I had the pleasure of attending the Wyndham Business Awards on Friday Night, which was the 25th Anniversary of recognising business excellence, innovation and entrepreneurship in Wyndham. This year’s Awards were held once again at Encore Events centre, which looked spectacular and was hosted by the very charismatic Tim Campbell.

With over 520 guests in attendance, the room was buzzing with excitement and energy, which was complemented by the fantastic entertainers- Jemma Rix and Kane Alexander. This year there was such a rich diversity of businesses nominated across the 15 categories, which really highlighted to me that as a city we have got so much to offer and so much potential for continued growth and development.

The winner of this year’s 2019 Business of the Year was awarded to Aqua Tap Plumbing, which started from such humble beginnings 17 years ago, with just one man and his van, and has now grown to employ 50 people, all from Wyndham and sources 95% of their materials from local suppliers. It was an honour to present the Mayoral Award this year to Casabene Excavations & Drainage, which is a long standing Wyndham based business, commencing operations in 1960. I was particularly impressed by Casabene’s commitment to local procurement and environmental sustainability. Jacqueline Brotherston from Oxford Cold Storage won the Business Person of the Year, which highlights her impressive 48 year career as an executive in the road transport industry along with her recent contributions as the Co-Chair of the Wyndham Industrial Liaison Development (WILD) Committee.

The Wyndham Business Awards continue to go from strength to strength just as our local business community also prospers - twenty five years ago Wyndham had a population of 70,000 with less than 4,000 businesses. Today we are home to 270,000 people with more than 17,500 businesses and we will continue to expand our economic development program to ensure the growth of start-ups and existing businesses and to position the City as a destination for new job creation, investment from home and overseas.

A big congratulation’s goes to Council’s Economic Growth Unit, who once again staged a great event. For more information about how to grow and develop your business, check out the Business Investment section of the Wyndham Council website.

Regards, Mia Shaw.

Mayoral Award winner - Casabene Excavations & Drainage