



VICTORIA'S BEST ACCOMMODATION HOTELS HONOURED

Victoria's best accommodation hotels have been recognised at the 2016 Tourism Accommodation Australia (Victoria) Accommodation Awards for Excellence. The winners were announced at a gala dinner held at the Grand Hyatt Melbourne on Wednesday 15 June 2016.

The dinner was attended by 550 accommodation hoteliers and hospitality industry leaders including the Victorian Government, Visit Victoria, City of Melbourne, Australian Grand Prix Corporation, Tennis Australia, Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre, Melbourne Convention Bureau, Victoria Tourism Industry Council, Public Transport Victoria, Melbourne Food and Wine Festival, Melbourne International Film Festival and Destination Melbourne.

The "Outstanding Contribution to the Industry" award recognises a sustained contribution by a hotelier or industry leader who has made a significant contribution to Victoria's tourism and accommodation industries. This year the awardee was Lord Mayor Robert Doyle. In his eight years as Lord Mayor he has overseen Melbourne being named the world's most liveable city for the fifth year running and has been an outstanding advocate for Melbourne to attract visitors, conferences, events and ultimately growth in our accommodation sector and visitor economy.

Other winners honoured were:

ACCOMMODATION CATEGORY AWARD WINNERS:

Deluxe Accommodation Hotel of the Year

Crown Towers, Melbourne

Apartment Accommodation of the Year

Citadines on Bourke Melbourne

Superior Accommodation Hotel of the Year

PARKROYAL Melbourne Airport, Tullamarine

Mid-Range Accommodation Hotel of the Year

The Swanston Hotel Melbourne, Grand Mercure

Boutique Style Accommodation of the Year

Adelphi Hotel, Melbourne

Resort Style Accommodation of the Year

Balgownie Estate Vineyard Resort and Spa, Yarra Glen

Regional Accommodation of the Year

Royal Mail Hotel, Dunkeld

SPECIALTY CATEGORY AWARD WINNERS:

Deluxe Restaurant of the Year

Park Hyatt Melbourne, radii restaurant & bar

Hotel Restaurant (All Day Dining) of the Year

Radisson on Flagstaff Gardens, Melbourne, HQ's on William

Regional Hotel Restaurant of the Year

Royal Mail Hotel, Dunkeld, The Royal Mail Dining Room

Hotel Bar of the Year

Sheraton Melbourne Hotel, Terrace Bar

Hotel Club Lounge of the Year

Crown Towers, Melbourne

INDIVIDUAL EXCELLENCE AWARD WINNERS:

Administration Employee of the Year

Grand Hyatt Melbourne, Fil Ruberto

Concierge of the Year

InterContinental Melbourne The Rialto, Paul Rumpff and
Melbourne Marriott Hotel, Anthony Szostak

Engineer and Maintenance Employee of the Year

Sofitel Melbourne on Collins, Tony Wischer

Food and Beverage Services Employee of the Year

Silverwater Resort Phillip Island, Dan Child

Front Office Services Employee of the Year

Pullman Melbourne on the Park, Sevag Keroghlian

Hotel Industry Rising Star

Pullman Melbourne on the Park, Annabelle Gibney

Housekeeper Employee of the Year

Crown Towers, Melbourne, Donna Musarella and
Hilton Melbourne South Wharf, Vicki Curran

Marketing & Public Relations Employee of the Year

The Langham Melbourne, Evan Hinrichsen

Revenue Management Employee of the Year

The Hotel Windsor, Melbourne, Leah Hyndes

Sales Employee of the Year

Balgownie Estate Vineyard Resort and Spa, Yarra Glen, Melanie Watson and
Sofitel Melbourne on Collins, Conny Bartl

PROPERTY PERFORMANCE AWARD WINNERS:

Best Environmental & Energy Efficiency Practice

Quality Hotel Downtowner on Lygon, Carlton

Best Marketed Accommodation Provider

Grand Hyatt Melbourne

Excellence in Innovation

Grand Hyatt Melbourne

Outstanding Achievement in Training

Stamford Plaza Melbourne

Outstanding Community Service & Achievement

Melbourne Marriott Hotel and Atura Hotel, Dandenong

Darryl Washington, General Manager of TAA (Vic) praised the finalists, award-winners and individuals who were honoured. "The TAA (Vic) Accommodation Awards for Excellence is a celebration of the diversity and success of metropolitan and regional Victorian accommodation providers. Melbourne and Victoria properties offer a world class and diverse selection of properties that cater well for our visitors. The industry constantly strives to raise the bar and again this year, the nominated properties, and in particular those that have been honoured at the 2016 TAA (Vic) Accommodation Awards for Excellence emphasise this point. Congratulations to finalists and in particular all winning accommodation providers."

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