

Hopes run high in hunt for title

OF the dozens of real estate agents across the Hunter, only one has been named a regional finalist in the 2009 NSW/ACT Small Business Champion Awards.

Cristen Cable reckons that gives Tony Cant Real Estate at Maitland a strong chance of success.

The marketing manager with the agency said the hopes of a team of close to 30 were high.

"Everyone is very excited and we're looking forward to the announcement of winners on Saturday night," Ms Cable said.

"Over the years we've won seven times at the local business awards and that's been very satisfying.

"Now to be a finalist in a state competition is really special."

Tony Cant Real Estate was established in 1978.

Since that time the agency has given more than \$100,000 in sponsorships and donations to local organisations.

"This is a family-based business that has always believed in supporting its community," Ms Cable said.

Nominated for honours in the Fresh Food category in the Lakes region, Stephen Smith and his staff at Rathmines Butchery are hoping to add to their trophy cabinet.

In August this year the butchery was named both winner of the butchery section and the overall



EXCITED: Tony Cant Real Estate director Andrew Cant.

business of the year at the annual Local Business Awards.

It was the first time the business had been nominated in the popular competition.

The wins come after multiple victories over the past few years in both the Sausage King competition and the now defunct Lake Macquarie Business Awards.

When Mr Smith took over 13 years ago he was ensuring the continuation of a dynasty that dates back more than a century.

Today he works alongside his sons Jason and Stuart, now sixth-generation butchers, in the Fishing Point Road business.



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Hunter names make the short-list

HUNTER and Lake finalists vying for awards at tonight's gala Sydney dinner are:

Services: Storage King – Adamstown.

Trade Services: Automated Innovation, Bennetts Green.

Professional Services: Ausure, Cardiff.

Automotive Services: Nova Auto Innovations, Hamilton.

Young Entrepreneur: Craig Guldemon, Nova Auto Innovations, Hamilton.

Gift Services: Total Bargain\$, Kurri Kurri.

Florist: Maitland Florist, High Street, Maitland.

Health & Fitness Services: Body & Soul Health Works, Maitland.

Real Estate Agency: Tony Cant Real Estate, Maitland.

Business Services: Industry

Recruitment Solutions, Maitland.

Fast Food/ Takeaway Store: Graze Take Away, Morpeth.

Tourism: Gray's Coaches, Redhead.

Young Entrepreneur: Lucas Buchanan-Clarke, Gray's Coaches, Redhead.

LAKE FINALISTS:

Online Small Business: Moment by Moment, Blue Bay.

Professional Services: Global Future Investments, Booker Bay.

Real Estate Agency: Wiseberry Heritage Real Estate – Gorokan.

Fresh Food: Fill & Carry Fruit Market, Kanwal.

Gift Services: Total Bargain\$ – Lake Haven.

Jewellery Store: Angus and Coote Jewellers – Lake Haven.

New Business (less than two years): M.A.D. Dance, Morisset.

Fresh Food: Rathmines Butchery, Rathmines.

Jewellery Store: Kadia Jewellery, Toronto.

Cafe: Zenith Bar & Cafe, Tuggerah.

Fashion: Man to Man – Tuggerah.

Jewellery Store: William Alexander Jewellery Traders, Tuggerah.

New Business (less than two years): Arleene Beauty in the Park, Tuggerah.

Bakery/Cake Store: Umina Bakehouse, Umina.

Health & Fitness Services: The Fitness Shed, Warners Bay.

Young Entrepreneur: Andre Madikian and Douglas Neaves-Black, The Fitness Shed, Warners Bay.