

Aircraft Plastics Australia spreads its wings

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A LOCAL business award has won global kudos for a South Geelong business.

Aircraft Plastics Australia won the Judges Award in the 2008 Geelong Advertiser Business Excellence Awards.

The South Geelong business provides maintenance and repair services to major airlines for broken and damaged non-structural plastic cabin parts. The business has major clients, including Singapore Airlines and Virgin Blue.

Director David Fernyhough said winning the award had gained the attention of potential customers overseas.

Mr Fernyhough said he travelled to meet potential customers in Brunei. When he arrived for the meeting, a photocopy of the Geelong Advertiser article about his company's award was on the meeting room table.

"That was a pretty amazing thing," he said.

Mr Fernyhough said being a relatively small business in a global industry, major airlines had to make sure that potential suppliers could provide what they said they could and that the airline in this case saw the award as evidence.

Aircraft Plastics Australia offers a cabin refresh service to aircraft at Melbourne Airport to repair wood grain panels, touch-up overhead lockers and repair components.

Mr Fernyhough said the company had a patented process to repair and resurface interior plastic, non-structural panels, food trays and other components. The company's method repairs plastic parts without distortion and finished so the damaged area is not noticeable.

Mr Fernyhough said his business would enter the business awards this year.

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ALL SMILES: Aircraft Plastic Australia's Maree and David Fernyhough with the Judges Award in the 2008 Geelong Advertiser Business Excellence Awards.