

EXCELLENCE ON SHOW AT HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY'S NIGHT OF NIGHTS

Almost 500 people attended the 2019 Hospitality NT Aristocrat Technologies Awards for Excellence held on the lawns of the Mindil Beach Casino & Resort and were provided with a stunning Dry season sunset that did not disappoint.

CEO of Hospitality NT Des Crowe said it was important to acknowledge venues and hardworking staff throughout the Territory that are striving to deliver excellence in their field.

“From your friendly local hotel and club, through to 5-star accommodation, signature restaurants and the vital network of wayside inns and roadhouses allowing access to remote parts of the Territory, our venues work day and night to ensure Territorians and visitors enjoy their time with us,” Mr Crowe said.

“We know our venues shape the Territory experience of locals and tourists alike and showcasing excellence ensures we continue to strive for better,” Mr Crowe said.

This year there were 275 nominations, 36 category awards and 5 overall award winners:

- Best Overall Restaurant – Hot Tamale
- Best Overall Accommodation Hotel – DoubleTree by Hilton, Esplanade Darwin
- Best Overall Small Club – Darwin Trailer Boat Club
- Best Overall Large Club – Gillen Club
- Best Overall Hotel – Beachfront Hotel

“There are too many deserving venues to acknowledge and I encourage people to try and tick off the whole list of worthy award recipients as well as attend their trusty local and test for themselves if the judges got it right.

“Daly Waters Hotel took out Best Wayside Inn with significant upgrades to its accommodation, outdoor pool area and airconditioned new bistro ensuring the travelling public and regional workers continue to have a fantastic experience at this iconic venue.

“The Gillen Club in Alice Springs took out Best Outdoor Area and Best Overall Large Club which once again shows the focus on great outdoor venues runs Territory deep.

“Beachfront Hotel took home a haul of 6 awards including Best Overall Hotel, Best Redeveloped Licensed Premise, Outstanding Hotel Community Service & Achievement and joint Best Live Music showing it’s integral place in the Darwin landscape.

“Darwin Trailer Boat Club took out Best Overall Small Club and two of its employees shone in the staff awards showing that venue’s strong focus on training and development.

“The ever-popular Hot Tamale proved a worthy winner of Best Overall Restaurant with their head Chef Martin Bouchier also taking out the Best Chef Award.

“And in their first year, The Landmark @ Gateway won Best New Venue, Best Late-Night Venue, Best Hotel Gaming Venue and were joint winners of Best Marketed Venue and they have proved to be a popular new addition to the Top End’s scene.

“Congratulations to all nominees and award recipients who last night proved the strength, resilience and excellence of our local industry.”

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