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 Eduss awarded Business Excellence Award for Information Technology

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THE June winners of the 2002 Gold Coast Business Excellence Awards, in addition to Miami Smash Repairs, are:

FAMILY BUSINESS

Castors & Industrial Products: The family-owned and operated business specialises in the distribution of industrial products including castors, gravity and power roller conveyors, platform and elevating equipment, scissor lift tables and pallet trucks.

Operating on the Gold Coast since 1997, the Staplyton-based business has expanded in 2002 to include major regional clients as far north as Cairns.

MAYOR'S INNOVATION AWARD

Craig International Ballistics: An Australian-owned company operated by Robert Craig, it has done extensive research and development in the field of terminal ballistics.

The company has worked closely with the Australian Defence Force in research and development. Their hard-armour strike plates are now widely used in many

law enforcement agencies and military users worldwide and the company is the sole Australian manufacturer to supply the Australian Department of Defence with hard-armour strike plates.

MANUFACTURING & CONSTRUCTION

Hancock Marine, trading as Mustang Pleasure Boats: The manufacturer of fibreglass recreational boats has been operating for 28 years.

Mustang Pleasure Boats sales have increased three-fold in the past two years, going from annual sales of \$1.4 million in 1999-2000 to \$4.1 million 2001-2002.

RETAIL WHOLESALE & DISTRIBUTION

The Perfume Connection: The largest specialty fragrance retailer in Australia has 21 stores across the eastern states. The company is owned and operated by Gold Coasters Pat and Penel McCarthy. Over the past two years the number of staff it employs has more than doubled to

150 and revenue has risen to more than \$20 million.

TOURISM HOSPITALITY & RECREATION

Nerang RSL & Memorial Club: The club opened in 1983 and has won the prestige Clubs Queensland Best Club – Gold Coast for the past two years.

The club's community service program is committed to supporting a diversity of community groups and during the past financial year its community support totalled \$83,491 in cash and kind donations.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

EDUSS: An international developer of educational software, it has the Integrated Learning System software which provides education and problem evaluation in the area of mathematics.

Each child using the ILS performs a test that works out exactly where a difficulty occurs. The software sets a learning schedule, addresses problem areas, gives step-by-step learning assistance and provides detailed reports.