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## CITY OF SYDNEY



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### **We mean business! Voting on City of Sydney Business Awards smashes record**

Despite the global economic downturn, the 2009 annual City of Sydney Business Awards has smashed all the records with nearly 600 businesses nominated (double the number from 2008) and 34,900 votes from the public (triple the number last year).

Lord Mayor Clover Moore MP said the huge turnout in voting, which closed on 16 August, showed that small and medium businesses are the vital heartbeat of economic activity in Sydney.

"Small and medium sized business in the City of Sydney local government area accounts for a staggering 12.5% of State GDP and nearly 5% of Australian national GDP," Ms Moore said.

"We have more than 20,000 small and medium businesses operating and the City's Business Awards show our commitment to supporting them on their road to becoming successful and sustainable enterprises," said Ms Moore.

"Importantly, the awards also acknowledge business leadership in sustainability, fair trade and social responsibility, and encourage good corporate citizenship and corporate responsibility."

"I'm very pleased to see that in the Best Environmental Business category, so many cycling-related businesses were nominated and received so many votes. This reflects the City's allocation of over \$70 million over the next four years to build an effective cycleway network across the local government area."

"Additionally, the interest in this year's new Fair Trade Award category reflects a growing commitment to the fair trade principles of tackling poverty through trade as evidenced through relationships with suppliers, promotion and marketing of fair trade ideals and business practice ethics", Ms Moore said.

"The Awards are also a great way for business to market themselves and do some valuable networking in these difficult financial times."

Nominations and voting opened July 3. Votes were cast on-line or via SMS. The top five vote-getters in each category now qualify as finalists. Winners will be announced at the City of Sydney Business Awards Gala Dinner on October 20.

**[please see list of finalists in each category below]**

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### City of Sydney Business Awards 2009 - Finalists

#### **Accommodation - Luxury, Deluxe & Boutique**

Quality Hotel Cambridge  
Quest Potts Point  
The Atlas Serviced Apartments  
Vulcan Hotel  
Wyndham Vacation Resort Asia Pacific Sydney

#### **Accommodation - Standard & Budget**

BIG hostel  
Glebe Point YHA  
Ibis Sydney King Street Wharf  
Pensione Hotel Sydney  
Westend Backpackers

#### **Cafes (casual dining)**

CREMA 55  
MISSCHU  
Salad Bar  
SizeMatters Eatstation  
The Gusstop

#### **Charity**

Birrung Gallery World Vision Australia  
Bobby Goldsmith Foundation  
COCOS - Coptic Orthodox Community Outreach Service  
CREATE Foundation  
South Sydney Community Aid Multicultural Neighbourhood Centre

#### **Cultural & Creative Services**

CarriageWorks  
Museum of Contemporary Art  
Queen Street Studio  
Sydney Gay & Lesbian Choir  
The Laugh Garage Comedy Club

#### **Disability Inclusiveness Award**

Australian Employers' Network on Disability  
Best Buddies Australia  
IDEAS NSW - Information on Disability & Education Awareness Services

#### **Education & Training**

Australian Institute of Commerce and Language  
Barista Basics Coffee Academy  
Real Corporate Partners  
Sydney Photographic Workshops  
Tom Bass Sculpture Studio School

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### City of Sydney Business Awards 2009 – Finalists (cont.)

#### **Environmental Business**

Bicycle NSW  
Big Switch Projects  
BikeSydney Inc  
Jackgreen  
Love Recycled

#### **Fair Trade**

Bholu Pty Ltd  
Cocolo Chocolate  
My Ecofriend  
Oxfam Shop Broadway  
Republica Coffee

#### **Financial Services**

AAA Commercial Mortgages  
Holistic Home Loans  
Investor Capital  
The Mortgage Professionals  
WLM Financial Services Pty Ltd

#### **Food & Beverage Retail**

7-Eleven Store  
Bakerman Patisserie  
bistroteque  
The Deli Erskineville  
Thomas Dux Grocer Surry Hills

#### **Healthcare & Fitness**

Bio Compatible Dentistry  
City Clinic  
Jensen's Tennis Centre  
Pyrmont Dental Health  
V Club

#### **Household & General Retail**

Afficionados of the Nod  
buds&bowers  
Gallery at the Wentworth  
Kitcheners Kitchens  
Silhouette Smash Repairs

#### **Information & Communication Technology**

IT Smart Solutions  
Logical Communications  
MyNetFone  
Sentia Australia Pty Ltd  
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#### **Manufacturing & Construction**

Ag's Carpentry & Joinery  
Bragg Printing  
Brazil Clean  
Melbourne Perfume Company  
South Sydney Pest Control

#### **Marketing & Communications**

BrandQuest Pty Ltd  
Cohort Digital  
holla advertising  
RANDEM Media  
unimail

#### **Professional & Business Services**

ARW Chartered Accountants  
Lucky You Found Me  
POLYGLOT GROUP  
Raine & Horne Chinatown  
Space Commercial Property

#### **Pubs, Hotels, Nightclubs & Venues**

Bowlers' Club  
Doltone House  
NSW Leagues' Club  
Slip Inn  
The White Horse

#### **Restaurants**

Almond Bar  
Emperor's Garden Restaurant  
Five Stars Thaitanic Restaurant  
Komachi Japanese Restaurant  
Mulligan's Restaurant

#### **Retail Beauty**

Desmond & Molly Jones Hairdressing  
Sas&Lou  
Spabar  
Stevie English Hair  
Suki Hairdressing

#### **Retail Fashion**

Blue Spinach  
CAPITAL-L  
DFS Australia Pty Ltd  
Kruvell  
The Fabric Store

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#### **Specialty Retail & Wholesale**

Hobbyco  
Iced Affair  
Mama Kaz  
RedBalloon  
SleeveMasters Tattoo Studio

#### **Takeaway Food & Catering Services**

Chop Chop Your Sandwich Shop  
D.A.R.E Delicious And Responsible Eating  
freshcatering  
Luneburger German Bakery  
Summerrolls

#### **Tourism**

Australian National Maritime Museum  
ecruising.travel  
Great Race  
Sydney Showboats  
Ultimately Sydney

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