



MEDIA RELEASE

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*****LIST OF WINNERS ATTACHED*****

Minister congratulates winners of the Tourism Accommodation Australia NSW Awards for Excellence 2013

Minister for Tourism and Major Events, George Souris, today congratulated the winners of the Tourism Accommodation Australia (NSW) Awards for Excellence 2013, which were announced last night at a black tie ceremony at The Westin, Sydney.

The Awards are recognised as the benchmark of achievement in hospitality excellence across a wide range of categories in the accommodation industry.

Premier Barry O'Farrell addressed the dinner, while Minister Souris was also present. They were also joined by a large number of Liberal and Nationals MPs and MLCs, Federal Shadow Minister for Tourism, Bob Baldwin, Federal TAA President Tony South, NSW TAA President Nigel Greenaway, as well as industry leaders and tourism stakeholders.

"The Tourism Accommodation Australia (NSW) Awards for Excellence acknowledges the highest level of excellence to which our accommodation industry can aspire. They also help promote positive public awareness of the hotel industry throughout the State," Mr Souris said.

"On behalf of the NSW Government I congratulate all award winners, as well as those who have received nominations or commendations. It is my hope that they will continue to lead the industry to bigger and better things.

"The NSW Government is proud to support the Awards, which are open to all members of Tourism Accommodation Australia (NSW), who meet the nomination criteria.

"Each year, the competition grows as the quality of the services and facilities continues to reach even higher standards throughout the NSW accommodation sector.

"I thank Tourism Accommodation Australia for their leadership in encouraging NSW accommodation providers to continually improve their standards, and meet the demands of a rapidly changing market."

The Winners of the TAA (NSW) Awards for Excellence 2013 are also encouraged to enter the NSW Tourism Awards. The registration deadline is 2 August 2013 and submissions must be lodged by 2 September 2013.

Award	Recipient Name	Recipients Company
Outstanding Achievement in Training		Sofitel Sydney Wentworth
Outstanding Community Service and Achievement		The Sydney Boulevard Hotel
Best Environmental Practices		Novotel Sydney Olympic Park
Occupational Health & Safety Hotel of the Year		InterContinental Sydney
Function Venue of the Year		Hilton Sydney
Conference Hotel of the Year		Rydges World Square
Engineer of the Year (Winner)	Andy Goonesekera	InterContinental Sydney
Engineer of the Year (Commendation)	Cyrus Tolentino	Sydney Harbour Marriott Hotel
Apprentice/Trainee Employee of the Year	Gabrielle Fitzsimmons	Mercure Resort Hunter Valley Gardens
Finance Officer of the Year (Winner)	Nilesh Kumar	Crowne Plaza Norwest
Finance Officer of the Year (Commendation)	Christopher Bryan	Rydges World Square
Revenue/Yield Manager of the Year	Riccardo Paoella	Hilton Sydney
Food & Beverage Employee of the Year	Catalina Rueda	Sydney Harbour Marriott Hotel
Meeting & Events Employee of the Year	Sally Simonds	Sofitel Sydney Wentworth
Public Relations, Sales & Marketing Employee of the Year	David Bayly	Radisson Blu Hotel Sydney
Human Resources Employee of the Year	Fiona Pereira	Sydney Harbour Marriott Hotel
Front of House Employee of the Year (Winner)	Andrea Donaghy	Fairmont Resort MGallery, Blue Mountains
Front of House Employee of the Year (Commendation)	Wayne Arthur	Radisson Blu Hotel Sydney
Employee Excellence in Service (Winner)	Maria Macri-Nosari	Sydney Harbour Marriott Hotel
Employee Excellence in Service (Commendation)	Jane Larucci	Four Seasons Hotel Sydney
Concierge of the Year	David Patt	InterContinental Sydney
Housekeeper of the Year	Shirley Delaberbis	Crowne Plaza Hunter Valley
Chef of the Year (Winner)	Bo Ip Sorensen	Shangri-La Hotel Sydney
Chef of the Year (Commendation)	Tamas Pamer	InterContinental Sydney
Hotel Industry Rising Star	Timothy Hunt	Park Hyatt Sydney
Regional Restaurant of the Year	Darleys Restaurant	Lilianfels Resort & Spa, Blue Mountains
Metropolitan Restaurant of the Year	Altitude Restaurant	Shangri-La Hotel Sydney
Metropolitan Brasserie/Cafe of the Year	Feast – a world of flavours	Sheraton on the Park
Bar of the Year	Grain	Four Seasons Hotel Sydney
Health Club & Spa Facilities of the Year	The Day Spa	The Langham, Sydney
Redeveloped Accommodation Hotel of the Year	PARKROYAL Darling Harbour	
Sydney Standard Hotel Accommodation of the Year	Holiday Inn Sydney Airport	
Regional Standard Hotel Accommodation of the Year	Rydges Port Macquarie	
Sydney Superior Hotel Accommodation of the Year	Four Points By Sheraton Sydney	
Regional Superior Hotel Accommodation of the Year	Fairmont Resort MGallery, Blue Mountains	
Sydney Deluxe Hotel Accommodation of the Year	Park Hyatt Sydney	
Regional Deluxe Hotel Accommodation of the Year	Lilianfels Resort & Spa, Blue Mountains	
Hall of Fame: Outstanding Achievement in Training	Hilton Sydney	
Hall of Fame: Workplace Health & Safety Hotel of the Year	Sheraton on the Park	