

# 2011 Winners



**NORTHERN BUSINESS  
Achievement Awards**

A Forum for Business Excellence



- Department of Business and Innovation **Business of the Year Award** - Willow Ware Australia
- AusIndustry **Innovation and Enterprise Award** - Impact Digital
- Magellan Logistics **Customer Service Award** - Eltham College
- Macpherson + Kelley Lawyers **Human Resources Award** - Willow Ware Australia
- **Export Award** - The Kara Group of Companies
- Northern Melbourne RDA **Industry Education Engagement Award** - Mercy Health
- Sustainability Victoria **Sustainability and Environment Award** - Willow Ware Australia

**Melbourne's northern businesses, educational institutes, local government and community gathered for the announcement of the NBAA winners at the Grand Finale Breakfast held 1st December 2011. Guests were entertained by TV Personality Paul Jennings at Rydges Bell City, Preston.**



## NBAA Partners



## >> Congratulations to the 2011 Winners



### Willow Ware Australia

- Department of Business and Innovation's **Business of the Year Award**
- Macpherson + Kelley Lawyers **Human Resources Award** and
- Sustainability Victoria's **Sustainability and Environment Award**

*"At Willow, we view the receiving of awards as an opportunity to benchmark ourselves with similar likeminded organisations. Winning the Business of the Year Award, the Human Resources Award and the Sustainability and Environment Award at the Northern Business Achievement Awards is a gratifying result and encourages us to go further as we continue our journey to becoming a showcase Australian Housewares Manufacturer"* - Ralph Wilson, CEO

Willow Ware have been manufacturing for 123 years by the one family, practicing strong family values and community spirit. They have a product range of 400 products that are 90% manufactured in Australia.

[www.willow.com.au](http://www.willow.com.au)

### Impact Digital

#### AusIndustry Innovation and Enterprise Award



*"It was a great surprise to be recognised for the 2011 Innovation and Enterprise Award, fantastic reward for all the team at Impact Digital"* - Tony

#### Parker, General Manager

Impact Digital care about the environment. At their new premises they use solar power, solar hot water and water from the sky and are 100% carbon neutral.

Impact Digital offer a complete service to those seeking high quality digital printing - everything from annual reports, business reports, newsletters, presentations, brochures, business cards, office stationery and more.

At Impact Digital they use the most advanced digital colour printing machines available.

[www.impactdigital.com.au](http://www.impactdigital.com.au)

### Eltham College

#### Magellan Logistics Customer Service Award



ELTHAM College opened in 1973, and is regarded today as a national leader in 21st century schooling transformation. It was founded to provide an

independent, co-educational education that had the individual student at the heart of everything it did. The college is community centred and innovative. Over the years the college has fostered the talents of many of Melbourne north's young people, boasting an active ex-students' membership of nearly 6000.

[www.elthamcollege.vic.edu.au](http://www.elthamcollege.vic.edu.au)

### The Kara Group of Companies Export Award



*"I am so happy, this is amazing. I never expected to win such a major award"* - Mehmet Karamemis, Managing Director

Combining

the three brands, Nu Door, Nuform and Karaboard, The Kara Group has manufacturing plants in Australia and also in Duzce, Turkey including distribution channels throughout Australia and also in Istanbul and Ankara Turkey. The Kara Group has become an emerging player in the panels and board industry. Recently The Kara Group has developed its own Business Park, which has 35 industrial sized allotments.

With new state of the art machinery now in place the products manufactured and distributed encompass thermo laminated doors and panels, melamine boards, cut to size edged panels, edgings and laminates in a wide variety of permutations, subsequently opening export markets to Europe, the Middle East and Australasia.

[www.nu-door.com.au](http://www.nu-door.com.au)

### Mercy Health

#### Northern Melbourne RDA Industry Education Engagement Award



Mercy Health, founded by the Sisters of Mercy, is a Catholic provider of health services employing over 5,500 people. Each year they care for nearly half

a million people across Victoria, southern New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory. They offer acute and subacute hospital care, mental health programs, specialist women's health care, early parenting support, palliative care, home and community care and health worker training and development.

