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CLAYTON UTZ SAVES ART

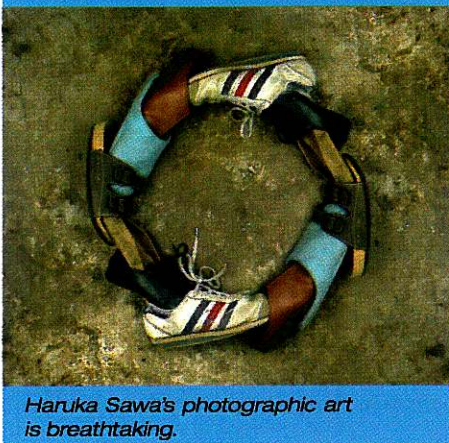
CLAYTON UTZ'S LAUNCH ART AWARD has again helped a Queensland artist to move closer to realising their professional dream.

Brisbane-based Haruka Sawa has been awarded the 2010 Clayton Utz Launch Art Award \$10,000 major prize for her five 'action experience' photographic works.

The Clayton Utz Launch Art Award invited entries from Queensland-based visual artists or artists with a close connection to the state who have demonstrated their commitment to artistic practice. Formerly known as the Launch: Clayton Utz Travelling Arts Scholarship, the award has assisted Queensland-based artists to achieve their career ambitions since its inception in 2008.

The award was presented by competition judge and respected curator Anne Kirker, who said, "The wall-based works were either paintings, photographs, assemblages or drawings but none of them were conventional and therefore these descriptions don't sufficiently convey the innovation they all showed. Interestingly, photography was strongly represented in the short-list and may reflect the continuing interest in this field for contemporary expression that is evident throughout Australia and further afield."

Clayton Utz's Brisbane managing partner Michael Klug said Ms Sawa's photography stood out amongst a very talented field of more than 100 entries. Mr Klug said, "Clayton Utz has always been a strong supporter of the arts nationally and is proud to invest in local Queensland talent." Gold Coast artist Sonya Peters received the \$1500 Highly Commended award and Jason Fitzgerald the \$500 Student Encouragement Award.
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Haruka Sawa's photographic art is breathtaking.

Condev Construction wins in trying times



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July's Gold Coast Business Excellence Awards winners celebrate.

By Aldwyn Altoney

Multi-award winning builder Condev Construction has added another trophy to its collection after being named as a July winner in the Gold Coast Business Excellence Awards (GCBEA).

The Varsity Lakes-based construction company has reported one of its best years on record even though many of its competitors are struggling to survive.

Condev, which is headed by Steve and Tracy Marais, won the Manufacturing and Construction section of the GCBEA to add to the three Queensland Master Builders Association awards it won late last year.

The company is now building three aged-care facilities in northern New South Wales, is involved with several projects in Queensland schools and is gearing up to start work on a \$13.5million aged care facility in the Brisbane suburb of Yeronga.

Mrs Marais said the company was designing a new headquarters at Varsity Lakes as it had outgrown its current location and was focusing on retaining and strengthening its corporate team.

Other July winners were: **British Lolly Shop** (Emerging Business); the **Fraser-Scott Group of Companies** (Family Business); **B&J Canvas** (Retail, Wholesale & Distribution); **Spits 'n'**

Pieces (Tourism, Hospitality & Recreation); **All State Partners** (Trades, Professions & Services), **Beyondedge** (Information Technology & Multimedia), **3Dme** (Mayor's Innovation Award) and **Grotec** (Environmental Management).

The organisers are now calling for entries for the next round of awards and encourage new applicants to enter by September 1. All winners from 2010 will be presented at the black tie gala presentation at Conrad Jupiters on November 20 from 6.30pm.

The GCBEA is recognised as the region's most comprehensive and prestigious awards scheme. The awards are sponsored by the State Government's Trade Queensland, which has signed on as sponsor of the Tourism Hospitality & Recreation category this year.

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