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## Excellence in Hospitality Showcased at AHA NT Awards Night

Australian Hotels Association (NT Branch) premier event, the Aristocrat Technologies Awards for Excellence, were held last night on the Lawns at SKYCITY Darwin, completing 2016 Hospitality Trade week.

With over 400 nominations received across 37 Award categories from hospitality venues located throughout the Territory, the highlights of the evening included:

- Dual winners of the Employee Rising Star Award Ashlee Murphy (Ayers Rock Resort) and Anneliese Grazioli (Hot Tamale)
- Milikapiti Sports and Social Club winning Outstanding Club Community Service and Achievement Award based on what they had put back into the local community, as well as for their innovative trials to address grog running and takeaway alcohol issues in their community
- Berry Springs Tavern winning host of awards including Hotel of the Year, having the top apprentice Jenita Hunt a product of their best training initiative and had the best bar presentation
- Voyages Ayers Rock Resort awarded for their National Indigenous Training Academy, their renovation of Emu Walk Apartments and their successful resort marketing team.
- Halikos Hospitality venues winning Workplace Health and Safety (Frontier Hotel), best redeveloped licensed venue and UBET venue (H105 Lizards Bar and restaurant) ;
- Barkly Homestead winning best Wayside Inn, and Curtin Springs winning best tourism initiative;
- Alice Springs venues Gillen Club won best large Club, and Gapview Hotel won best Regional Hotel and best Live Music Venue
- Katherine hospitality recognized with Norma Craft winning Best Housekeeping Employee (Knotts Crossing) and the Katherine Club winning best club bar presentation
- Caddies at Palmerston Golf Club winning Best Overall Small Club, Best Marketed Club and NT Keno venue and promoting their August PGA tournament
- Monsoons winning best marketed hotel and Adriana Andrews from Monsoons being recognized as the Best Marketing /Sales Employee
- Employee excellence awards presented to Chef Lea-Amy Bell (The Cavenagh), Front of House Friday Kasteni (Hilton Darwin), Bartender Jamie McIvor (The Deck Bar), Gambling Community Liaison Officer Michael Rochford (Globies Sports Bar) and Human Resources manager Avril Vaughan (SKYCITY Darwin)
- Beachfront Hotel and Darwin FreeSpirit Resort acknowledged for their charity and fundraising work within the community

Des Crowe CEO of the AHA (NT) said

“The highlight of the evening was to see a contingent from a community club from Milikapiti be recognized and applauded by the 600 strong crowd for the difference that they are making to their small indigenous community.”

“It was also a time to recognize the workforce behind the hospitality industry and so the employee awards were crowd favorites.”

NT Historian Peter Forest presented the Mayse Young Hall of Fame Award to the Kilgariff family. Mr Forrest explained why it was fitting that the Kilgariff family be recognized for their contribution in pioneering in the hospitality industry. Joe and Eileen Kilgariff family commenced operating the Stuart Arms in 1927 in Alice Springs and would later, with their family, set out the foundations of NT regional tourism and townships by building and operating Barrow Creek Hotel, Tennant Creek Hotel, Aileron Hotel. Bernie and Aileen Kilgariff continued the tradition by building the Oasis Motel in Alice Springs. Michael and Kathryn Kilgariff accepted the award on behalf of the Kilgariff family.

For a full list of winners, please see below.

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## 2016 AHA (NT) Aristocrat Technologies Awards for Excellence Winners

