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Monday, 17 May 2010 — A diverse group of more than 70 entrepreneurs from around Australia have been nominated for the 10th anniversary 2010 Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year awards, announced today.

This year's nominees come from businesses across Australia as diverse as digital gaming, bamboo flooring, renewable energy and advertising.

Ernst & Young partner and Strategic Growth Markets leader, Greg Logue, says the 2010 nominees represent some of the most dynamic and successful entrepreneurs in the country today.

"Our 2010 awards not only recognise the contribution and successes of these nominees, it is also a celebration of a decade of exceptional entrepreneurs," says Logue.

"These entrepreneurs create jobs, improve communities and inspire others to reach their potential. Their inclusion in these awards is well-deserved recognition and I congratulate all our 2010 nominees."

Regional judging will be held from July through to September, with the national awards to be held in November.

The 2010 Ernst & Young Entrepreneur Of The Year nominees are:

Central Region nominees (SA and NT)

Joe Borrelli, Integrated Waste Services
 Peter Buss, Sentek Sensor Technologies
 Allan Christie, NetSpot
 David Couzner, Xceptional Recruitment
 Peter Gregg, Bianco Reinforcing
 Nick Heywood-Smith, Wellness & Lifestyles Australia
 Stephan Knoll, Barossa Fine Foods
 Viv Padman, Padman Health Care
 Nikolai Petrovsky, Vaxine
 Martin Radford, Complete Fire
 Dean Rossiter, Rossi Boots
 Richard Turner, ZEN Home Energy Systems
 Social Entrepreneur award – Dr Chris West, Royal Zoological Society of South Australia
 Champion of entrepreneurship – Nick Paspaley AC, Paspaley Pearls Group

Eastern region nominees (NSW and ACT)

Prof. Mike Aitken, SMARTS Group
 Dr Keith Ayotte & Dr Nathan Steggel, Windlab
 Mark Burgess, Custom Coaches
 Clyde Campbell, Machinery Automation & Robotics
 Tony Caristo, RPC Technologies
 Brendon Cook, oOh!media
 Tony Fenning, Shadforth Financial Group
 Matt Fensom, Enviropacific Services
 Anthony Freedman, Host
 Paul Giovenco, Giovenco Industries
 Angus Kennard, Kennards Concrete Care
 Dominique Lyone, Complete Office Supplies ("COS")
 Henry Ngai, ABC Tissue Products
 Jeff Phillips, Varley
 Dr Sam Prince, Zambrero Fresh Mex Grill
 James Spenceley, Vocus Communications
 Doug Stuart, stratsec
 Social entrepreneur award – David Handley, Sculpture by the Sea
 Champion of entrepreneurship – David Clarke AO, Macquarie Group

Northern region nominees (Qld)

Matt Cudworth, Yeahpoint
 Stuart Giles, APhS – Your Pharmacy Partner
 Brian Hammett, CEAD
 Ian Haynes, Vigil Systems Pty Ltd

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Andrew Jessett, MineWare
David Lumb, Clearmake Water Treatment and Recycling Solutions
John O'Brien, PoolWerx
Nigel Spork, Centor Architectural
Michelle Weaver, Voc Ed Learning Group
Social entrepreneur award, Dr James Morton, AEIOU Foundation
Champion of entrepreneurship, Prof Ian Frazer, Diamantina Institute for Cancer, Immunology and Metabolic Medicine

Southern region nominees (Vic. and Tas.)

Nic Frances, Coolnrg
Donna Gesundheit, Blue Illusion Australia Pty Ltd
Andrew Gorecki, Retail Directions
Kristina Karlsson, kikki.k - Swedish Home/Office Style
Kate Morris, Adorebeauty.com.au
Rob Murray, Firemint
Jeremy Rich, Energy Matters
Tony Sennitt, Diamond Energy
Irek Stawiczny, GMC Group
Andrew Thomas, Thomas Duryea Consulting
Ryan Trainor, Franklyn Scholar
Richard Treagus, Acrux Limited
Pete Williams, Infiniti Telecommunications
Social entrepreneur award – Bill Lawson AM, Beacon Foundation
Champion of entrepreneurship – Lindsay Fox AC, Linfox Australia

Western region nominees (WA)

David Flanagan, Atlas Iron
Mark Hutchison, Bamboozle
John Lewins, Platinum Australia
Tony Middleton, Advanced Engine Components Limited
Leeanda Paino, Sealanes (1985) Pty Ltd
Tony Sage, Cape Lambert Resources Limited
John Spence, Karma Group
Matthew Sullivan, L7 Solutions
Bryan Taylor, Plan B
Zhenya Tsvetnenko, Zhenya Group of Companies
Julian Walter, JWH Group Pty Ltd
Bill Withers, acquire
Social entrepreneur award – David Wirrpanda, Wirrpanda Foundation
Champion of entrepreneurship – John Rothwell, Austal

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