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Committee for Melbourne celebrates 30 years CSIRO Manufacturing Flagship wins Melbourne Achiever Award

Committee for Melbourne is thrilled to celebrate its 30th anniversary at the 2015 Annual Gala Dinner on centre court tonight at Margaret Court Arena. The event will bring more than 500 of Melbourne's senior business and community leaders together to celebrate the remarkable progress of Melbourne over the past 30 years.

Thanks to Melbourne & Olympic Parks, the Committee will be the first guests to dine on Margaret Court Arena – the new jewel in Melbourne's sports and entertainment crown.

During the evening, Committee for Melbourne will present the 2015 Melbourne Achiever Award to the Clayton-based CSIRO Manufacturing Flagship, for its significant contributions to Melbourne, its world-leading research and innovative technology developments.

The spotlight has recently been on its research into a material called metal organic frameworks (MOFs), which are making it possible to store, separate, release or protect valuable commodities and enabling companies to develop high value products. MOFs have applications in areas such as energy, manufacturing, water treatment, agriculture and pharmaceuticals.

Clayton is also home to CSIRO's Lab 22, which aims to make highly efficient additive manufacturing technologies, such as metallic 3D printing, more accessible to Australian industry. Last year it partnered with Victorian biotech company Anatomics and St Vincent's Hospital using its 3D printing expertise in a world-first surgery to assist a cancer patient.

It took only two weeks from concept to surgery and saved the patient's leg from immediate amputation. This work demonstrates how CSIRO Manufacturing Flagship is partnering with industry to deliver new and vital products that are helping to improve the quality of people's lives.

Committee for Melbourne's Chief Executive Officer, Kate Roffey said "CSIRO Manufacturing Flagship is at the forefront of innovation and research and we are proud to present this year's Melbourne Achiever Award to them for their outstanding contributions to Melbourne."

Director of CSIRO's Melbourne Precincts – Ros Hore, Manager of the additive manufacturing Lab – Chad Henry, and Head of integrated nonporous materials research – Dr Matthew Hill, will accept the award on behalf of CSIRO Manufacturing Flagship.

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