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2009 City of Sydney Business Awards Winners Announced

The winners of the 2009 City of Sydney Business Awards including the Business of the Year, Kitcheners Kitchens, have been announced at a gala event hosted by David Koch at the Sheraton on the Park Hotel on Tuesday 20 October.

Despite the global economic downturn, the 2009 annual City of Sydney Business Awards smashed all previous 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 that all the businesses that were nominated, all the finalists as well as all the winners, formed a part of the vital heartbeat of economic activity in Sydney.

"I want to congratulate all the winners, but especially Kitcheners Kitchens for taking out Business of the Year. Kitcheners Kitchens has achieved excellent growth over the last 3 years with an innovative business model, and have also demonstrated a commitment to the community and environment," Ms Moore said.

"The Museum of Contemporary Art, the winner of the Lord Mayor's Sustainability Award, has shown great leadership in sustainable business practices. The Museum of Contemporary Art has demonstrated innovation and leadership in green building design for their new extension, and in their pioneering use of solutions such as sea water exchange."

"In addition, Republica Coffee, the winner of the inaugural Fair Trade Award, has demonstrated a commitment to the fair trade principles of tackling poverty with suppliers, promotion and marketing of fair trade ideals and business practice ethics."

"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. We have more than 20,000 small and medium businesses operating and the City's Business Awards show our commitment to supporting them to become successful and sustainable enterprises. Importantly, the awards also acknowledge business leadership in sustainability, fair trade and social responsibility, and encourage good corporate citizenship and corporate responsibility."

Nominations and voting opened July 3. Votes were cast by the general public on-line or via SMS. The top five vote-getters in each category qualified as finalists, with the eventual winners in each category being decided by a judging panel made up of leading businessmen.

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Business of the Year: Kitcheners Kitchens

Lord Mayor's Sustainability Award presented by EnergyAustralia: Museum of Contemporary Art

Accommodation - Luxury, Deluxe & Boutique: Quest Potts Point

Accommodation - Standard & Budget: Ibis Sydney King Street Wharf

Cafes (casual dining): MISSCHU

Charity: Birrung Gallery World Vision Australia

Cultural & Creative Services: Museum of Contemporary Art

Disability Inclusiveness Award: Best Buddies Australia

Education & Training: Real Corporate Partners

Environmental Business: Big Switch Projects

Fair Trade: Republica Coffee

Financial Services: Holistic Home Loans

Food & Beverage Retail: The Deli Erskineville

Healthcare & Fitness: City Clinic

Household & General Retail: Kitcheners Kitchens

Information & Communication Technology: MyNetFone

Manufacturing & Construction: Melbourne Perfume Company

Marketing & Communications: RANDEM Media

Professional & Business Services: Lucky You Found Me

Pubs, Hotels, Nightclubs & Venues: Bowlers' Club

Restaurants: Mulligan's Restaurant

Retail Beauty: Stevie English Hair

Retail Fashion: Blue Spinach

Specialty Retail & Wholesale: Hobbyco

Takeaway Food & Catering Services: freshcatering

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