



MEDIA RELEASE: New Era in Hospitality Announced at Hospitality NT Awards Night

Over 520 people attended the Australian Hotels Association (NT Branch) gala event, the Aristocrat Technologies Awards for Excellence, held last night on the Lawns at SKYCITY Darwin, completing the 2018 Hospitality Trade week.

At this event, the newly elected President of the AHA (NT), Paul Palmer announced the Association would be rebranding from AHA (NT Branch) to 'Hospitality NT' which will better reflect the sectors which the association represents including clubs, restaurants, wayside inns and accommodation.

The new 'Hospitality NT' brand will be transitioned out across all aspects of the Association and its Membership over the coming weeks.

The Aristocrat Technologies Hospitality NT Awards for Excellence received over 350 nominations across 37 Award categories from hospitality venues located throughout the Territory and winners included:

TOP VENUES

Wayside Inn: Curtin Springs
Restaurant: Chow! A Taste of South East Asia
Club: Casuarina All Sports Club
Accommodation Hotel: Palms City Resort
Hotel: Berry Springs Tavern

TOP EMPLOYEES

Hospitality Industry Rising Star; Ramon Jenkinson-The Darwin Sailing Club
Junior Apprentice Fabian Jude Mercure Kakadu Crocodile Hotel
Bartender: Joey Folkersma Chow
Chefs:Graham Bumford-Katherine Country Club/Stefan Ulrich- Casuarina All Sports Club

COMMUNITY SERVICE AND ACHIEVEMENT

Mercure Kakadu Crocodile Hotel
Tracy Village Social &Sports Club Inc
Monsoons Bar and Restaurant

Other highlights

- The efforts of all the bar staff at Sandbar at SKYCITY Darwin were recognized in winning the 'Best Cocktail/Restaurant Bar Presentation and Service' Award
- Liz Lamb, from Berry Springs Tavern, was a joint winner of the Service Excellence (Front of House) Employee Award, along with Liisa Kaldoja from the Tap on Mitchell
- From Central Australia, Curtin Springs Wayside Inn collected a swag of awards, winning Best Tourism Initiative, Best Redeveloped Licensed Premises and Best Wayside Inn Awards

- The Best Family Friendly Venue went to the Darwin Trailer Boat Club
- The Aurora Alice Springs won Best Redeveloped Accommodation Hotel
- From Alice Springs, Gillen Club won the Best Marketed Club Award while the Gapview Hotel continued its winning ways with the Award for Best Live Music Venue
- The newly renovated Beachfront Hotel won the Best Draught Beer Quality Award and Best Sporting Entertainment Venue

President Paul Palmer said

“The highlight of the evening was to see hospitality venues being rewarded for their strong customer service, community links and hard work in a difficult year. It was also good to see venues that have been able to invest in renovations and redevelopment, to also be able to win awards and continue to grow hospitality’s standards of excellence.

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

For a full list of winners, please see below.

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Best Overall Hotel: Berry Springs Tavern, Leah Sloan, 0417 877 703

Best Overall Club, Casuarina All Sports Club, Russell Reid, 8920 6900

Best Overall Accommodation Hotel, Palms City Resort, Melanie Lewis, 0439 379 495

Best Overall Restaurant, Chow! A Taste of South East Asia, Jason Hanna, 0414 869 297

