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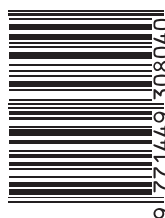
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Swift is Qld's top exporter



2010 Queensland Exporter of the Year Swift Australia. From left to right Wayne Ambrose, Paul Gilligan, Trevor Briese, Neil Halter, Justin McCormick, Paul Klein and Leon Willis.

Swift Australia won the 2010 Queensland Exporter of the Year Award at the 21st Premier of Queensland Export Awards staged in October at Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre.

Based at Riverview, Ipswich, Swift Australia is Australia's largest meat packer and exporter. Swift also won the Agribusiness award over finalists Queensland Sugar Limited (Brisbane) and Australian Agriculture Company (Milton).

"(Swift Australia) employs 8,500 people, and exports its meat products to 35 countries including Japan, the United States, Korea, Indonesia, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Russia, the Philippines, Canada, and the United Kingdom," Queensland Premier Anna Bligh said.

Swift Australia director and manager Jean Carlo Dilly said, "Swift Australia is proud of its export strategy. This requires continual product innovation, proactive marketing and a focus on broadening market access.

"The Queensland Government is export focused and we value the wealth of experience and continued assistance of Trade and Investment Queensland and the overseas trade offices," Mr Dilly said.

Arts and Entertainment winner was multiple award winner Cutting Edge Post (South Brisbane) over finalists Battlefield Sports (Clifton Beach, Cairns) and Village Roadshow Studios (Coomera).



Brian and Jill Perry from Hervey Bay Whale Watch.



CEO Jan Becker (left) and Chief Pilot and Chief Flight Instructor Mike Becker from Becker Helicopters Pty Ltd.

Yeahpoint Pty Ltd (Brisbane) which develops onsite digital retailing systems for some of the world's biggest mname brands, won the Information and Communications Technology Award over finalists EM Solutions Pty Ltd (Yeronga) and international enterprise software developer Technology One Ltd (Fortitude Valley).

Small to Medium Manufacturer Award winner was Centor Holdings of Eagle Farm, which had a week before taken out the Brisbane Lord Mayor's Business Awards. Finalists were BSD Robotics, a Luminex company, based at Acacia Ridge and MineWare of Milton.

However, MineWare went on to

win the Emerging Exporter Award later in the night over finalists ecospecifier Pty Ltd (Morningside) and Maryborough Sugar Factory Limited of Maryborough.

Griffith University, with campuses at Nathan, South Bank and the Gold Coast, won the Education and Training Award over the Queensland University of Technology International Projects Unit (Brisbane) and SkillsTech Australia, which has campuses at Acacia Ridge, Alexandra Hills, Bracken Ridge, Eagle Farm, Ithaca, Mt Gravatt, Salisbury and Yeronga.

Xstrata Mount Isa Mines (Mount Isa) was the Premier's Export Award winner



Premier Anna Bligh with winners of the 21st Premier of Queensland Export Awards.



Tamsyn Smith (left) and Reece Gough, Quarry owner and manager of Capricorn Sandstone Quarries of Rockhampton.

for the Minerals and Energy category. Finalists were Ludowici Ltd (Pinkenba) and Sedgman Limited (Milton).

Sedgman went on to win the Large Services category, over finalists Xstrata Technology Pty Ltd (Brisbane) and Griffith University.

Small to Medium Services winner was Place Design Group of Fortitude Valley, getting the nod over finalists JKTech Pty Ltd (Indooroopilly) and Hydrobiology QLD Pty Ltd (Milton)

Small Business winner was ecospecifier Pty Ltd with other category finalists Asia Pacific ASA Pty Ltd (Gold Coast) and GBI Mining Intelligence (Eight Mile Plains).

Cook Australia, also headquartered at Brisbane Technology Park, Eight

Mile Plains, won the Large Advanced Manufacturer category over finalists Ludowici and Swift Australia.

Regional Exporter of the Year winner was Hervey Bay Whale Watch (Hervey Bay), over finalists Becker Helicopters Pty Ltd (Marcoola, Sunshine Coast) and Capricorn Sandstone Quarries (Rockhampton)

However, Becker Helicopters went on to win the Dermot McManus Award, named after the late Queensland Trade Commissioner.

The Richard Joel Young Export Entrepreneur winner, named after the late founder of the former Brisbane Office of Economic Development, was Alan McCabe of Fern Software (Brisbane).

The Tom Burns Award for growing exports to Asia markets, named after the late State Labor Leader and Asian trade advocate, was won by Capricorn Sandstone Quarries of Rockhampton.

Queensland Premier Anna Bligh's Special Award went to Professor Arun Sharma, who is deputy vice-chancellor of the Queensland University of Technology and president of the Australia India Business Council.

"I also wish winners of the Premier of Queensland's Export Awards all the best as they progress as finalists in the Australian Export Awards.

"The national winners and finalists will be announced in Sydney on December 1," Ms Bligh said. ■



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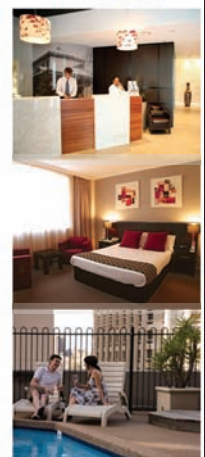
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