

Two in a row for Zarraffa's

ZARRAFFA'S Coffee has won the 2008 Gold Coast Business of the Year award for the second year in a row.

The Oxenford-based bean processor and franchiser won the award at the 13th annual Gold Coast Business Excellence Awards Business of the Year Gala at Jupiters Casino on Saturday.

The evening recognised 57 leading Gold Coast enterprises.

Annual awards were presented to finalists in nine categories.

In addition, Slush Puppie won the Bob Scott Memorial Encouragement Award for a company that did not win a major award but showed strong potential.

This award honours the late founding chair of the judges.

Colliers International won the Mayor's Corporate Social Responsibility Award for exceptional community spirit.

Mayor, Ron Clarke, presented a \$5000 cheque to the company for its nominated charity, disability supporters FSG Australia.

Seaworld creator Keith Williams was inducted into the Gold Coast Business Person Hall of Fame for his outstanding contributions in the past 50 years.

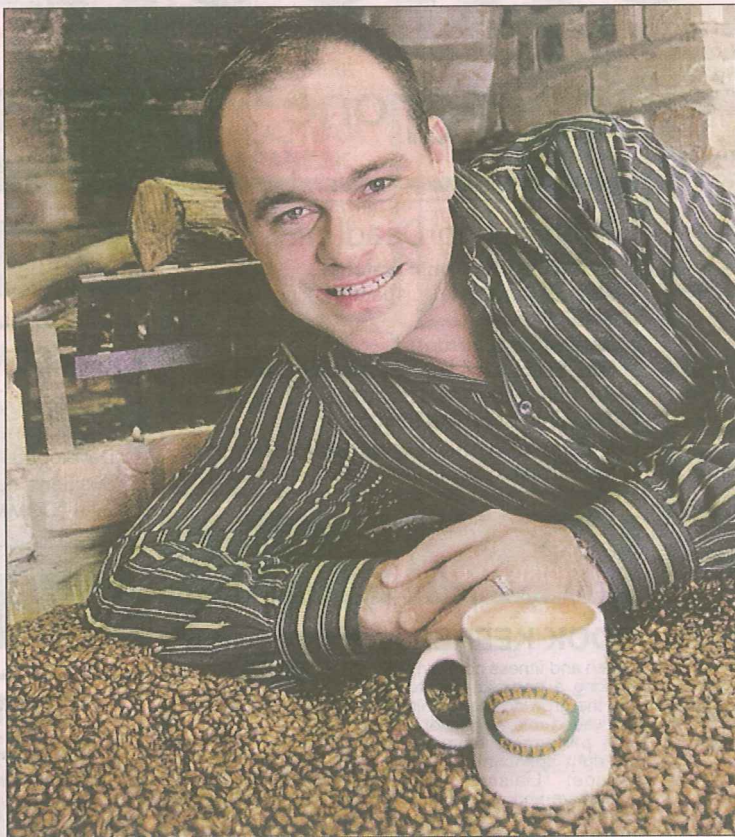
The winners:

■ **2008 Business of the Year and Retail, Wholesale and Distribution Award, Zarraffa's Coffee**

Zarraffa's Coffee, established in 1996, is about to open its 31st franchise, with another six planned to open early 2009.

■ **Mayor's Innovation GC Award: Wright Innovation**

Peter Wright founded Wright Innovation in 2005. The company designs marine products and solves specific marine problems. In 2008, the company's products won national and international



Full of beans . . . Zarraffa's founder Kenton Campbell

awards, including the Australian Marine Award for Innovation and the ABC TV New Inventors Award.

■ **Manufacturing and Construction Award: Reynolds Soil Technologies**

RST focuses on developing new products and technologies for road maintenance, civil construction, earthworks and agricultural soil conditions.

■ **Tourism, Hospitality and**

Recreation: Sanctuary Cove International Boat Show

The 20th Sanctuary Cove International Boat Show has cemented its reputation as the largest on-water show in the Asia Pacific. It attracted 455 exhibitors, 50,678 visitors and 127 marine products this year.

■ **Information Technology and Multimedia: gotalk**

Gotalk is an Australian-owned, publicly listed, full-service tele-

communications company with sales in excess of \$165 million per annum and operations in Australia and New Zealand.

■ **Trades, Professions and Services: Ray White Surfers Paradise**

This agency sells more real estate on the Gold Coast than any other and is one of the largest real estate companies in Australia. The Bell brothers started the business in 1989 with a staff of 16. Now with 220 staff, the company turns over \$965 million in sales annually.

■ **Family Business: Icecraft International**

Icecraft International is the inventor, international patent holder and sole manufacturer of large-scale, fully reusable ice sculpture moulds.

■ **Emerging Business: Hall Finance and Insurance Solutions**

Established in December, 2003, Southport-based Hall Finance and Insurance Solutions provides all finance and insurance needs.

■ **Environmental Management Award: Ecosure**

Ecosure is an environmental consultancy operating since 1994. Its clients range from areas of development, airports, planning, ecotourism, emissions and soil and water.

■ **Bob Scott Encouragement Award: Slush Puppie**

Slush Puppie produces fruit-based slush drinks, which are available in many school tuck-shops and selected retail outlets. Slush Puppie manufactures, distributes and promotes Australia's top non-carbonated slush drink with more than 3000 machines in outlets throughout Australia.