

# Media Release

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## GCCEC – Best in QLD

The Gold Coast Convention and Exhibition Centre (GCCEC) has been recognized as Queensland's best venue for Meetings and Business Tourism.

Judged against a tough selection of superior venues, GCCEC was announced as the winner at the 2009 Queensland Tourism Awards, presented by Queensland Airports Limited, on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November.

GCCEC's General Manager, Adrienne Readings, said the win was a great testament to the hard work of the team.

"To win the state award for Meetings and Business Tourism is an honor and highlights GCCEC's exceptional performance in the events and incentives industry, cementing its reputation as the premier conference and events destination". Ms Readings said.

Tourism Queensland CEO Anthony Hayes said "The Queensland Tourism Awards are about acknowledging and rewarding businesses in Queensland's tourism industry for their innovation, achievements and ongoing hard work."

"The Queensland Tourism Awards is the premier event for the state's tourism industry, recognizing the achievements of tourism businesses across 29 categories," Mr Hayes said.

The Gold Coast Tourism Minister Peter Lawlor said it was a massive boost for the Gold Coast tourism industry. "As a local, I'm excited the Gold Coast region has been honoured in such a range of categories and I warmly congratulate all operators for their efforts in what has been a challenging year," he said.

The GCCEC now has its sights set on the Qantas Australian Tourism Awards, to be held in Hobart on February 26.

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