, corporate vice president, One Commercial Partner, Microsoft.

"These partners go above and beyond, delivering timely solutions that solve the complex challenges that businesses around the world face – from communicating and collaborating virtually to helping customers realise their full potential with Azure cloud services, and beyond. I am proud to honour and congratulate each winner and finalist."

About Barhead

Barhead is an award winning specialised consultant firm focused on delivering business solutions, leveraging Microsoft's Technology Stack. We believe that it is a combination of people, technology, and business drivers that underpin the most successful implementations.

As a leading Microsoft Business Applications partner with global cross industry expertise, we cover the diverse product offerings from Microsoft and the broader ecosystem, supporting our clients to modernize their systems and processes. Our collaborative client engagement model centred on business outcomes enables us to deliver the most innovative use of technology.

Our consulting expertise and offerings span the entire Microsoft stack with focus on Dynamics 365 and Power Platform.

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