



Gold Coast Honours presentation Marriott Surfers Paradise Resort Wednesday, 10 November 2004, 7pm

Chief Justice Paul de Jersey AC

Well, ladies and gentlemen, what a stunning demonstration of the vibrancy of the City of Gold Coast – your vitality: an historically established feature, a present reality, a future certainty.

What explains this remarkable momentum? It rests of course in the exhilarated commitment of exceptional people to their fellow citizens and to a simply spectacular region.

And that exhilaration is catching, even for a Judge daily dulled by the negativity of the courtroom. You set a flourishing and enlivening example for all Queenslanders: but then you always have.

I warmly congratulate the Gold Coast Bulletin for its initiative in founding and sustaining the awards, especially Managing Director Roy Miller and Editor-in-chief Bob Gordon. These awards rightly reward – though none is sought, and they wonderfully bolster that community cohesion which guarantees the Gold Coast as so seductively unique.

We have been inspired this evening by dazzling achievement of remarkable diversity. And now, the supreme award, the Order of the Gold Coast! It is difficult to imagine the summit which will have been scaled by the winner of this



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award. He or she will receive the gold medal from another star, herself very recently acquainted with that elusive commodity, Ms Brooke Hanson.

I am honoured, ladies and gentlemen, to announce that the winner of the 2004 Order of the Gold Coast, is