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## NIGHT OF NIGHT'S RECOGNISES EXCELLENCE IN WA HOSPITALITY

The high standards of WA's hotel and hospitality industry were recognized at the Lion Nathan Gala Ball and 2008 AHA Aon Hotel Awards for Excellence held in the Grand Ballroom at Burswood Entertainment Complex last night.

More than 1000 people attended a glittering night of celebration that showcased finalists and winners across 45 categories highlighting standards of excellence in areas including service, presentation, the responsible service of alcohol, innovation, redevelopment, tourism and accommodation.

In a first for WA, the event was powered by 100 per cent renewable energy sources supplied by Synergy NaturalPower.

The evening's marquee awards were presented to The Gate Bar & Bistro in Success, which scooped the AHA De Bortoli/6PR Perth's Pub of the Year award, Donnybrook's Red Rabbit Inn for winning the Regional Hotel/Tavern of the Year Award, and the Duxton Hotel Perth which won the Deluxe Accommodation Award.

Geraldton's Robert Ramage received the Hospitality Industry Lifetime Achievement Award.

AHA(WA) CEO Bradley Woods said the AHA Aon Hotel Awards for Excellence reflect the increasing standards within the industry and continues to grow.

"This year we received more than 300 submissions across the 45 categories and the standard across the industry has never been as high," Mr Woods said.

"Hoteliers continue to rise to the occasion by setting exceptional standards of excellence for the WA hotel industry each year.

"The AHA Aon Hotel Awards for Excellence continue to be the most prestigious awards night for the industry and I would like to congratulate all our finalists and winners."

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**NB: A Full list of award winners is attached**

## **2008 AHA AON HOTEL AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE WINNERS**

**AON RISK SERVICES COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD - Sponsored by Aon Risk Services**

WINNER - The Court Hotel

**THE LION NATHAN BAR PRESENTATION & SERVICE AWARD - Sponsored by Lion Nathan**

WINNER - Inglewood Hotel

**RESPONSIBLE SERVICE OF ALCOHOL AWARD - Sponsored by Coca Cola Amatil**

WINNER - Burswood Entertainment Complex

**TRAINING INITIATIVE AWARD - Sponsored by Hospitality Group Training**

WINNER - Duxton Hotel Perth

**HOTEL INNOVATION AWARD - Sponsored by MegaVision Sound & Lighting**

WINNER - Belgian Beer Café Westende

**MARKETED HOTEL/TAVERN AWARD - Sponsored by Premium Beverages**

WINNER - Brooklands Tavern

**RETAIL LIQUOR OUTLET AWARD - Sponsored by Members Equity Bank**

JOINT WINNER - Moondyne Joe's

JOINT WINNER - Brooklands Tavern

**SAFE CELLAR AWARD - Sponsored by BOC**

WINNER - Wentworth Plaza Hotel

**ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVE AWARD - Sponsored by Synergy**

WINNER - Holiday Inn City Centre Perth

**REDEVELOPED HOTEL/TAVERN AWARD - Sponsored by Kings Park Electrical**

WINNER - The Court Hotel

**REDEVELOPED OUTDOOR AREA AWARD**

WINNER - Universal Bar

**MARKETED ACCOMMODATION HOTEL/RESORT AWARD - Sponsored by HiDynamix**

WINNER - Forte Mandurah Quay Resort

**TOURISM INITIATIVE AWARD - Sponsored by Tourism Western Australia**

WINNER - Moondance Lodge

**CONFERENCE & BANQUET SERVICES PROVIDER AWARD - Sponsored by Perth Convention Bureau**

WINNER - Esplanade Hotel Fremantle (Hall of Fame)

**CONCIERGE & GUEST SERVICES PROVIDER AWARD - Sponsored by City of Perth**

WINNER - Parmelia Hilton Perth (Hall of Fame)

