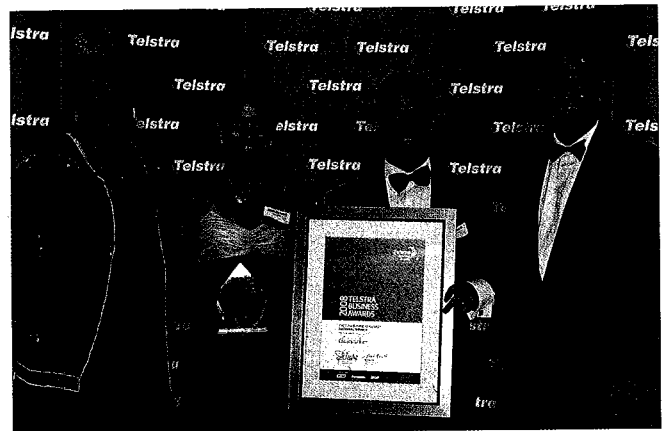


Celebrating the Centor Architectural win are (from left) Matthew Percival, general manager for public affairs at AMP congratulating Nigel Spork and Glen Pacholke from Centor Architectural, which took the Innovation Award at the 2008 Telstra Business Awards.



From left, group managing director of Telstra Business, Deena Shiff, and (far right) group managing director of Telstra Country Wide, Geoff Booth, congratulate Melinda and David Lumb from Clearmake, on their 2008 Telstra Country Wide Regional Award.

Group Training Scheme Ltd. Trainee of the Year, sponsored by Busy At Work Apprenticeships Services: Matthew Graham, Bundamba; provider Civil Train; employer Southern Regional Water Pipeline Alliance.

Vocational Student of the Year, sponsored by Queensland Alumina Ltd: Jeni Wycha, Greenbank; provider Metropolitan South Institute of TAFE.

School-based Apprentice or Trainee of the Year: Rohan Greer, Cambooya; provider Southern Queensland Institute of TAFE; school Harristown State High School; employer Downs Group Training.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year: Bernard Pope, Maryborough; provider TNQ TAFE.

ARTFUL WIN FOR QGC

A partnership that brings theatre to Queensland's gas fields has taken out an Australia Business Arts Foundation (AbaF) Award for the second year running.

Queensland Gas Company (QGC) and the La Boite Theatre Company won the QantasLink Regional Award for their Drama at the Gasfields production of Long Gone Lonesome Cowgirls set in the Chinchilla region. www.abaf.org.au

RECYCLING DESIGN'S UK EXPORT ACCLAIM

Recycling Design and Technologies Australia Pty Ltd (RDT) has won the overall top exporter award in the 2008 Australian British Chamber of Commerce (ABCC) Queensland Export Excellence Awards. RDT also



QTA winners Sue Freeman and Sandra Rawlings of First Impression Resources.



My Other Mum Childcare's Diane Payne won a Queensland Training Award.

won the Emerging Exporter Award.

Other ABCC winners were Small/Medium Manufacturer Award: NOJA Power Switchgear; Large Manufacturer Award: Heat and Control; Emerging Exporter Award: Recycling Design & Technologies; Services Award: Intølllection Pty Ltd. Agribusiness Award: Magic Millions Sales. Encouragement Award: Centor Holdings. www.britishchamber.com

BRISBANE'S LEADING MANAGERS TAKE AIM

Brisbane's most outstanding managers were feted at AIM's Management Excellence Awards 2008 Brisbane region final.

The Owner Manager of the Year was Christine Moody from Moody Design. Professional Manager of the Year was Ian Gillespie from RACQ.

Not for Profit Manager of the Year was Malcolm Richards from Electrical and Communications Association. Young Manager of the Year was Phillip Di Bella from

Di Bella Coffee. www.aim.qld.org.au

UNMASKING WOMEN IN TECHNOLOGY TALENT

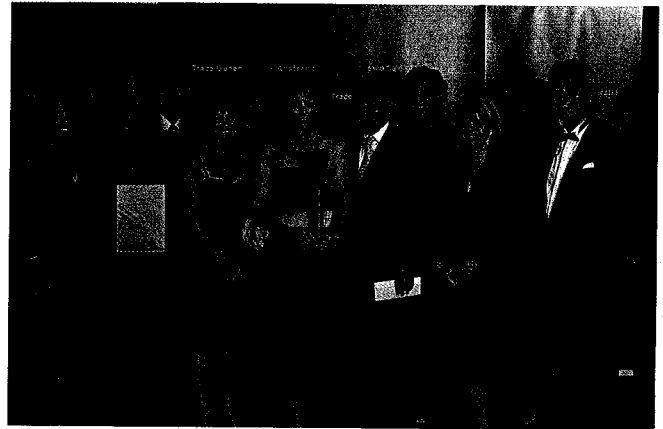
There was no hiding the talent behind masks at the 11th annual Women in Technology Awards. While the awards took the novel form of a masquerade ball at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre, the cream of Queensland's ICT and biotechnology were there to unmask in style the nine award winners. Winners:

