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PURE EXCELLENCE IN WA HOSPITALITY

WA's hotel and hospitality industry stepped out last night to recognise excellence across the sector. The Lion Nathan Gala Ball and presentation of the 2009 AHA Aon Hotel Awards for Excellence was held in the Grand Ballroom at Burswood Entertainment Complex and drew a crowd of 1100.

The night of celebration showcased finalists and winners across 45 categories including standards of excellence in service; presentation; the responsible service of alcohol; innovation; redevelopment; tourism and accommodation.

The AHA(WA) were also proud to announce that this year's event was supporting the Carbon Capture Program™.

As a result of the AHA(WA) and individual venue contributions, over 1100 Mallee Eucalypt native trees will be planted across WA wheatbelt regions.

The AHA De Bortoli/6PR Perth Pub of the Year award was presented to The Gate Bar & Bistro in Success, for the second year in a row. Margaret River's Settlers Tavern took out the Regional Hotel/Tavern of the Year Award, and the Sheraton Perth Hotel won the Deluxe Accommodation Award.

Industry icon Murray McHenry received the Hospitality Industry Lifetime Achievement Award.

AHA(WA) CEO Bradley Woods said the AHA Aon Hotel Awards for Excellence reflect the high standards prevalent across the industry.

"The hospitality sector is continually upgrading and improving services and standards, which is one of the reasons our industry is among the best in the world, Mr Woods said.

"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

2009 AHA AON HOTEL AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE WINNERS

HOTEL AWARDS

Aon Risk Services Community Service Award *Sponsored by Aon Risk Services*
WINNER
Settlers Tavern

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT
Cuballing Tavern

The Lion Nathan Bar Presentation & Service Award *Sponsored by Lion Nathan*
WINNER
The Breakwater

WA's Best Responsible Service of Alcohol Award *Sponsored by Coca-Cola Amatil*
JOINT WINNERS
Burswood Entertainment Complex
The Vic

WA's Best Training Initiative Award *Sponsored by Hospitality Group Training*
WINNER
Accor Hospitality

WA's Best Hotel Innovation Award *Sponsored by Carbon Conscious*
WINNER
Steves Fine Wine & Food

WA's Best Marketed Hotel/Tavern Award *Sponsored by Premium Beverages*
WINNER
The Left Bank Café Bar Restaurant

WA's Best Retail Liquor Outlet Award *Sponsored by ME Bank*
WINNER
Osborne Park Hotel

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT
Steves Fine Wine & Food

WA's Best Safe Cellar Award *Sponsored by BOC*
WINNER
The Shed

WA's Best Environmental Initiative Award *Sponsored by Synergy*
WINNER
Parmelia Hilton Perth

WA's Best Redeveloped Hotel/Tavern Award *Sponsored by MegaVision Sound & Lighting*
WINNER
The Breakwater

WA's Best Redeveloped Outdoor Area Award
WINNER
Southerlys Harbour View Bar & Restaurant

ACCOMMODATION AWARDS

WA's Best Marketed Accommodation Hotel/Resort Award *Sponsored by Advans Exhibition Services*
WINNER
Parmelia Hilton Perth

WA's Best Tourism Initiative Award *Sponsored by Tourism Western Australia*
WINNER
Karijini Eco Retreat

WA's Best Conference & Banquet Services Provider Award *Sponsored by Perth Convention Bureau*
WINNER
Holiday Inn City Centre Perth

WA's Best Concierge & Guest Services Provider Award *Sponsored by City of Perth*
WINNER
Esplanade Hotel Fremantle

WA's Best Pub/Hotel Accommodation Award *Sponsored by Mal Atwell Indoor Leisure Group*
WINNER
Royal Hotel

WA's Best Mid-Range Accommodation Award *Sponsored by Customers ATM*
WINNER
Perth Ambassador Hotel

WA's Best Superior Accommodation Award *Sponsored by Furniture Options*
WINNER
Esplanade Hotel Fremantle

WA's Best Deluxe Accommodation Award *Sponsored by HotelsApart*
WINNER
Sheraton Perth Hotel

WA's Best Apartment/Suite Accommodation Award *Sponsored by KP Electric*
WINNER
Assured Ascot Quays Apartment Hotel

WA's Best Resort Style Accommodation Award *Sponsored by Surf Life Saving Western Australia*
WINNER
Cable Beach Club Resort and Spa

