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Aspire Retire Win 2009 Queensland Telstra Small Business Award

Aspire Retire Financial Services was announced the Telstra 2009 MYOB Small Business Award Winner for Queensland at a Gala Ceremony in Brisbane last night. The Telstra Small Business Awards are Australia's largest and most prestigious business awards program.

Co-Founders of Aspire Retire **Olivia Maragna and Stephen Degiovanni** said that they were absolutely delighted with the award win last night, further highlighting the company's consistent growth as a result of their strong commitment to clients and establishing a no-commission business model has been a winning formula in their success.

"This significant award win further confirms Aspire Retire's key point of difference which has always been to provide more than *just* financial planning; we constantly strive to educate our clients, nurture their understanding of money and investments, and grow their financial awareness," said Mrs Maragna.

"Matched with our fee for service approach, our clients have the financial freedom to make decisions that best suit their circumstances and goals given the current economy, rather than being spoon fed pigeon-holed strategies," concluded Mr Degiovanni.

Co founder, Olivia Maragna, was also last year named the 2008 Telstra Queensland Young Business Woman of the Year in recognition of her business achievements associated with Aspire Retire Financial Services, and for her community involvement and personal successes.

Aspire Retire Financial Services is a privately owned, award winning financial planning firm offering a range of financial services tailored to the individual needs of the client based on clear communication, personalised service and a genuine interest in their well-being.

The firm's expert Certified Financial Planners and qualified accountants work on an affordable fee-for-service model to offer clients superior, yet affordable services such as personalised financial planning, financial coaching, self managed super funds, and investment advice.

Aspire Retire Financial Services are now a state finalist in the Telstra Business National Awards to be announced in Sydney on 20 August 2009.

For more information on Aspire Retire Financial Services or to make an appointment please telephone 1300 66 77 02 or visit www.aspireretire.com.au.