Griffith PhD Career Start Award: Melinda Kambouris, working for Mater Mater Medical Research institute (MMRI). New Horizons ICT Professional Award: Sheree Smallman, Department of Justice and Attorney General.

Office for Women ICT Career Development Award: Tracy Whitelaw, MyCyberTwin. Optus ICT Outstanding Achievement Award: Janine Garrett, Charm Health. QCTN Rising Star Award: Jane Fitzpatrick, Cleveland Biosensors. UQ Biotech



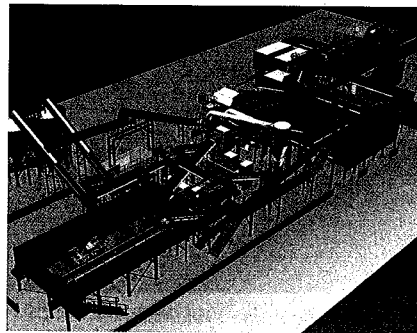
La Boite Theatre Co. and Queensland Gas Co. won the QantasLink Regional Award from the Australian Business Arts Foundation.



Magic Millions team won the Premier of Queensland's Export Award for Sports, Events and Tourism.



Christine Moody accepts the AIM Brisbane Management Excellence Award from Phil Hutchison of Australia Post.



Australia's Recycling Design and Technologies won the Australian British Chamber of Commerce Award.

Research Award: Neena Mitter, Emerging Technologies. Honourable mention: Tracey Mynott. Queensland Government Executive Award: Judy Halliday, UniQuest. UNISYS ICT Student Award: Sarah McDowell, University of Queensland. Biotech Outstanding Achievement Award: Maree Smith, University of Queensland.
www.wit.org.au

ERNST & YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS

Some of Queensland's most innovative business people were acclaimed in Ernst & Young's Entrepreneur Of The Year awards. Property security, coffee, wireless communication and mining are the diverse areas of business behind this year's Northern Region winners of the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year program.

Steve Brabeck of Crimsafe Security Systems, Phillip Di Bella of Di Bella Coffee, Michael Symes of Triasx Pty Ltd and Robin Levison of Industrea were named the region's top entrepreneurs.

www.ey.com.au

DRESSED SMART

A range of Queensland's most innovative women were pinpointed for acclaim in the prestigious Smart Women Smart State Awards 2008, presented by Queensland Premier Anna Bligh.

Winner were: The Community Development Team at Lockhart River Aboriginal Shire Council won for their innovative community projects.

The Green Award was won by Amanda O'Malley of Innisfail for her investigation in to a newly described fresh water turtle found in the Johnstone River.

The Research Science Award was won by Kirsten Heimann, of Condon, for her research that can potentially be used to replace current dependence on fossil fuels.

The Engineering Award was won by Melanie Gordon, of Moranbah, for her project management on a dragline shutdown in a central Queensland mine.

In ICT, Teresa Murphy has developed a world class student management system with global export potential in the education sector.

In Community and Public Sector science award, Ala Lew-Tabor, of Greenslopes is researching a cattle tick vaccine to help solve the number one health problem for beef cattle in the state.

The Community and Public Sector Engineering award went to Julie Martin, the first female project manager for the TrackStar Alliance. The Public Sector ICT award went to Yan Li of Toowoomba for her project with CISCO systems.

www.women.qld.gov.au

SMART AWARDS

Toowoomba-based Easternwell Group, Australia's largest privately owned oil and gas services company, was Queensland's smartest business in 2008 Premier of Queensland Smart Awards.

Easternwell Group was the overall winner and also took out the award for Large Manufacturing and Mining for its dedication to innovation in servicing, manufacturing and geothermal technologies. Other winners were:

Rising Star Award: North West Queensland Indigenous mining contract service company Northern Project Contracting.

Food and Agribusiness Award: Australian Country Choice.

Science Innovation and Technology Award: Pipe Networks. Services Award: Urban Art Projects (UAP).

Small-to-Medium Manufacturing and Mining Award: Innotech Control Systems Australia and Innotech Guardian Safety Systems.

www.smartawards.com.au ■