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2017 Lord Mayor's Business Awards finalists announced

An acclaimed jeweller, a podiatrist who named her footwear line after her dog, a leading roboticist, the co-founder of a bedding and homewares chain and an insurance industry entrepreneur are contenders for the 2017 Lord Mayor's Business Award for Business Person of the Year.

Lord Mayor Graham Quirk today announced the finalists in the 2017 Lord Mayor's Business Awards and said the line-up was stronger than ever in the awards' 12th year.

"I never cease to be impressed by the incredible depth of talent and enterprising optimism that thrives in Brisbane," Cr Quirk said.

"The awards celebrate excellence, success and those who think outside the square – trademarks of the Brisbane business community which makes such an invaluable contribution to our \$153 billion economy.

"They also highlight why Brisbane has a growing reputation as Australia's new world city, and align with the Brisbane 2022 New World City Action Plan to nurture companies positioned to capitalise on global markets."

Cr Quirk said this was especially evident in the shortlist for the Business Person of Year award.

"Podiatrist and physiotherapist Caroline McCulloch founded the Frankie4 label for her range of comfortable footwear while roboticist Dr Christopher Jeffery is CEO of RER Labs, an engineering company focused on medical innovation, is a Queensland Health doctor and is also doing his PhD researching bionics at QUT," he said.

"Heath Goddard co-founded Pillow Talk 40 years ago and it now has more than 50 stores Australia-wide. Kate Middleton is the only female CEO of a major Australian insurance adjusting and engineering firm and is currently bringing Censeo Engineers & Building Consultants back from the brink.

"Another finalist, Wallace Bishop, is a legend in Brisbane jewellery circles and head of a company now celebrating its 100th year. Mr Bishop completed his watchmaking traineeship in 1950 and, with son Stuart, is still at the helm today."

Cr Quirk said the Lord Mayor's Business Awards once again attracted record numbers of entries from a diverse range of industries.



"Most of our finalists are driven by improving the lives of others and making a contribution to our communities, whether via an invention, innovation, experience, medical breakthrough, social enterprise, conservation or other means," he said.

"Through their success in Australia and internationally, they exemplify Brisbane's entrepreneurial spirit, pro-business mentality and global outlook."

The 2017 Lord Mayor's Business Awards are sponsored by ANZ, Australia Pacific LNG, Australia TradeCoast, BDO, Brisbane City Council, Channel 7, Energex, Epicure, HSBC, ISPT, Optus, Port of Brisbane, Queensland Urban Utilities, Singapore Airlines, Sirromet and Staging Connections.

The 2017 winners will be announced at the Gala Dinner on Friday, 27 October, where they will join LMBA winners from past years.

Visit lmba.com.au for more information.

The finalists in the 2017 Lord Mayor's Business Awards are:

HSBC AWARD FOR DOING BUSINESS IN ASIA

- Brisbane Airport Corporation
- EarthCheck Pty Ltd
- EM Solutions Pty Ltd
- Golden Harvest Grain Exports Pty Ltd
- The Faculty of Business, Economics & Law – The University of Queensland

AUSTRALIA PACIFIC LNG AWARD FOR BUSINESS INNOVATION

- Blue Squirrel
- Commit Works
- Commsync
- HTA Group
- Lightweave
- The Fitting Room on Edward
- The Good Beer Co.

AUSTRALIA TRADECOAST AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING SMALL BUSINESS

- Commit Works
- Family Doctors Plus
- Lightweave
- Recon Solutions Pty Ltd
- Stephen Dibb Jewellery
- Study Tours Brisbane
- The Print Bar



QUEENSLAND URBAN UTILITIES AWARD FOR PRODUCT INNOVATION

- Audeara Pty Ltd
- Flavour Creations
- GroundProbe
- Redback Technologies
- Revelian
- WorkingMouse

ISPT AWARD FOR DIGITAL ADOPTION STRATEGY

- Domino's Pizza Enterprises Limited
- Firstmac Limited
- MyOnlineClinic
- Watkins Steel Pty Ltd

PORT OF BRISBANE PTY LTD AWARD FOR INVESTMENT IN BRISBANE

- BGI International Pty Ltd
- Kinstone Developments
- NEXTDC B2 Data Centre
- Richmond Hospitality Pty Ltd
- Sekisui House – West Village

ENERGEX AWARD FOR SUSTAINABILITY IN BUSINESS

- Floth Sustainable Building Consultants
- Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary
- Port of Brisbane Pty Ltd
- UnitingCare Queensland

ANZ AWARD FOR HIGH-GROWTH BUSINESS START-UP

- Audeara Pty Ltd
- Field Orthopaedics
- Lawcadia
- Lightweave
- Redback Technologies Smart Hybrid System
- Reekoh
- WorkingMouse

SINGAPORE AIRLINES AWARD FOR YOUNG BUSINESS PERSON OF THE YEAR



- Dr Christopher Jeffery – RER Labs
- Clare Sheng – The Fitting Room on Edward
- Gordon Tan - CSG Limited
- Penelope Twemlow – Energy Skills Queensland
- Sam Hussey - Lightweave

CHANNEL 7 AWARD FOR BUSINESS PERSON OF THE YEAR

- Caroline McCulloch – Frankie4
- Dr Christopher Jeffery – RER Labs
- Heath Goddard – Pillow Talk
- Kate Middleton - Censeo Engineers & Building Consultants
- Wallace Bishop – Wallace Bishop Jewellers

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