

Real estate stars shine

QUEENSLAND'S real estate profession put the uncertainties of 2009 behind them last Friday night, gathering in Brisbane to recognise their very best property practitioners.

About 400 people attended the Real Estate Institute of Queensland's (REIQ) 2010 Awards for Excellence at the Sofitel Hotel to applaud the finalists and winners in each of the awards' 15 categories.

REIQ board chair Pamela Bennett said each of the award contenders should be congratulated for choosing to focus on their positive achievements during the economic difficulties of the past year.

"The Queensland real estate market has certainly experienced marked highs and lows over the past few years, with 2009 a particularly trying time for many of our members," Mrs Bennett said. "Thankfully, this year heralds more stable economic conditions, which augurs well for all of our members."

"These annual awards showcase the very best of our profession and recognise those who, together with the REIQ, believe that best practice, commitment and integrity are the keys to a successful and fulfilling real estate career."

2010 REIQ Awards for Excellence winners:

Large Residential Agency of the Year: Place Estate Agents, Bulimba.

Medium Residential Agency of the Year: Nerang First National.

Small Residential Agency of the Year: Sissons Estate Agents, Red Hill.

Commercial Agency of the Year: CB Richard Ellis, Brisbane.

Residential Salesperson of the Year: Daniel Argent, Sissons Estate Agents.

Commercial Salesperson: Karen Seeto, Ray White Surfers Paradise.

Auctioneer of the Year: Peter Burgin, Place Estate Agents, Bulimba.

Business Broker: Ron Frank, Business Brokers Queensland, Toowong.

Rookie of the Year: Paula Pearce, Place Estate Agents, Bulimba.

Residential Property Manager: Katie Knight, RE/MAX Toowoomba.

Commercial Property Manager: Attilio Innamorati, Colliers International, Brisbane.

Corporate Support Person: Jo Tremaine, Place Estate Agents, Bulimba.

Real Estate Report: Julie Gatehouse, My Property Preview.

Buyer's Agent: Meighan Hetherington, Property Pursuit, Paddington.

Sunshine Coast finalists were: Laguna Real Estate, Noosa Heads,

Large Residential Agency of the Year: Amber Werchon Property, Alexandra Headland and G1 Property, Mooloolaba, Medium Residential Agency;

Century 21 Grant Smith Property, Buderim, Small Residential Agency;

Damien Said, Century 21 on Duporth, Maroochydore, Residential Salesperson;

David Treloar, Harcourts Ultimate Realty and Jason Andrew, Jason Andrew Auctioneers, Auctioneer of the Year;

Angie Johnson, My Mooloolaba Property Sales & Rentals, Residential Property Manager;

Tony Brinkhoff, Laguna Real Estate, Gympie, Rookie of the Year; Michael Yared, Savvy Business Sales, Mooloolaba, Business Broker;

Kathy Taylor, Amber Werchon Property, Corporate Support Person of the Year.



Laguna Real Estate, seven times finalists and previous winner of the prestigious



Ed Bull of CB Richard Ellis, top Commercial Agency



G1 Property at Mooloolaba celebrate being Residential Agency of the Year



Peter Martin and Lyn Wildman of LJ Hooker Peregian Beach



Auctioneer Jason Andrew and Amber Werchon of Amber Werchon Property



Dani Lees, Chris Said, Damien Said, Kerry Rason of Century 21 on Duporth