

Collins Hume named top business

BALLINA accounting and business advisory firm Collins Hume was named Business of the Year at the Ballina Coast and Hinterland Business Excellence Awards held at the Ballina RSL Club on August 12.

The annual awards are organised by the Ballina Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

About 200 people attended the gala awards night, which began with a spectacular display of fire twirling.

This year has been a big year for Collins Hume, which was established in 1980 and has 25 staff.

Partner Peter Fowler was earlier this year awarded Partner of the Year at a Boutique Firm and also presented with an Overall Excellence award at the Australian Accounting Awards, while business manager David Keith was awarded Office Administrator of the Year at

the same event.

Also, the firm received the 2017 accounting practice of the year award plus a second award in the Best Event 2016-2017 category from GPS Wealth at its fourth annual conference in Thailand.

The firm also since 2011 has been involved in the Buy 1 Give 1 (B1G1) philanthropic organisation, and at a business seminar in Ballina midway through the year raised \$18,000 for charities.

Mr Fowler, a business advisor, said “the core purpose of our business is to inspire business owners”, and the firm delivered “extraordinary service”.

He said Collins Hume “walked the walk” in its own business.

He also said he was proud that Collins Hume was making a difference in people’s lives around the world through its philanthropy.

Mr Keith thanked the firm’s “fantastic team”.



BUSINESS OF THE YEAR, PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AWARD, SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS AWARD: Peter Fowler (left) and David Keith from Collins Hume. PHOTOS: BEN WYETH PHOTOGRAPHY