



# Awards riding on success

OLYMPIC cycling champion Sara Carrigan is starting to find big success in the business arena.

Carrigan, who won the gold medal in the cycling road race in Athens in 2004, retired from professional cycling after the Beijing Olympics competition and set up the Sara Carrigan Cycling School.

The school, which provides training for absolute beginners through to intermediate riders, has proven a hit and has just won the Emerging Business trophy at the Gold Coast Business Excellence Awards for June.

The passionate cyclist said it was terrific to see her clients grow in confidence and achieve results that surprised them.

While Carrigan made history in cycling, environment management company Technigro has made history in the Excellence Awards by winning two categories in the same month.

The business, with headquarters in Burleigh Heads, was the winner

of the Mayor's Innovation Award and the Environmental Management Award for June.

Technigro has 71 employees and maintains parks, gardens and road networks for both government and commercial customers in south east Queensland and northern New South Wales.

Meanwhile, John Henderson Professionals Mermaid Beach, which has five family members actively involved in the business, won the Family Business award.

Established by John Henderson in 1973, the company now employs 26 people, sells more than \$100 million worth of properties a year and manages more than 700 rental properties.

In the past decade, the family have personally donated more than \$300,000 to surf clubs.

In the section of manufacturing and construction, national market leader in Identification Solutions, AAC ID Solutions, walked away with the trophy.

AAC ID Solutions specialise in the supply of wristbands, lanyards, accessories and promotional products to businesses as well as event organisers.

KT Cable Accessories won the Retail, Wholesale and Distribution award for June while the Tourism, Hospitality and Recreation award was won by the Surfers Paradise-based entertainment business Timezone Funtasia.

In the trades, professions and services section, sanitation company Health Protect International claimed the honours and Web Design Magic won the Information Technology and Multimedia award.

The organisers are now calling for entries for the July awards, recognised as the region's most prestigious awards scheme.

All winners from 2010 will be presented at a black-tie gala presentation in November.



**Olympic gold medallist Sara Carrigan won a Gold Coast Business Excellence Award for her cycling school**



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**AGENCY'S GONG:** Professionals Mermaid Beach has won the family business category in the Gold Coast Business Excellence Awards. Principal Andrew Henderson said his father John had set up the

business in 1973. "We strongly believe that business people should give back to the community and in the past decade our family has donated more than \$300,000 to three of the local surf clubs."