



2026

AHA & PERTH AIRPORT ACCOMMODATION AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE

PRESENTED AT THE

THE DEVIL'S LAIR GALA BALL

THE WESTIN - MONDAY 30 MARCH 2026

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WA ACCOMMODATION AWARDS

The AHA(WA), with major sponsor Perth Airport, proudly presents the WA Accommodation Awards for Excellence, celebrating outstanding achievement and leadership across Western Australia's accommodation sector.

These prestigious awards will be held on Monday, 30 March 2026, at The Westin Perth. Recognised as one of the premier events on the state's hospitality and tourism calendar, the evening honours the dedication, innovation, and commitment to excellence demonstrated by venues and their teams.

Award winners will be showcased across online, industry, and social media platforms, as well as through traditional media, highlighting their exceptional contribution to Western Australia's world-class accommodation industry.

AWARDS GALA BALL

DATE: MONDAY 30 MARCH 2026

TIME: 6.30PM FOR A 6.45PM START

VENUE: THE WESTIN PERTH

DRESS: STRICTLY BLACK TIE/TUXEDO - FORMAL EVENING GOWN

VENUE AWARD CATEGORIES

1. ALL ABILITIES HOTEL AWARD
2. EXCELLENCE IN WORKPLACE CULTURE AWARD
3. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES AWARD
4. HOTEL MARKETING AWARD
5. HOTEL MANAGEMENT TEAM AWARD
6. HOTEL BAR AWARD
7. HOTEL WINE LIST AWARD
8. HOTEL RESTAURANT AWARD
9. CONTEMPORARY CUISINE AWARD
10. FAMILY FRIENDLY ACCOMMODATION AWARD
11. MID-RANGE ACCOMMODATION AWARD
12. SUPERIOR ACCOMMODATION AWARD
13. DELUXE ACCOMMODATION AWARD

WA'S BEST REGIONAL ACCOMMODATION HOTEL AWARD**

WA'S BEST METRO ACCOMMODATION HOTEL AWARD**

**Finalists are determined by submissions in other categories.

Winners from selected categories are eligible to enter the 2026 AHA National Awards for Excellence.

Eligibility to participate in the Accommodation Awards requires operating prior to 1 May 2025

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EMPLOYEE AWARD CATEGORIES

HOTEL STAFF AWARDS

These awards are for frontline staff.

14. **RIISING STAR AWARD** Open to employees from all departments. Nominees for this category would be in the early stages of their hospitality career and displaying significant potential to excel at management level in the future with a long-term hospitality career.
15. **CHEF AWARD** Open to all positions (except head chef and executive chefs, see Award 29)
16. **FOOD AND BEVERAGE AWARD** Open to all food and beverage, restaurant, bar, banquet, conference, and kitchen support staff. (except managers, see award 23)
17. **HOUSEKEEPING AWARD** Open to all housekeeping, cleaning, and laundry staff.
18. **ADMINISTRATION SERVICES** Open to employees working in administration roles within your Accommodation property.
19. **ACCOMMODATION RECEPTION AWARD** Open to hotel frontline and hotel reception staff who provide arrival and departure services to guests, such as room allocations, guest checking in and out and complete invoicing of guest charges.

HOTEL TEAM AWARDS

20. **BANQUET, EVENTS AND MICE TEAM AWARD** Recognising banquets, events and MICE teams that have worked effectively in the past 12 months to grow sales and deliver an excellent customer experience.
21. **GUESTS SERVICES TEAM AWARD** Recognising the guest services team inclusive of front Desk, Concierge & Guest Services team members

HOTEL MANAGEMENT AWARDS

These awards are for staff operating at mid-level to senior management.

22. **FRONT OFFICE MANAGER AWARD** This award recognises an individual who manages reception, reservations, and duty management.
23. **OUTLET VENUE MANAGER AWARD** This award recognises an individual who manages a specific outlet within an accommodation venue.
24. **EMERGING FEMALE LEADER AWARD** This award recognises an emerging female leader that demonstrates an interest in actively pursuing leadership positions or opportunities for development.
25. **ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE MANAGER AWARD** This award recognises an individual who manages payroll, revenue, finance, office administration and executive support.
26. **HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGER AWARD** This award recognises an individual who manages human resources. Open to all human resources personnel.
27. **SALES AND MARKETING MANAGER AWARD** This award recognises an individual who manages sales, marketing, business development and banquet sales.
28. **CONFERENCE AND EVENTS MANAGER AWARD** This award recognises an individual who manages conferences, weddings and event co-ordination, operations, and sales.
29. **SENIOR EXECUTIVE MANAGER AWARD** Incorporates those senior executives or director level managers that are not eligible to enter the previous categories. Not open to General Managers.



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ACCOMMODATION JUDGING

Venues are judged any time after receipt of submission and will not be advised as to when judges will visit. This visit and written submission will form the basis of judging.

Submissions are completed online at www.ahawa.asn.au/events

EMPLOYEE JUDGING

After written submissions have been judged, applicants will be shortlisted. Successful applicants will be invited to attend a 20-minute interview before a panel of judges. For employees located in regional areas, the interview may be conducted via Zoom.

The panel of judges for the awards comprise industry experts with significant experience in the accommodation sector.

Employee award interviews will take place from 2 February 2026.

AWARDS

Each category winner will be announced at the Gala Ball on Monday 30 March 2026. Each winner receives a prestigious framed award.

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