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MEDIA RELEASE

‘The Breakwater’ wins two awards including Overall Hotel of the Year at AHA National Awards

Pinctada Cable Beach also a WA winner

Perth hotel The Breakwater can lay claim to being Australia’s best pub after taking out two of the Australian Hotels Association’s major industry awards last night.

The Breakwater was the winner of the Overall Hotel of the Year award at the AHA National Awards for Excellence, presented in front of 500 industry leaders from across Australia last night at Sydney’s Westin Hotel.

Earlier in the evening The Breakwater took out the Best Restaurant award for its Ishka Restaurant.

AHA National CEO Des Crowe said the award was a significant accomplishment:

“The AHA National Awards are contested by the winners of awards from every state and territory, so there is tough competition in all categories. The Breakwater was up against finalists from other states with significant gaming operations, so to be named Overall Hotel of the Year is a fantastic accomplishment.”

Mr Crowe also praised the Pinctada Resort at Cable Beach in Broome, which took out the award for Best Resort-Style Accommodation.

“There are a number of very strong contenders in the resort category, particularly from Queensland, so it’s a great achievement for Pinctada Cable Beach to be recognised as Australia’s finest in its category.

“Pinctada Cable Beach provides a unique luxurious resort experience which has added significantly to the tourism appeal of the region.

“Western Australia is a fast-changing state, and these awards are evidence that the hotel industry is keeping up with the pace and offering world class hospitality for both locals and visitors.”

The AHA also honoured its retiring National Accommodation President, Patrick Griffin OAM, with induction into its Johnnie Walker Hall of Fame. Mr Griffin has worked in the industry for more than 40 years and has served as President for the past four years.

While The Breakwater took out the major award for Best Overall Hotel (General Division) the Best Overall Hotel (Accommodation Division) was won by the new Wolgan Valley Resort and Spa in the NSW Blue Mountains. Wolgan Valley took out three awards in total, making it the biggest single winner on the night.

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2010 Winners



Outstanding Community Service & Achievement
Hotels Have Hearts (NSW)

Outstanding Achievement in Training
Rydges Melbourne (Vic)

Best Environmental Practice (Joint-winners)
Grand Hotel Mornington (Vic)
Wolgan Valley Resort & Spa (NSW)

Best Tourism Initiative
Strahan Village – The Bonnet Island Experience (Tas)

Best Bistro – Country
The Entrance Hotel (NSW)

Best Bistro – Metro (Joint-winners)
Belair Hotel (SA)
Botanica Brasserie – Sheraton on the Park (NSW)

Best Restaurant – Accommodation Division
Altitude – Shangri-La (NSW)

Best Restaurant – General Division (Country)
Queens Wharf Brewery Nor'East (NSW)

Best Restaurant – General Division (Metro)
The Breakwater (WA)

Best Retail Liquor Outlet
Yamanto Tavern (Qld)

Best Bar Presentation & Service – Country
Irish Murphy's (Vic)

Best Bar Presentation & Service – Metro
Story Bridge Hotel (Qld)

Best Sporting Entertainment Venue
Northies – Cronulla Hotel (NSW)

Best Entertainment Venue (Joint-winners)
Coolangatta Hotel (Qld)
SKYCITY Darwin (NT)

Best Outdoor/Non-enclosed Facility
The Highway (SA)

Best Gaming Venue – Country
Port Macquarie Hotel (NSW)

Best Gaming Venue – Metro
Belair Hotel (SA)

Best Redeveloped Hotel – Accommodation Division
Novotel Canberra (ACT)

Best Redeveloped Hotel – General Division
Lord of the Isles Tavern (Vic)

Best Marketed Hotel – Accommodation Division
Hilton Adelaide (SA)

Best Marketed Hotel – General Division
Chalk Hotel (Qld)

Bartender of the Year
Steward Luk – Cargo Bar (NSW)

Chef of the Year
Steven Krasicki – Shangri-La (NSW)

Front of House Employee of the Year (Joint-winners)
Martin Zumstein – The Westin (NSW)
Sid Scott – Green Island Resort (Qld)

Employee Excellence in Service
Rosalee Karutz – Sydney Harbour Marriott (NSW)

Hotel Industry Rising Star
Lauren Hodder – Lenna of Hobart (Tas)

Best Pub-Style Accommodation
Coogee Bay Hotel (NSW)

Best Mid-Range Accommodation
Loxley on Bellbird Hill (NSW)

Best Suite/Apartment Hotel
Star City Hotel & Apartments (NSW)

Best Resort-Style Accommodation
Pinctada Cable Beach (WA)

Best Deluxe Hotel Accommodation
Wolgan Valley Resort and Spa (NSW)

Overall Hotel of the Year – Accommodation Division
Wolgan Valley Resort and Spa (NSW)

Overall Hotel of the Year – General Division
The Breakwater (WA)

Johnnie Walker Hall of Fame Inductee – 2010
Mr Patrick Griffin OAM – Observatory Hotel (NSW)