**PUB/HOTEL ACCOMMODATION AWARD - Sponsored by Mal Atwell Indoor Leisure Group**

WINNER - Captain Stirling Hotel

**MID-RANGE ACCOMMODATION AWARD - Sponsored by Customers ATM**

WINNER - Perth Ambassador Hotel

**SUPERIOR ACCOMMODATION AWARD - Sponsored by Furniture Options**

WINNER - Rydges Perth Hotel

**DELUXE ACCOMMODATION AWARD - Sponsored by HFM Asset Management**

WINNER - Sheraton Perth Hotel

**APARTMENT/SUITE ACCOMMODATION AWARD - Sponsored by Prime Laundry**

WINNER - Quest Margaret River

**RESORT STYLE ACCOMMODATION AWARD - Sponsored by Staging Connections**

WINNER - Cable Beach Club Resort

**REDEVELOPED ACCOMMODATION HOTEL/RESORT AWARD - Sponsored by HotelsApart**

WINNER - Sheraton Perth Hotel

**REGIONAL ACCOMMODATION HOTEL/RESORT OF THE YEAR - Sponsored by HISCO Hospitality & Healthcare**

BOUTIQUE WINNER - McAlpine House

WINNER - Karri Valley Resort

**BAR SERVICES EMPLOYEE AWARD - Sponsored by DIAGEO**

WINNER - Brett Lubicz (Hall of Fame), Universal Bar

**COOKERY SERVICES EMPLOYEE AWARD - Sponsored by Moffat**

WINNER - Sam Carstairs, Burswood Entertainment Complex

**FRONT OFFICE SERVICES EMPLOYEE AWARD - Sponsored by HOSTPLUS**

WINNER - Mark Huartson, Sheraton Perth Hotel

**DINING & BANQUET SERVICES EMPLOYEE AWARD - Sponsored by Pinnacle Hospitality & Travel People**

WINNER - Arnold Harper, Crowne Plaza Hotel

**ADMINISTRATION EMPLOYEE AWARD - Sponsored by HOSTPLUS**

JOINT WINNER Ko Youngsoon, Duxton Hotel Perth

JOINT WINNER Alex Pond, The Gate Bar and Bistro

**EMPLOYEE EXCELLENCE IN SERVICE AWARD - Sponsored by hospitalitybiz**

WINNER - Derrick Buckley, The Shed

**AHA - HGT HOTEL INDUSTRY RISING STAR AWARD - Sponsored by AHA (WA) and Hospitality Group Training**

WINNER - Monique Oliver, Hotel IBIS Perth

**TAB HOTEL/PUBTAB VENUE AWARD - Sponsored by Racing and Wagering Western Australia**

WINNER - The Gate Bar and Bistro

**SPORTING ENTERTAINMENT VENUE AWARD - Sponsored by Fox Sports**

JOINT WINNER - Carbon Bar – Burswood Entertainment Complex

JOINT WINNER - Paddington Ale House

**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT AWARD - Sponsored by APRA**

JOINT WINNER - Universal Bar

JOINT WINNER - Burswood Entertainment Complex (Hall of Fame)

**THEMED BAR AWARD - Sponsored by Bluetongue Premium Lager**

WINNER - J.B. O'Reilly's

**CONTEMPORARY/LATE NIGHT BAR AWARD - Sponsored by HLW(WA)**

WINNER - Niche Bar & Lounge

**WA'S BEST STEAK SANDWICH AWARD - Sponsored by The West Australian**

WINNER - Inglewood Hotel

**BISTRO AWARD - Sponsored by Constellation Wines Australia**

JOINT WINNER - Greenwood Brasserie, Greenwood Hotel

JOINT WINNER - The Gate Bar and Bistro

**CASUAL FAMILY DINING AWARD - Sponsored by European Foods Wholesalers**

WINNER - Stringy Bark Steak House, Wanneroo Villa Tavern

**HOTEL/TAVERN RESTAURANT AWARD - Sponsored by 92.9**

WINNER - Subiaco Hotel

**RESTAURANT AWARD - Sponsored by Smart Beverages**

WINNER - Star Anise Restaurant

**ACCOMMODATION HOTEL/RESORT RESTAURANT AWARD - Sponsored by Amelia Park**  
WINNER - Globe Wine Bar & Restaurant, Parmelia Hilton Perth

**HOTEL/TAVERN WINE LIST AWARD - Sponsored by Pernod Ricard Australia**  
WINNER - Settlers Tavern

**ACCOMMODATION HOTEL/RESORT WINE LIST AWARD - Sponsored by Samuel Smith & Son/ Negociants Australia**  
WINNER - (A)Lure Dining & Bar, Burswood Entertainment Complex

**REGIONAL HOTEL/TAVERN OF THE YEAR - Sponsored by H & L Australia**  
WINNER - Red Rabbitt Inn

**AHA, DE BORTOLI/6PR PERTH'S PUB OF THE YEAR - Sponsored by AHA (WA), De Bortoli & 6PR**  
WINNER - The Gate Bar and Bistro

**HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY LIFETIME ACHEIVMENT AWARD - Sponsored by AHA (WA)**  
WINNER – Robert Ramage