	<b>Award Category</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Winner</b>
1.	<b>Best Hotel Gaming Venue</b>	<i>Sponsored by Aristocrat Technologies</i>	<b>Hibiscus Tavern</b>
2.	<b>Best Club Gaming Venue</b>	<i>Sponsored by Aristocrat Technologies</i>	<b>Cazalys Palmerston Club</b>
3.	<b>Best Retail Liquor Outlet</b>	<i>Sponsored by Lion</i>	<b>The Cavenagh Hotel</b>
4.	<b>Best Late Night Venue</b>	<i>Sponsored by Lion</i>	<b>Monsoons Restaurant &amp; Party Bar</b>
5.	<b>Best Chef/Cook</b>	<i>Sponsored by Arafura Catering Equipment</i>	<b>Lea-Amy Bell - The Cavenagh Hotel</b>
6.	<b>Best Family Friendly Venue</b>	<i>Sponsored by Asahi Premium Beverages</i>	<b>Tracy Village Social &amp; Sports Club</b>
7.	<b>Best Redeveloped Accommodation Hotel</b>	<i>Sponsored by Treasury Wine Estates</i>	<b>Emu Walk Apartments – Ayers Rock Resort</b>
8.	<b>Best Redeveloped Licensed Premise</b>	<i>Sponsored by IGT Australia</i>	<b>H105 – Lizards Bar &amp; Restaurant</b>
9.	<b>Best Human Resources Employee</b>	<i>Sponsored by HOSTPLUS</i>	<b>Avril Vaughan – SKYCITY Darwin</b>
10.	<b>Best Marketing/Sales/Events Employee</b>	<i>Sponsored by HOSTPLUS</i>	<b>Adriana Andrews – Monsoons Restaurant and Party Bar</b>
11.	<b>Best Hotel Bar Presentation &amp; Service</b>	<i>Sponsored by Coca-Cola Amatil</i>	<b>Berry Springs Tavern</b>
12.	<b>Best Club Bar Presentation &amp; Service</b>	<i>Sponsored by H &amp; L Australia</i>	<b>Katherine Club Inc</b>
13.	<b>Best Sporting Entertainment Venue</b>	<i>Sponsored by Arthur J Gallagher</i>	<b>Darwin RSL</b>
14.	<b>Best Accommodation Hotel Community Service &amp; Achievement</b>	<i>Sponsored by Banktech</i>	<b>Darwin FreeSpirit Resort</b>
15.	<b>Best Marketed Hotel</b>	<i>Sponsored by Coopers Brewery</i>	<b>Monsoons Restaurant &amp; Party Bar</b>
16.	<b>Best Marketed Club</b>	<i>Sponsored by Dynamic Refrigeration Solutions</i>	<b>Caddies @ Palmerston Golf Course</b>
17.	<b>Best Marketed Accommodation Hotel</b>	<i>Sponsored by Colemans Printing</i>	<b>Voyages Ayers Rock Resort</b>
18.	<b>Best Live Music Venue</b>	<i>Sponsored by APRA/AMCOS</i>	<b>Gapview Hotel</b>
19.	<b>Outstanding Hotel Community Service &amp; Achievement</b>	<i>Sponsored by Hot 100 / Mix 104.9/ 92.3 Country</i>	<b>Beachfront Hotel</b>
20.	<b>Outstanding Club Community Service &amp; Achievement</b>	<i>Sponsored by Hot 100 / Mix 104.9/ 92.3 Country</i>	<b>Milikapiti Sports &amp; Social Club</b>
21.	<b>Best Outdoor Area</b>	<i>British American Tobacco Australia</i>	<b>The Tap on Mitchell</b>
22.	<b>Best Wayside Inn</b>	<i>British American Tobacco Australia</i>	<b>Barkly Homestead</b>
23.	<b>Best NT Keno Venue</b>	<i>Sponsored by NT Keno</i>	<b>Caddies @ Palmerston Golf Course</b>
24.	<b>Best UBET Licensed Venue</b>	<i>Sponsored by UBET</i>	<b>H105 – Lizards Bar &amp; Restaurant</b>
25.	<b>Best Workplace Health &amp; Safety Venue</b>	<i>Sponsored by Northern Territory Government</i>	<b>Frontier Hotel – Halikos Hospitality</b>
26.	<b>Best Community Liaison Officer</b>	<i>Sponsored by Northern Territory Government</i>	<b>Michael Rochford – Globies Sports Bar</b>
27.	<b>Best Training Initiative</b>	<i>Sponsored by Northern Territory Government</i>	<b>Voyages Ayers Rock Resort</b>
28.	<b>Best Training Initiative</b>	<i>Sponsored by Northern Territory Government</i>	<b>Berry Springs Tavern</b>
29.	<b>Best Tourism Initiative</b>	<i>Sponsored by Tourism NT</i>	<b>Curtin Springs Wayside Inn</b>

30.	<b>Service Excellence (Front of House)</b>	<i>Sponsored by Darwin Digital Television</i>	<b>Friday Kasteni – Hilton Darwin</b>
31.	<b>Apprentice/Trainee of the Year</b>	<i>Sponsored by Territory Taste</i>	<b>Jenita Hunt – Berry Springs Tavern</b>
32.	<b>Best Housekeeping/Guest Services Employee</b>	<i>Sponsored by Dreamedia</i>	<b>Norma Craft – Knotts Crossing Resort</b>
33.	<b>Bartender of the Year</b>	<i>Sponsored by Diageo Australia</i>	<b>Jamie McIvor – The Deck Bar</b>
34.	<b>Hospitality Industry Rising Star Award</b>	<i>Sponsored by ICAE</i>	<b>Anneliese Grazioli – Hot Tamale</b>
35.	<b>Hospitality Industry Rising Star Award</b>	<i>Sponsored by ICAE</i>	<b>Ashlee Murphy – Desert Gardens Hotel and Emu Walk Apartments, Ayers Rock Resort</b>
36.	<b>Industry Sales Representative of the Year</b>	<i>Sponsored by Clubs NT</i>	<b>Matthew Wane – Carlton &amp; United Breweries</b>
37.	<b>Industry Sales Representative of the Year</b>	<i>Sponsored by Clubs NT</i>	<b>Nathan Jury – Reward Distribution</b>
38.	<b>Best Overall Small Club</b>	<i>Sponsored by Carlton &amp; United Breweries</i>	<b>Caddies @ Palmerston Golf Course</b>
39.	<b>Best Overall Regional Hotel</b>	<i>Sponsored by Australian Liquor Marketers</i>	<b>Gapview Hotel</b>
40.	<b>Best Overall Large Club</b>	<i>Sponsored by Australian Liquor Marketers</i>	<b>Gillen Club</b>
41.	<b>Best Overall Metropolitan Hotel</b>	<i>Sponsored by Carlton &amp; United Breweries</i>	<b>Berry Springs Tavern</b>
42.	<b>Mayse Young Hall of Fame</b>	<i>Sponsored by Australian Hotels Association NT</i>	<b>The Kilgariff Family</b>