

STATEWIDE FINALISTS ANNOUNCED IPAA QUEENSLAND PUBLIC SECTOR EXCELLENCE AWARDS

FINALISTS in the statewide IPAA Queensland *Public Sector Excellence Awards* have just been announced as the Awards night at the restored Old Government House in Brisbane draws close.

The inaugural Awards, which celebrate 150 years of public administration and management in the state of Queensland, has attracted the interest of hundreds of public sector individuals and teams from across the state.

IPAA Queensland CEO Peter Rumph said the nominations came from as far as Mackay, Townsville, Quilpie and Cairns, with a number of projects exemplifying innovation, initiative and best practice.

"The caliber and scope of the nominations was simply outstanding with projects promoting strong cross-government relations backed up with demonstrated measureable results," Mr Rumph said.

Mr Rumph said the incredible amount of nominations received in the first year is testament to the significant number of individuals, teams and projects making a difference right across the state.

"The individuals and projects recognised as Finalists have come from professional fields as varied as transport, health, policy and indigenous affairs," he said.

The Winners of the six Award categories will be announced at a prestigious Awards night to be held on **Friday 9 October 2009 from 5:30pm** at the recently restored Old Government House in Brisbane.

"Each and every project has shown true dedication from both individuals and teams and demonstrate passion, commitment and of course, excellence through some amazing achievements," Mr Rumph said.

Congratulations to the 2009 IPAA Queensland *Public Sector Excellence Awards* Finalists:

Public Sector Professional of the Year Finalists

- Guillermo (Bill) Capati *Gold Coast Water, Gold Coast*
- Jason Deller *Moreton Bay Regional Council, Moreton Bay*
- Monica James *Quilpie Shire Council, Quilpie*
- Daryl Ross *Logan City Council, Logan*

Young Leader of the Year Finalists

- Belinda Chapman *Brisbane City Council, Brisbane*
- Adam Francis *Energex, Brisbane*
- Renata Lee *Smart Service Queensland, Department of Public Works, Brisbane*
- Tara Waller *Brisbane City Council, Brisbane*

Best Practice in Local Government Finalist - Teams

- *"Bold Future"*
Bold Future Business Owners and Operational Project Group, Gold Coast City Council
- *"Excellence in CEO Communication"*
Internal Communication Team, Brisbane City Council
- *"Gold Coast Waterfuture 2009 Strategy"*
Gold Coast Water Planning Services, Gold Coast City Council
- *"Logan Water Starting-on-the-Job"*
Logan Water SOTJ Implementation Team, Logan City Council
- *"Mackay Water Recycling Project"*
Mackay Water Recycling Unit, Mackay Regional Council
- *"More Libraries, More Choice and Beyond"*
Learning Communities Branch, Sunshine Coast Regional Council
- *"Water Industry Worker – Civil"*
Ipswich Water, Ipswich City Council

MEDIA RELEASE

Released: Tuesday 22 September 2009



PAGE 2 OF 2

Best Practice in State Government Finalist - Teams

- *"Brisbane Airport Task Force"*
Brisbane Airport Task Force, Department of Transport and Main Roads
- *"Burke Developmental Road Project"*
Burke Alliance, Roadtek, Department of Transport and Main Roads
- *"Carbon Outlook Project"*
Carbon Outlook Team, Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation
- *"Fortitude Valley Station Refurbishment"*
Program Delivery Services, QR Passenger Pty Ltd
- *"Indigenous Driver Licensing Unit"*
Indigenous Driver Licensing Unit, Department of Transport and Main Roads
- *"Rapid Development of Molecular Assays for Swine Flu"*
Queensland Paediatric Infectious Diseases Lab, Queensland Health

Best Practice in Federal Government Finalist - Teams

- *"Development of the 'Great Barrier Reef Outlook Report 2009'"*
Strategic Outlook Group, Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority
- *"Workplace Health Strategy"*
Corporate Services, Centrelink

IPAA Queensland serves as the peak professional body for the public sector in Queensland and represents the interests of more than 270,000 public sector professionals across all tiers of government.

To find out more about the inaugural **IPAA Queensland Public Sector Excellence Awards** visit www.qld.ipaa.org.au or email the Awards team at awards@qld.ipaa.org.au

ENDS

INTERVIEW OPPORTUNITY

Mr Peter Rumph, CEO *IPAA Queensland*

Ph: 0413 339 841