Best Wayside Inn, Curtin Springs Wayside Inn, Lyndee Severin, 0400 366 697

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WINNERS LIST

2018 Aristocrat Technologies Hospitality NT Awards for Excellence

	Award Category	Sponsor	Winner
1.	Best Hotel Gaming Venue	<i>Sponsored by Aristocrat Technologies</i>	Humpty Doo Tavern
2.	Best Club Gaming Venue	<i>Sponsored by Aristocrat Technologies</i>	Darwin RSL Inc
3.	Best Retail Liquor Outlet	<i>Sponsored by Lion</i>	Katherine Hotel
4.	Best Late Night Venue	<i>Sponsored by Lion</i>	Wisdom Bar & Café
5.	Best Draught Beer Quality	<i>Sponsored by Lancer Beverage Systems</i>	Beachfront Hotel
6.	Best Family Friendly Venue	<i>Sponsored by Reward Hospitality</i>	Darwin Trailer Boat Club
7.	Best Redeveloped Licensed Premise	<i>Sponsored by IGT Australia</i>	Curtin Springs Wayside Inn
8.	Best Redeveloped Accommodation Hotel	<i>Sponsored by Hostplus</i>	Aurora Alice Springs
9.	Best Hotel Bar Presentation & Service	<i>Sponsored by Carlton & United Breweries</i>	Hotel Darwin
10.	Best Club Bar Presentation & Service	<i>Sponsored by H & L Australia</i>	Palmerston Sports Club Inc.
11.	Best Cocktail/Restaurant Bar Presentation & Service	<i>Sponsored by Dynamic Catering Solutions</i>	Sandbar - SKYCITY Darwin
12.	Best Sporting Entertainment Venue	<i>Sponsored by Arthur J Gallagher</i>	Beachfront Hotel
13.	Outstanding Accommodation Hotel Community Service & Achievement	<i>Sponsored by Hospitality NT</i>	Mercure Kakadu Crocodile Hotel
14.	Outstanding Hotel Community Service & Achievement	<i>Sponsored by Hot 100 / Mix 104.9/ 92.3 Country</i>	Monsoons
15.	Outstanding Club Community Service & Achievement	<i>Sponsored by Hot 100 / Mix 104.9/ 92.3 Country</i>	Tracy Village Social & Sports Club Inc.
16.	Best Marketed Hotel	<i>Sponsored by Coopers Brewery</i>	Noonamah Tavern
17.	Best Marketed Club	<i>Sponsored by Fusion Exhibition & Hire Services</i>	Gillen Club
18.	Best Marketed Accommodation Hotel	<i>Sponsored by Colemans Printing</i>	Palms City Resort
19.	Best Live Music Venue	<i>Sponsored by APRA/AMCOS</i>	Gapview Hotel
20.	Best Outdoor Area	<i>British American Tobacco Australia</i>	The Precinct Tavern
21.	Best Wayside Inn	<i>British American Tobacco Australia</i>	Curtin Springs Wayside Inn
22.	Best NT Keno Venue	<i>Sponsored by NT Keno</i>	The Pint Club
23.	Best UBET Licensed Venue	<i>Sponsored by UBET</i>	The Sportsbar @ SKYCITY Darwin
24.	Best Training Initiative	<i>Sponsored by Northern Territory Government</i>	Berry Springs Tavern
25.	Best Tourism Initiative	<i>Sponsored by Tourism NT</i>	Curtin Springs Wayside Inn
26.	Service Excellence (Front of House)	<i>Sponsored by Darwin Digital Television</i>	Liisa Kaldoja – The Tap on Mitchell Liz Lamb – Berry Springs Tavern
27.	Junior Trainee / Apprentice of the Year	<i>Sponsored by Hostplus</i>	Fabian Jude – Mercure Kakadu Crocodile Hotel

28.	Best Chef/Cook	<i>Sponsored by Arafura Catering Equipment</i>	Stefan Ulrich – Casuarina All Sports Club Graham Bumford – Katherine Country Club
29.	Best Human Resources Employee	<i>Sponsored by Dreamedia</i>	Aimee Levey – Cooina Lodge Kakadu
30.	Best Marketing/Sales/Events Employee	<i>Sponsored by MAX</i>	Susan Heenan – Cazalys Palmerston Club & Caddies at the Palmerston Golf Course
31.	Bartender of the Year	<i>Sponsored by Coca-Cola Amatil</i>	Joey Folkersma – Chow! A Taste of South East Asia
32.	Hospitality Industry Rising Star Award	<i>Sponsored by ICAE</i>	Ramon Jenkinson – The Darwin Sailing Club
33.	Industry Sales Representative of the Year – Beverage Suppliers	<i>Sponsored by Clubs NT</i>	Daniel Hanna - LION
34.	Industry Sales Representative of the Year – Other Suppliers	<i>Sponsored by Clubs NT</i>	Leanne Asquith - MAX
35.	Best Overall Restaurant	<i>Sponsored by Asahi Premium Beverages</i>	Chow! A Taste of South East Asia
36.	Best Overall Accommodation Hotel	<i>Sponsored by Australian Liquor Marketers</i>	Palms City Resort
37.	Best Overall Club	<i>Sponsored by Treasury Wine Estates</i>	Casuarina All Sports Club
38.	Best Overall Hotel	<i>Sponsored by Carlton & United Breweries</i>	Berry Springs Tavern