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### Melbourne's North Celebrates Business Successes and announces the 2010 NBAA Business of the Year Award winners.

Melbourne's northern businesses, educational institutes, local government and community gathered in anticipation of the announcement of the winners of the Northern Business Achievement Awards for 2010.

The **2010 Business of the Year Award** along with the Victorian Freight and Logistics Council **Export Award** were awarded to Dolphin Products, creators of complex plastic components to industries including Automotive, Gaming, Industrial and Medical.

The Business of the Year Award recognised the overall excellence of Dolphin Products business including their processes, adaptability, past achievements and future growth potential and the Export Award proudly sponsored by the Victorian Freight and Logistics Council recognised Dolphin Products export market growth over the past 12 months.

General Manager of Operations Mario Turcarelli said – "Dolphin Products Management Team and Employees are proud and delighted to win the 2010 Victorian Freight and Logistics Council Export Award and the 2010 Business of the Year Award. To accomplish both awards is a wonderful achievement!"

Other awards presented at the breakfast were:

- The **Customer Service Award** which recognised excellence in customer service was awarded to Combo. "The team at Combo are delighted to have won the award for Customer Service as it speaks volumes of the effort that has gone into building a strong professional team and solid management systems" said David Markus, Founder and Managing Director.
- The **Human Resources Award** which recognised the significant connection between excellence and a proactive approach to achieving a harmonious work environment. This award was presented to The Bean Alliance, roaster, packer and distributor of fresh coffee and beverage products around Australia.
- The **Innovation and Enterprise Award** sponsored by AusIndustry recognised significant innovation and enterprise initiatives. This award was presented to Enviro Group a specialist, sustainability assessment and design company. Managing Director, Mick Harris said "This was great. We get so focused on solar panels, LED lights and green gizmo's that we forget about the big picture. Getting an award makes you feel that the hard work was worth it."
- The **Sustainability and Environment Award** sponsored by VicUrban which recognised sustainability and environmental best practices was awarded to CMA EcoCycle who are primarily involved in the recovery of mercury from products such as fluorescent tubes and lamps, dental waste, batteries, switches, rectifiers, manometers and thermometers.

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The Northern Business Achievement Awards Grand Finale breakfast for 2010 was held on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December and was hosted by the City of Darebin and attracted over 250 people.

The Awards align with NORTH Link's aims of economic development and marketing and promotion of Melbourne's north, by recognising local business achievement, encouraging innovation and providing valuable networks and opportunities for enterprise growth and development.

So as to encourage continuing accomplishment amongst businesses, The Northern Business Achievement Awards (NBAA) have been created as a series of business breakfast events designed to:

- acknowledge and celebrate the successes of Small-Medium enterprises (SME's)
- offer opportunities for valuable networking
- learn and exchange ideas

Mick Butera, Executive Director, NORTH Link said "The breakfasts have been a successful initiative in creating valuable connections across business and industry, showcasing excellence and achievement, whilst stimulating business development".

The NBAA have been created by NORTH Link with initial funding from the Victorian Government and the support of the Cities of Banyule, Darebin, Hume, Moreland, Whittlesea, Yarra and the Shire of Nillumbik.

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