

# Manager in Business finalists

The Status Plus Manager in Business Award acknowledges women in the public or private sector for their outstanding skills and contribution to their employer as a manager or middle manager.

**Kim Hayes**  
// Director  
and North  
Queensland  
manager, Turner  
& Townsend



Kim Hayes is responsible for providing construction cost management advice for projects across Cairns, Townsville and the Cape York region as well as management of the Cairns office of six cost management professionals. "In North Queensland, we have been responsible for a number of landmark projects including the Cairns Airport redevelopment, Cairns Base Hospital redevelopment, Cairns Harbour Lights, Townsville Women's Prison, Cairns One and Cairns Regional Council Chambers," she says. Turner & Townsend provides a comprehensive range of consulting expertise including cost management, project and program management, procurement and contract services, project controls, PPP consultancy, asset and facilities management consultancy and environmental consultancy. It has a national network of eight offices and is supported by an extensive worldwide infrastructure of more than 50 offices and more than 2400 staff.

**Roishin Meadows**  
// Area manager,  
Glencorp



Roishin Meadows is a dynamic 28 year old who has climbed the corporate ladder to become a key player of the Glencorp management team, where she is responsible for driving the construction team and customer relations. With more than six years' experience in the building industry, she has recently been honoured with receiving the 2009 Regional QMBA Women in Building Award. Roishin also is involved in the local HIA branch committee. She is a young mother and is currently enrolled in CQU studying Construction Management to enhance her career in the building industry. Her passion for her position at Glencorp and the opportunities Udo Jattke has given her has played a major part in her successful career, conquering stereotypes in the industry with hard work, risk taking and the right role model.

**Gina Ford**  
// Executive  
manager, South  
Pacific Bridal  
Cairns



Gina Ford is the executive manager of Australian Weddings for South Pacific Bridal Cairns, a locally owned and operated company. She also is their principal wedding planner. Gina was born and raised in Cairns as part of a traditional, tight-knit Italian family. She is married with two children of her own and three adult step-children. South Pacific Bridal's core assets are the absolute beachfront Angsana Great Barrier Reef Chapel, Palm Cove, and the all-glass Hilton Blue Horizon Chapel. These exclusive and unique venues attract couples from all over the world. Involved in the industry since 1995, Gina has planned and designed hundreds of ceremonies. With her professional team, longstanding specialist suppliers and recognition as one of Australia's leading wedding co-ordinators, Gina is a major contributor to the reputation for excellence that South Pacific Bridal holds.

**Sharon Roneberg**  
// Branch manager,  
Australia Post



Sharon Roneberg loves her job. She is employed by Australia Post and is the manager of the Earlville Business Centre. The office has eight employees, five courier drivers, two retail staff and Sharon. "Our courier drivers differ from regular posties," Sharon says. "We provide a mail collection and delivery service for businesses in the Cairns area that have a charge account with Australia Post. We save customers time and money by looking after their postage requirements without the need to leave their office and the customers who do visit our shop receive professional friendly service." Sharon believes if Australia Post customers are given the best advice and the best service they will keep coming back (and tell all their friends). "Positive attitudes and a sense of humour make our office a great place to work and visit and I am thrilled to have the opportunity to show off," she says.

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South Pacific Bridal were extremely proud when Gina Ford was nominated for the CBWC Business Woman of the Year Awards 2009 in the Status Plus Manager - in - Business category, and even more so when she was selected as a finalist. It was confirmation to the management of South Pacific Bridal that Gina is extremely talented, and, we believe, without peer in her field as one of Australia's most sought after wedding planner/co-ordinators. As the Manager for all Australian and international weddings, this is a most fitting acknowledgment of her wonderful abilities.

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