WA's Best Redeveloped Accommodation Hotel/Resort Award *Sponsored by HFM Asset Management*
WINNER
Broadwater Resort Apartments Como

WA's Best Regional Accommodation Hotel/Resort of the Year *Sponsored by HISCO Hospitality & Healthcare*
WINNER
Pinctada Cable Beach Resort & Spa

EMPLOYEE AWARDS

WA's Best Bar Services Employee Award *Sponsored by Diageo Australia*
WINNER
Jason Juraszek – Universal Bar

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT
Karl Burke - The Shed

WA's Best Cookery Services Employee Award *Sponsored by Vocational Training Services*
WINNER
David Winnett - Duxton Hotel Perth

WA's Best Front Office Services Employee Award *Sponsored by HOSTPLUS*
WINNER
Nigel Jenkins - Esplanade Hotel Fremantle

WA's Best Dining & Banquet Services Employee Award *Sponsored by Staging Connections*
WINNER
Lenka Goldsmidova - Parmelia Hilton Perth

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT
Steve-Nyx Ruki - Esplanade Hotel Fremantle

WA's Best Administration Employee Award *Sponsored by HOSTPLUS*
WINNER
Taryn Spicer - Crowne Plaza Perth

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT
Meg Coffey - The George

WA's Best Employee Excellence in Service Award *Sponsored by Hospitalitybiz*

WINNER

Claire Wynne - J.B. O'Reilly's

AHA - HGT Hotel Industry Rising Star of Award *Sponsored by Australian Hotels Association (WA) and*

Hospitality Group Training

WINNER

Claire Bateman - Holiday Inn City Centre Perth

ENTERTAINMENT AWARDS

WA's Best TAB Hotel/PubTAB Venue Award *Sponsored by Racing and Wagering Western Australia*

WINNER

Last Chance Tavern

WA's Best Sporting Entertainment Venue Award *Sponsored by Fox Sports*

JOINT WINNERS

Carbon Bar - Burswood Entertainment Complex

Greenwood Hotel

WA's Best Live Entertainment Award *Sponsored by APRA*

JOINT WINNERS

Charles Hotel

Paddington Ale House

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

Mundaring Weir Hotel

WA's Best Themed Bar Award *Sponsored by Coca-Cola Amatil*

WINNER

Belgian Beer Café Westende

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

J.B. O'Reilly's

WA's Best Contemporary Bar Award *Sponsored by Smart Beverages*

JOINT WINNERS

The Cabin

The George

DINING AWARDS

WA's Best Steak Sandwich Award *Sponsored by Meat Direct*

WINNER

Inglewood Hotel

WA's Best Bistro Award *Sponsored by Constellation Wines Australia*

WINNER

The Gate Bar and Bistro

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

Port Kennedy Tavern

WA's Best Casual Family Dining Award *Sponsored by Evoke Media*

JOINT WINNERS

Clancy's Fish Pub Fremantle

Seven Mile Inn

WA's Best Hotel/Tavern Restaurant Award *Sponsored by 92.9*

WINNER

Subiaco Hotel (Hall of Fame)

Ishka Restaurant - The Breakwater

WA's Best Restaurant Award *Sponsored by The West Australian*

JOINT WINNERS

Wise Vineyard Restaurant

Zafferano

WA's Best Accommodation Hotel/Resort Restaurant Award *Sponsored by HLW(WA)*

WINNER

SELENE Brasserie - Pinctada Cable Beach Resort & Spa

WA's Best Hotel/Tavern Wine List Award *Sponsored by Pernod Ricard Australia*

WINNER

The George

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

Steves Fine Wine & Food

WA's Best Accommodation Hotel/Resort Wine List Award *Sponsored by Samuel Smith & Son*

WINNER

Burswood Entertainment Complex - (A)LURE Dining Room & Bar (Hall of Fame)

OVERALL AWARDS

WA's Best Regional Hotel/Tavern of the Year *Sponsored by H&L Australia*

WINNER

Settlers Tavern

AHA De Bortoli/6PR Perth's Pub of the Year *Sponsored by Australian Hotels Association(WA), De Bortoli & 6PR*

WINNER

The Gate Bar and Bistro

Hospitality Industry Lifetime Achievement Award *Sponsored by Australian Hotels Association(WA)*

Awarded to Murray McHenry