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MEDIA RELEASE: Gold Plates Serve Up Excellence in Dining

Restaurateurs and hospitality staff from around the Territory gathered at SKYCITY Darwin tonight for the highly anticipated 2017 AHA (NT) ALM Gold Plate Awards.

After a rebrand, refurbish and undertaking a greater focus on the tourism/business events market a few years ago, **Wharf One Food and Wine** took out the major Award for the evening, the '*Restaurant of the Year*' Award. In addition to being named 'Restaurant of the Year', **Wharf One Food and Wine** also won, '*Best Tourism Themed Restaurant*' and '*Best Stand Alone Restaurant*'.

Another significant achievement of the night was the induction of long-term Darwin favourite, **Char at Admiralty House** into the Gold Plate '*Hall of Fame*' for winning 5 or more years in the '*Best Extensive Wine List*' category.

Other highlights of the 2017 AHA (NT) ALM Gold Plate Awards included:

- New Gold Plate Award, 'Best Breakfast Restaurant' went to the 'Fork and Dagger Bar and Grill', who also won the Gold Plate for 'Best Hotel Restaurant';
- **Waterfront Bistro Dining** at the **Darwin Sailing Club** took out two Awards, '*Best Club Restaurant*' and '*Best Casual Dining*';
- The iconic **Daly Waters Historic Pub** won the Award for '*Best Wayside Inn Dining*';
- **Saffron Restaurant** was back on the winners list, for the '*Best Asian Restaurant*' Award
- Alice Springs favourite, the **Gillen Club**, took out the Gold Plate Award for '*Best Family Restaurant*' and;
- In the beverage categories, **PM Eat Drink** won the Gold Plate for '*Best Select Wine List*', and **Pee Wees at the Point** took out the '*Best Extensive Wine List*' category, while **SKYCITY's Sandbar** won the '*Best Cocktail List*' Award.

"There is no doubt that the Northern Territory has a growing reputation for great food, service and wine. This year's Gold Plate Awards have really showcased the best of food, wine and service in hospitality venues right across the Territory," said AHANT Events and Marketing Officer, Kelly Hannus.

"Territory hospitality staff play a critical role in delivering high quality food and service, and it was great to celebrate and recognise their hard work and contribution to the industry at tonight's Awards," said AHANT Project Manager, Mr. Chris Capper.

Venues that enter the Gold Plate Awards are judged objectively and anonymously by independent judges. The quality of food receives the most attention by the judges, however the whole dining experience is evaluated, including ambience, service and the presentation of the premise and staff.

Please find below a complete list of all the 2017 Gold Plate Award winners.

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Restaurant of the Year	Wharf One Food and Wine
Best Stand Alone Restaurant	Wharf One Food and Wine
Best Tourism/Themed Restaurant	Wharf One Food and Wine
Best Breakfast Restaurant	Fork and Dagger Bar and Grill
Best New Establishment	The Meat House Coolalinga
Best Fine Dining Restaurant	Cicada Lodge
Best Public Hotel Dining	Dolly's Bar (Hibiscus Tavern)
Best Club Restaurant	Waterfront Bistro (Darwin Sailing Club)
Best Wayside Inn Dining	Daly Waters Historic Pub
Best Hotel Restaurant	Fork and Dagger Bar and Grill
Best Casual Dining	Waterfront Bistro (Darwin Sailing Club)
Best Informal Dining	Moorish Café
Best Family Restaurant	Gillen Club
Best Asian Restaurant	Saffron Restaurant
Best Specialty Cuisine	Moorish Cafe
Best Steak Restaurant	Cove – SKYCITY Darwin
Best Select Wine List	PM Eat & Drink
Best Extensive Wine List	Pee Wee's at the Point
Best Cocktail List	Sandbar – SKYCITY Darwin
Best Function/Event Caterer	Darwin Convention Centre
Minister for Trade, Business and Innovation Encouragement Award	Litchfield Motel's Waterfalls Restaurant
Hall of Fame – Best Extensive Wine List	Char at Admiralty House