

# Firm lauded for putting bite back into dentistry

by Denis Doherty

A COMPANY that develops dental products for children joined seven other Gold Coast companies in receiving business awards yesterday.

The August winners of the Gold Coast Business Excellence Awards were announced at Conrad Jupiters Hotel.

The Myofunctional Research Company originated in 1989, with an aim to develop modern and effective orthodontic treatment and products to aid dental development of children.

Since 1991 the firm's dental aids have been introduced to Australia and New Zealand and are now used in more than 65 countries throughout Europe, America and Asia.

Awards president Ian Cousins said an astonishing number of entries had been received this year and they continued to come in.

Timbertone and Garage Doors won the emerging business award.

Based in Taree Street West Burleigh, Timbertone and Garage Doors began as a partnership between Robert Hillberg and John Salmon in 2003.

The company can change the style of an existing garage door by recoating the door with a maintenance-free timber-look finish.

The family business award went to Karl's Good Stuff Bakery.

In 1988, Karl Raberger began baking specialty products under the name of Karl's Good Stuff Bakery. Over the past 15 years, it has expanded its product range and has adopted new technology to stay ahead of competitors.

Having won many awards, Karl's Good Stuff Bakery is a family-focused business with at least four family members involved in the business daily.



Winners . . . Mayor Ron Clarke (centre) hands out the award to Myofunctional Research Company representatives Rafael Clavijo (left) and Damien O'Brien.

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The manufacturing and construction award was won by Superior Jetties.

Established in 1988, Superior Jetties makes marine berthing systems, quality pontoons and boat lifts. It also builds to suit requirements.

With agents in Malaysia, Hong Kong, New Zealand, Singapore and India, Superior Jetties is expanding its export locations and product range.

The Mayor's Innovation Award went to Myofunctional Research Company.

Samsara Furniture and Homewares won the retail, wholesale and distribution award.

In just 12 years, Giovanna Aryafara's importing of Asian furnishings has made Samsara Furniture and Homewares a Gold Coast retail institution.

Multi-award-winning Samsara is now Australia's leading Asian furniture importer with three outlets on the

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Gold Coast and two in Brisbane employing more than 70 people. The tourism, hospitality and recreation went to Runaway Bay Sports Super Centre.

As well as featuring modern training facilities for elite and beginner athletes, the Runaway Bay Sports Super Centre is also a dedicated training camp.

In 1999 and 2000 the centre was a primary training base for teams heading to the Sydney Olympic Games.

Although privately

owned, it donates all profits to the Children in Need Trust.

Hynes Lawyers won the trades, professions and services award.

Hynes Lawyers is a specialist commercial law firm, which was established on the Gold Coast in 1997.

The firm opened a second office in Brisbane mid-2004.

With clients ranging from small businesses to public companies, government departments and government-owned corporations, Hynes

Lawyers has maintained a 40 per cent plus growth in turnover a year.

The information technology award went to Elexol.

Elexol is a Bundall-based company under the directorship of Ian Hood and co-founder Brian Berry.

The company specialises in the design and manufacture of electronic development modules and MP3 technology products.

Elexol's mission is to be a pre-eminent designer, developer and marketer of the world's best products and solutions in development modules and digital audio products.

All monthly winners are in the running for December's Gold Coast Business of the Year.

Gold Coast Business of the Year winners include Fast Proof Press, Tender Plus, Riveria Group, Pro-Ma Systems, Swagman Motorhomes, Digga and The Perfume Connection.