

# Jetty manufacturer superior in Gold Coast Excellence

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An international marina and jetty manufacturer proved 'superior' at the 15th annual Gold Coast Business Excellence Awards 2010.

Superior Jetties was named Gold Coast Business of the Year as well as Manufacturing and Construction category winner at the gala function, attended by 500 leading business people at Conrad Jupiters.

Superior Jetties, which started its life manufacturing and installing pontoons for Gold Coast home owners, now designs and manufactures marine berthing systems and accessories ranging from a single cleat to multi-million dollar international super yacht marinas.

Headed by husband and wife team John and Jackie Hogan in Arundel, the company now exports its marina products to more than 10 countries and has dealers operating in nine countries including Australia. The company's clients range from boat owners to multinational companies and governments.

Another innovative marine industry company, Dockpro, won the Emerging Business category. Established in 2007, Dockpro is the worldwide and national distributor for companies specialising in docking systems. The company's products can provide marine docking systems ranging from jet skis to 100ft luxury yachts.

One of the most popular winners on the night was Burleigh Brewing Company, which won the Bob Scott Encouragement Award. Owned by Brennan and Peta Fielding, Burleigh Brewing makes seven styles of beer – all of which have been awarded world championship medals, including three gold medals in 2010.

Over the past 12 months, the company has launched two new beers – the English style bitter *My Wife's Bitter* and black coffee lager *Black Giraffe*, which was made in collaboration with Zarraffa's Coffee.

Other winners were John Henderson Professionals Mermaid



From left, Superior Jetties Jackie and John Hogan with Shane Campbell and Suzette Sutton of AusIndustry.

Beach (Family Business); Gold Coast Marathon (Tourism, Hospitality & Recreation); Technigro (Mayor's Innovation); Morlife (Retail, Wholesale and Distribution); Australian Work and Leisure Canopies (Trades Professions and Services); Eco-kinetics (Environmental Management) and GCOMM (IT & Multimedia).

The Gold Coast Business Excellence Awards is recognised as the region's most comprehensive and prestigious business awards.

Awards event director Lisa Maddison said 2010 attracted many more new entries from established Gold Coast companies which were looking for recognition.

"2011 is our 16th year so we're expecting just as much interest, if not more, from Gold Coast businesses this year," Mrs Maddison said.

The 2011 awards are due to be launched in the next two months. The first GCBEA entries for 2011 will close on May 1, 2011, and on the first day of each month for the following five months.

Entries are free and a great way to boost business credibility, as past winners attest.



Nick Bloor of Technigro, and his team, with Gold Coast Mayor Ron Clarke.



Fiona Paterson (Bob Scott's daughter) at left with Burleigh Brewing's Peta Fielding and husband Brennan.

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