

Media Release:

Shoalhaven Business Awards:

After successfully running the Shoalhaven Business Awards for the last 25 years Shoalhaven City Council has passed the baton to the Shoalhaven Business Chamber!

Chamber Vice President John Lamont said 'Council has recognised the Chambers vision is strongly aligned in many areas with the Councils especially those of economic development. As the Chamber undertakes a critical role in the local community in representing the business community's interests it is logical for the Chamber to be delivering the annual business awards'.

Mr Lamont continued 'Mayor Green and the Shoalhaven City Council have shown great faith in the Chamber and we have agreed to deliver an event the city will be proud of'.

A Memorandum of Understanding has been agreed on by both parties to deliver the annual awards commencing in September of this year and this will be reviewed following the 2011 event.

Mr Lamont said 'The Shoalhaven Business Awards are vital in promoting and showcasing local businesses, recognising outstanding business performance and specifically those businesses that excel in their fields'.

He continued 'This year's awards will be held in the Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre during NSW Small Business month in September. The Chamber will be reviewing and revamping the awards criteria and will be closely aligning our awards with those of the Illawarra Business Chamber's. This will allow the Shoalhaven nominees to seamlessly integrate with the Illawarra Awards. We will tap into the resources developed in running the Illawarra Business Awards and incorporate these, where applicable, into the Shoalhaven Awards'.

'It is our intention to deliver a spectacular evening of entertainment and activity and become a flagship event on the annual business/event calendar. We want to deliver to the business community an event they will look forward to and want to participate in each year'.

‘In order to deliver these outstanding awards the Chamber is seeking an event coordinator, on a fixed term contract, and to this end an advert will be placed in the South Coast Register and the Nowra News for the next two weeks. We are looking forward to hearing from experienced event organisers. Selection criteria can be obtained from the Business Chamber office by emailing info@shoalhavenbusiness.com.au or phoning 4423 3582’.