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REGIONAL COUNCILS IN RUNNING FOR EXCELLENCE AWARDS

A community program team from the Sunshine Coast Regional Council and a council employee from the Moreton Bay Regional Council are in the running for two prestigious Institute of Public Administration Australia (IPAA) Queensland Excellence Awards.

The community program team responsible for the CALM Liquor Accords is a finalist in the Best Practice in Local Government category and Elissa McConaghy from the Moreton Bay Regional Council at Caboolture is a finalist in the Young Leader of the Year category.

Ms McConaghy has been involved with one of the most significant initiatives facing local government in Queensland in the planning for delivery of infrastructure.

The CALM Liquor Accords project aims to target alcohol-related violence by assisting licensees, government agencies and the local community to develop strategies to reduce incidents, especially during peak tourist seasons on the Sunshine Coast.

IPAA Queensland CEO Peter Rumph said nominations for the highly sought after awards flooded in from across the state including from as far north as Cairns, western Queensland, the Gold and Sunshine Coasts, Ipswich and Toowoomba.

"The incredible amount of nominations received is testament to the significant number of individuals, teams and projects making a difference right across the state," he said.

"Each and every project has shown true dedication from both individuals and teams and demonstrates passion, commitment and excellence through some amazing achievements."

The winners of the seven award categories, including the Patron's Award for Excellence in the Public Sector, will be announced at a prestigious awards night to be held on Thursday 9 September at the Sofitel in Brisbane.

The 2010 IPAA Queensland *Public Sector Excellence Awards* finalists are:

Young Leader of the Year

[Ms Brooke Kruger](#), *Department of Communities*, Brisbane

[Ms Anna Hollingsworth](#), *Gold Coast Water*, Gold Coast

[Mrs Elissa McConaghy](#), *Moreton Bay Regional Council*, Caboolture

[Ms Aisha Damali](#), *Department of Communities*, Ipswich

Public Sector Professional of the Year

[Ms Deanie Carbon](#), *Logan City Council*, Logan

[Mr Tim Wilson](#), *Department of Communities*, Toowoomba

[Ms Vani Chamala](#), *Department of Transport and Main Roads*, Brisbane



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[Ms Annette Richards](#), *Department of Education and Training*, Brisbane

[Mr Leonard John Rossiter](#), *Department of Public Works*, Brisbane

[Ms Debbie Jensen](#), *Department of Communities*, Ipswich

Regional Queensland Leader of the Year

[Mr David Arber](#), *Smart Services Queensland*, Brisbane

Best Practice in Local Government

[Customer Service Centre](#), *Townsville City Council*, Townsville

[Southport Broadwater Parklands Redevelopment](#), *Gold Coast City Council*, Gold Coast

[Digital Alignment Project](#), *Brisbane City Council*, Brisbane

[FNQROC Regional Asset Management Strategy](#), *FNQ Regional Organisation Of Councils*, Cairns

[Community Programs Team - Calm Liquor Accords](#), *Sunshine Coast Regional Council*, Sunshine Coast

[Eat Safe Brisbane Team](#), *Brisbane City Council*, Brisbane

Best Practice in State Government

[Skilling Solutions Queensland](#), *Department of Education and Training*, Brisbane

[Delivering public transport solutions through best practice program and project management](#), *Translink Transit Authority*, Brisbane

[Industry Capability Initiative](#), *Department of Transport and Main Roads*, Brisbane

[Queensland Growth Management Summit](#), *Department of the Premier and Cabinet*, Brisbane

[DNA Improvement Strategy](#), *Queensland Police Service*, Brisbane

[Communications and Marketing Team](#), *Arts Queensland*,

[Skirmishing the Youth](#), *Queensland Police Service*, Charleville

Best Practice in Federal Government

[Compliance Monitoring Program](#), *Australian Customs and Border Protection Service*, Brisbane

[ATO Corporate Values Project](#), *Australian Taxation Office*, Brisbane

[Queensland 'Closing the Gap' on Indigenous Disadvantage](#), *Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations*, Brisbane

[Area Pacific Central's Early Intervention and Compensation Team](#), *Centrelink*, Gold Coast

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