

Dedication earns Kevin a top award

MAROOCHYDORE businessman Kevin Covey is celebrating after he was named as winner of the Sunshine Coast regional award in the owner/manager category at the Australian Institute of Management awards.

The award recognises business leaders who have guided their teams to the top of their field and continue to lead the way.

Mr Covey created Covey Associates as a “one-stop shop” for engineering, landscape architecture and project management needs more than 21 years ago.

“Winning this award is a great honour, but I can’t take all the credit – a manager is only as strong as the team behind them and I have a truly great team.

“They are just as committed to delivering strong, honest and innovative work and that is the biggest secret to our success.

“I am also fortunate enough to have wonderful Associates who share my vision.”

The continued growth and expansion of the company has called for restructuring over the years and the addition of six associates to assist with the day-to-day business operations.

“My role now sees me take on more of a strategic role to projects and our client re-



WINNER: Kevin Covey picked up a Sunshine Coast regional award at the Australian Institute of Management awards.

lationships,” Mr Covey said. “Basically my job is to think in the future and find solutions to problems before they crop up.

“I established my office on the Sunshine Coast 21 years ago and since then, we have expanded with offices in Rockhampton, Tamworth, Narrabri and Papua New

Guinea. Another office will be opened in Gladstone in the near future to service large projects we have recently taken on board in the area.”

Despite its expansion overseas, Mr Covey has opted to keep the head office on the Coast in a sure sign of his confidence in the the region.