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Management award to home-grown lawyer Luckbir Singh

Luckbir Singh of MacDonnells Law needs to find more space in the trophy cabinet after being named the winner of the Australian Institute of Management's Young Manager of the Year award for Cairns.

The Cairns-based solicitor added the gong to the Best Young Lawyer Achievement Award from the Queensland Law Society he received late last year.

Mr Singh, who became a Partner in the Corporate and Commercial Law practice group of MacDonnells Law's Cairns office in 2007, is one of the youngest people in the State to achieve Partnership at just 28 years of age.

He recognises that in the current legal market, a lawyer must do more than just practice law.

"You need to be a mentor, conflict resolver, manager, marketer, strategic planner, number cruncher and above all, continually strive for improvement in the way you do these things. Thankfully this is made all the easier as we have a great team of people at MacDonnells Law," he said.

The AIM's Young Manager of the Year category is for outstanding managers aged between 18 and 30 years. After record nominations this year, the winners of the Management Excellence Awards across nine regions in Queensland will be announced at local events throughout September and October.

They will then compete at a state level in the Queensland Management Excellence Awards, to be announced on Friday 13 November at a gala celebration in Brisbane.

The winners across Queensland at the time of print were:

Cairns	Luckbir Singh, Partner, MacDonnells Law
Brisbane	Allison White, Manager - Strategic Priorities & Project Communications, Ergon Energy
Gladstone	Leah Barlow, Ammonium Nitrate Complex Operations Manager - Yarwun Site, Orica Australia Pty Ltd
Mackay	Jenny Gordon, General Manager, Redhotblue Pty Ltd
Rockhampton	Barbara Miller, Strategic Manager People Performance and Wellbeing, Rockhampton Regional Council
Sunshine Coast	Leanne Fretwell, Finance, Administration & Human Resources Manager, Springfree Trampoline Australia Pty Ltd
Townsville	Claudia Brumme-Smith, Marketing and Export Manager, Diva Cosmetics and Larissa Bright Australia
Toowoomba	Bradley Rub, Store Manager, Cornetts IGA
Gold Coast	John Boero, Area General Manager - Gold Coast, Amalgamated Holdings Limited

After graduating from the University of Queensland, Mr Singh returned home to North Queensland to begin his career at MacDonnells Law in 2000 and since that time has quickly climbed through the ranks.

Mr Singh is passionate about the provision of legal services to clients as well as developing and mentoring staff that work with him.

Luckbir's approach is to understand his clients' businesses, from their background to what they would like to achieve, so as to provide a legal service which is attuned and aligned with the client's needs to achieve the best results.

"The challenge for us as lawyers is to be able to clearly communicate with our clients and this can only be achieved if we understand their history, business and concerns," Luckbir said.

Luckbir's specific areas of expertise include corporate and business advisory and property development.

Luckbir acts for many well known and highly regard listed public companies, large private companies, SMEs, local governments and GOCs.

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