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Attention all young professionals. The Townsville Chamber of Commerce wants you! Its Young Chamber Committee is looking for nominations of business owners or corporate employees for the 2011 Young Business Achievement Awards.

The Young Chamber is launching the five week nomination period Wednesday 16 February from 5.30pm during a networking function at the Civic Theatre.

The 14th Young Business Achievement Awards have grown in stature over the years. Suzanne McQuillan, the 2007 Corporate Award winner, said the Awards helped her career. "Obviously, I was really pleased to be acknowledged", said Ms McQuillan. "And the Awards process was gratifying. It made me take stock of all I had done so far in my career and consider where I wanted to go in the future."

At the time of winning the Award, Suzanne was an Operations Manager. She went to be becoming a Director and part business owner. "Winning the award helped us to further develop our local business profile in the Townsville and surrounding business communities", she said.

Since then, Ms McQuillan left her corporate position and started her own small business. "The Awards were a turning point of sort," she said. "It helped me being more confident in my professional ability."

Business owners can nominate for the Business Awards whilst employees can nominate for the Corporate Awards. Candidates in both categories must have at least two years experience and be under the age of 35. Colleagues, clients, families and friends can nominate young professionals.

Nomination forms will be available at the Young Chamber networking function and are available on the Townsville Chamber of Commerce website, www.townsvillechamber.com.au

The Wednesday night function is opened to all and is a great way for professionals, young and old, to expand their networks. Entry is free and bring plenty of business cards.

For more information, call the Townsville Chamber of Commerce media contact on 044 789 5525.