

Counting blessings from top awards

COLLINS Hume represented the NSW Northern Rivers region by being named SMSF Firm of the Year at the inaugural 2017 SMSF and Accounting Awards held in Sydney last week.

Collins Hume partner Peter Fowler also received a second accolade as SMSF and Accounting Professional of the Year – Regional.

The inaugural SMSF and Accounting Awards recognised individuals and businesses making their mark in SMSF and accounting advice by championing professionalism, quality advice and innovation.

Upon accepting the SMSF Firm of the Year award for Collins Hume, business manager David Keith said he was lost for words.

“I’d like to dedicate this award to all of the Collins Hume team,” he said.

“It’s through their collective hard work that we get to shine as a business.

“As accountants we realise we have the ability to change lives on a daily basis, not only with our clients and the advice we provide to help them improve their business and lives but also through our giving to people around the world who are much less fortunate than us.

“It really is a privilege to have these opportunities to change lives.”

Mr Fowler said both awards reflected the great work of the team, especially in the SMSF division.

“It hasn’t been easy



WINNERS: Peter Fowler (left) and David Keith continue their strong tradition of winning awards, pictured here at the Ballina Coast and Hinterland business of the Year Award in August.

with recent superannuation rule changes and ASIC licencing but we have faced these challenges head-on with success,” he said.

The judges commented on the exceptional quality of nominees this year and particularly remarked on the efforts firms and

individuals were going to with innovation and client servicing standards.

“We recognise that awards programs aren’t always the right fit for professionals who are concentrated on their locale and we are pleased that we can acknowledge their contribution to the

industry,” SMSF Adviser head of partnerships Terry Braithwaite said.

Founded in 1980, Collins Hume offers tax, accounting, business advice, financial advice, mortgages and lending services across three offices in Ballina, Byron Bay and Lismore.