



Caloundra Regional Business Awards 2008

Advertising Feature

Opals shine down under

Winner: Opals Down Under.
Award: Retail Business of the Year Employing 10 and under, sponsored by Wardle Partners.

Since opening Opals Down Under in 1985, the Stein family has established themselves as experts among Australia's opal industry. Their business includes the physical premises – one of the Coast's most popular attractions – as well as the online arm which retails the treasured stones all over the world.

Judges' comments: Palmview's Opals Down Under has been open 22 years and prides itself on providing excellent customer service, high quality product, as well as educating customers on opals – the process from rough to finished product as well as the different varieties. Opals Down Under is very supportive of the community locally, nationally and internationally. Congratulations Opals Down Under.



Opals Down Under owners Louise and Immo Stein.

Communication stars

Winner: The Lange Room.
Award: IT/Communications Business of the Year, sponsored by HRM Contracting and Consulting.

Damien Lange has over 20 years' experience in graphic design, building on his skills by learning web design in the industry's infant stages. The Lange Room looks after local, national and even international clients

from its modest office at Moffat Beach, offering an impressive list of services. The company offers graphic design for all facets of corporate branding, plus web development.

Judges' comments: Damien works from a home office and says that he treats customers as you would want a business to treat you. Damien is 100% passionate about his business and product.



HRM Contracting and Consulting's Sally Desch with Damien Lange.

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Traditional farm escape

Winner: Mango Hill Farm.
Award: Agribusiness of the Year, sponsored by Ray White Commercial Caloundra.

This traditional-style working farm is certified organic, offers cottage accommodation, conference facilities, shop, cooking classes and farm tours. The farm provides an escape for city-weary residents and allows its visitors to enjoy a slower pace of life, coupled with

the exquisite taste and freshness of their organic produce. Located in the shade of the Glasshouse Mountains and offering a stunning scenic outlook, Mango Hill Farm has perfectly packaged its health message into a complete lifestyle offering of food, relaxation and fun.
Judges' comments: Mango Hill Farm has a high class product with an interesting blend of product. They concentrate



on growing with integrity, processed with care, packaged with personality to provide a total organic gourmet experience. Congratulations Mango Hill Farm.

Passionate about coffee

Winner: Gloria Jeans Coffees Caloundra
Award: Retail Business of the Year Employing 11 and over, sponsored by Wardle Partners.

While Gloria Jeans Coffees Caloundra is part of an international franchise, it still takes a considerable amount of ground work to make a success of your own outlet. The Caloundra store keeps both locals and tourists happy and caffeinated seven days a week.

Judges were impressed with the customer service, operation and efficiency of Gloria Jeans Caloundra. John and the team are dedicated to continual improvement in the products, cleanliness and comfort for customers.

John has exceptional plans and strives for continual improvement. Gloria Jeans Caloundra has a truly passionate staff and have introduced incentives and training programs for growth. Congratulations Gloria Jeans Caloundra.



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