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## WA HOSPITALITY RECOGNISED FOR EXCELLENCE

Three of the State's most outstanding hospitality venues were winners at the 2008 AHA National Hotel Awards for Excellence held in Sydney last night.

The AHA National Hotel Awards for Excellence recognise and reward the high standards exhibited throughout all aspects of the hotel industry, including bars, restaurants and accommodation providers.

The WA winners were:

- Best Environment Initiative: Esplanade Hotel Fremantle (Fremantle);
- Best Redeveloped Licensed Premise Indian Ocean Brewhaus & Bar (Mindarie); and
- Best Resort Style Accommodation: Novotel Ningaloo Resort (Exmouth).

AHA (WA) CEO, Bradley Woods, said the venues have showcased the high standards that are being applied in West Australian hotels.

"The industry as a whole in Western Australia is continuing to develop and continuing to mature and the venues that were recognised last night in Sydney represent that," Mr Woods said.

"Western Australia has an enormous amount to offer as a destination and we are continuing to witness venues identifying and promoting their individual points of difference, an increasing awareness of their environmental responsibilities and the determination to continue to provide the highest levels of service and overall excellence to their customers.

"Each of these venues has been compared to contemporaries throughout the nation and been judged to be the best."

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### **BEST ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVE** (sponsored by Staging Connections)

#### **ESPLANADE HOTEL FREMANTLE**

The Esplanade Hotel Fremantle has implemented initiatives to protect the environment and has established an active environmental task-force to monitor its progress. There are targets to reduce energy consumption, i.e. saving water, gas and electricity. Marketing is focused towards utilising means of communication other than print and guest amenities are bio-degradable, among many other initiatives. The hotel is continually upgrading its facilities to utilise the latest energy-efficient equipment to help to reduce carbon emissions.

### **BEST REDEVELOPED LICENSED PREMISE** (sponsored by Tabcorp/Sky Channel)

#### **INDIAN OCEAN BREWHAUS & BAR (Mindarie)**

The Indian Ocean Brewhaus & Bar is perfectly located on the water's edge at the Mindarie Marina, overlooking the Indian Ocean. The design is state-of-the-art and incorporates a microbrewery, restaurant and bar. The brewhouse makeover has attracted vast numbers of new customers and has become a hot-spot for locals and day-trippers. A range of good quality food and beverages are available.

### **BEST RESORT STYLE ACCOMMODATION** (sponsored by Members Equity)

#### **NOVOTEL NINGALOO RESORT (Exmouth)**

This resort is located on Sunrise Beach in Exmouth Gulf. It provides a base for visitors to the world-renowned Ningaloo Marine Park and Cape Range National Park. It has been built to a contemporary beach-house design, sympathetic to its surrounding environment using natural material. The rooms are state-of-the-art, have slick décor and a user-friendly layout, while there are good recreational facilities and superb food and beverage.

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