[www.mhti.com.au](http://www.mhti.com.au)

### Philip Stokes Studio Glass

#### NORTH Link Chairman's Special Recognition Award



Established in 2002, Philip Stokes Studio Glass is a contemporary art glass studio and gallery located in Cremorne. Philip's art glass adorns

foyers, and public spaces in Asia's foremost hotels and casinos. The facility also provides artists' access to equipment and welcomes the public for exhibitions and glass blowing demonstrations.

[www.philipstokesstudioglass.com.au](http://www.philipstokesstudioglass.com.au)



# >> 2011 NBAA Nominees

**Congratulations to all the nominees for 2011.**

The quality of the organisations nominated this year was exceptional and made the judging a difficult task

## AMCER Earth Building Technology



AMCER Earth Building Technology promotes and develops earth building technology for sustainable housing and promotes green building practices.

[www.amcer.com.au](http://www.amcer.com.au)

*Nominated by Nillumbik Shire Council*

## Cattani



Cattani Australia imports specialised dental equipment for clinics, hospitals and universities.

[www.cattani.com.au](http://www.cattani.com.au)

*Nominated by City of Darebin*

## Copamate



Copamate products has a long history nationally in Pipeline, Rail and Mining Industries with diverse product knowledge and manufacturing experience.

[www.copamate.com](http://www.copamate.com)

*Nominated by Banyule City Council*

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*Nominated by Nillumbik Shire Council*

## Funfields



Fun fields is an outdoor family fun park with a variety of rides that the whole family can enjoy. Rides include go carts, electric bumper boats, water slides, mini bikes and a carousel for the younger patrons.

[www.funfields.com.au](http://www.funfields.com.au)

*Nominated by City of Whittlesea*

## Heather Brae Shortbreads



Heather Brae Shortbreads has been baking traditional family favourite treats since 1941.

[www.heatherbraeshortbreads.com.au](http://www.heatherbraeshortbreads.com.au)

*Nominated by City of Whittlesea*

## Hudson's Famous



With a focus on sustainability and the environment, Hudson's Famous is a catering and event management company to both the corporate and private sectors within Melbourne.

[www.hudsonsfamous.com.au](http://www.hudsonsfamous.com.au)

*Nominated by City of Yarra*

## Impact Digital



Impact Digital use solar power, solar hot water and water from the sky and are 100% carbon neutral.

[www.impactdigital.com.au](http://www.impactdigital.com.au)

*Nominated by Moreland City Council*

## Lee Brothers Fencing



Lee Brothers Fencing is a Victorian based company with over 60 years of experience. They are more than just a fencing company; they are about providing quality solutions specifically for clients.

[www.leebrosfencing.com.au](http://www.leebrosfencing.com.au)

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## Savour Chocolate and Patisserie School



Savour Chocolate and Patisserie School let their internationally trained and award winning chefs, led by Kirsten Tibballs, instruct you how to make modern and exquisite chocolates and pastries.

[www.savourschool.com.au](http://www.savourschool.com.au)

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*Nominated by Hume City Council*

## Willow Ware



An Australian Family Company  
Since 1887

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[www.willow.com.au](http://www.willow.com.au)

*Nominated by Hume City Council*

# >> Join us for networking at the 2012 Northern Business Achievement Awards

## 1st March 2012 Hosts



## 14th June 2012 Hosts



## 6th September 2012 Hosts



## 6th December 2012 Grand Finale Host



# >> Northern Business Achievement Awards

**Celebrates the achievements of small to medium sized enterprises in Melbourne's north.**

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

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 excellence and providing valuable networks and opportunities for enterprise growth and development.

NORTH Link and the councils of Melbourne's north are looking forward to welcoming you to the 2012 Northern Business Achievement Awards.

**NBAA wishes to thank the following sponsors and members for their support throughout 2011.**

### Individual Members

- Larry Challis - Challis Clarke Enterprises
- Jennie Hill - Sharp Pencils
- Damian Lee and Andrew Lee - Lee Brothers Fencing
- Phil Marendaz and Zoe Marendaz - Marendaz Accountants and Business Consultants
- Maureen Corrigan - Maursz Consulting
- Amity Patten and Karen Taylor - The Centre Ivanhoe

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