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IPSWICH COMMUNITY WORKERS VIE FOR EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Two Department of Communities' employees from Ipswich are in the running for the major Institute of Public Administration Australia (IPAA) Queensland *Public Sector Excellence Awards*.

Aisha Damali is a finalist in the Young Leader of the Year category and Debbie Jensen a finalist in the Public Sector Professional of the Year category.

Ms Damali has been managing The Outlook, Training and Resource Centre which ensures direct service delivery to vulnerable and disadvantaged communities through adventure based learning programs.

Ms Jensen's role has been critical to the service delivery aspect of the department and requires her to work across various business units to deliver improved outcomes.

IPAA Queensland CEO Peter Rumph said nominations for the highly sought after awards flooded in from across the state including from as far north as Cairns, western Queensland, the Gold and Sunshine Coasts, Ipswich and Toowoomba.

"The incredible amount of nominations received is testament to the significant number of individuals, teams and projects making a difference right across the state," he said.

"Each and every project has shown true dedication from both individuals and teams and demonstrates passion, commitment and excellence through some amazing achievements."

The winners of the seven award categories, including the Patron's Award for Excellence in the Public Sector, will be announced at a prestigious awards night to be held on Thursday 9 September at the Sofitel in Brisbane.

The 2010 IPAA Queensland *Public Sector Excellence Awards* finalists are:

Young Leader of the Year

[Ms Brooke Kruger](#), *Department of Communities*, Brisbane

[Ms Anna Hollingsworth](#), *Gold Coast Water*, Gold Coast

[Mrs Elissa McConaghy](#), *Moreton Bay Regional Council*, Caboolture

[Ms Aisha Damali](#), *Department of Communities*, Ipswich

Public Sector Professional of the Year

[Ms Deanie Carbon](#), *Logan City Council*, Logan

[Mr Tim Wilson](#), *Department of Communities*, Toowoomba

[Ms Vani Chamala](#), *Department of Transport and Main Roads*, Brisbane

[Ms Annette Richards](#), *Department of Education and Training*, Brisbane



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Mr Leonard John Rossiter, *Department of Public Works*, Brisbane

Ms Debbie Jensen, *Department of Communities*, Ipswich

Regional Queensland Leader of the Year

Mr David Arber, *Smart Services Queensland*, Brisbane

Best Practice in Local Government

Customer Service Centre, *Townsville City Council*, Townsville

Southport Broadwater Parklands Redevelopment, *Gold Coast City Council*, Gold Coast

Digital Alignment Project, *Brisbane City Council*, Brisbane

FNQROC Regional Asset Management Strategy, *FNQ Regional Organisation Of Councils*, Cairns

Community Programs Team - Calm Liquor Accords, *Sunshine Coast Regional Council*, Sunshine Coast

Eat Safe Brisbane Team, *Brisbane City Council*, Brisbane

Best Practice in State Government

Skilling Solutions Queensland, *Department of Education and Training*, Brisbane

Delivering public transport solutions through best practice program and project management, *Translink Transit Authority*, Brisbane

Industry Capability Initiative, *Department of Transport and Main Roads*, Brisbane

Queensland Growth Management Summit, *Department of the Premier and Cabinet*, Brisbane

DNA Improvement Strategy, *Queensland Police Service*, Brisbane

Communications and Marketing Team, *Arts Queensland*,

Skirmishing the Youth, *Queensland Police Service*, Charleville

Best Practice in Federal Government

Compliance Monitoring Program, *Australian Customs and Border Protection Service*, Brisbane

ATO Corporate Values Project, *Australian Taxation Office*, Brisbane

Queensland 'Closing the Gap' on Indigenous Disadvantage, *Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations*, Brisbane

Area Pacific Central's Early Intervention and Compensation Team, *Centrelink*, Gold Coast

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