



Spoken like a true professional

Leadership and change management presenter Anne Riches, pictured, has been named Australia's top speaker for 2010 by the National Speakers Association of Australia. Riches, a former barrister and president of the Women Lawyers' Association of NSW, has won the Nevin Award, named after John Nevin who convened the first official gathering of professional speakers in Australia in 1986. "I am deeply honoured to be recognised for doing what I love to do," Riches told delegates at the NSAA's 20th annual convention, held on Queensland's Gold Coast. "My mother always taught me to give back. I thought she spoke rubbish at the time but now I think I am turning into my mother." Terry Hawkins, owner of training company People in Progress, won the Educator Award for Excellence and Catherine DeVrye, a former IBM executive and Australian Executive Woman of the Year, won the Keynote Presenter Award for Excellence. "Our role as speakers is to use words to inspire many into doing deeds that inspire more," DeVrye told delegates.