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Willoughby Theatre star

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'Best seat in the house'

**WIN FAMILY PASS TO SEE THE WIGGLES**

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## How sweet it is for Jodie the florist



SUCCESS was particularly sweet at the 2010 North Shore Times Business Achiever Awards gala dinner on Friday.

Jodie McGregor Flowers of Castlecrag picked up the Local Business of the Year award at the event, at Roseville Golf Club.

North Shore businesses braved a rainy Friday night to attend the function, hosted by TV personality Andrew Daddo.

Almost 30 awards were presented, while businesses enjoyed a delicious three-course meal and superb entertainment from Tenors Undercover.

Willoughby Mayor Pat Reilly and Ku-ring-gai Mayor Ian Cross presented the awards.

Other dignitaries included Federal Liberal MP for Bradfield Paul Fletcher, State Liberal MP for Willoughby Gladys Berejiklian and State Liberal MP for Davidson Jonathan O'Dea.



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## Florist Jodie rose to the occasion

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Winning the night's major award was a big thrill for the Castlecrag florist, whose shop has been florist category winner for the past two years.

"It's awesome - a big surprise," Ms McGregor said. "There are a lot of great florists, firstly, and so to win out of all the businesses is really nice."

Ms McGregor, a florist for more than 10 years, could not attend the dinner due to family commitments and husband and part-owner Stu White collected the award. "It's great for our customers and staff and for people who support it," he said.

"Everything we do is focused on giving our customers an amazing experience and also for our team, we want them to be proud of where they work."

Other big winners included Your Skin Fitness Salon, which received the Readers' Choice award and whose general manager Ste Castimiro received the Employee Excellence award.

Apprentice of the Year went to Monica Li of Chatswood language school Mandarin Stars.

Willoughby Vet Hospital received the Willoughby Council Access Award for its commitment to accessibility, including free home calls for those with low mobility. Highly commended in the category was Woolworths Crows Nest, which provides staff to help vision-impaired customers.

The Nine Network New Business Award went to Roseville photographers 45 Degrees Studio, while the of Distinction.

■ More of our award winners will be featured in next Wednesday's North Shore Times.

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## FOR SUMMER

Willoughby Leisure and pay nothing until 2011