



New South Wales Government

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SMALL BUSINESS MINISTER LAUDS FRANCHISING AWARD WINNERS

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NSW Small Business Minister Steve Whan said the return of business confidence can be attributed to Government economic stimulus packages.

Speaking at the New South Wales MYOB Excellence in Franchising Awards, the Minister said reliable surveys, including the most recent Sensis Business Index for the May quarter, are charting an upswing.

“The New South Wales Government is pulling out all the stops to support small business through these difficult economic times,” Minister Whan said.

“While the signs are good, it is important small business operators remain cautious, at least for the short term.

“I am proud to say a rise in confidence can be partly attributed to Government economic stimulus packages.

Minister Whan congratulated the winners of the MYOB Excellence in Franchising Awards which are given out in categories including, Franchisee of the year – single unit, with up to two staff, Franchisee of the year – single unit with more than two staff, Multi-unit Franchisee of the year, Field Manager of the year; and Franchise Woman of the year.

“Our State is embarking on the largest program of capital expenditure in its history.

“This is made possible through the Australian Government’s \$42 billion Nation Building program, and it comes on top of the NSW Government’s existing \$56 billion building program slated for the next four years.

“While the primary objective of the program is to sustain and create jobs within the building and construction industry, the boost to these sectors will have a positive flow-on effect to the rest of the economy.

“Our aim is to retain and create jobs and to do this we’ve put in place a range of initiatives to assist small businesses deal with the current economic environment and to help them position themselves to take advantage of the next economic upturn,” he said.