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Australian Hotels Association (ACT Branch)
2023 Hospitality and Accommodation Awards

On Monday night the Australian Hotels Association hosted the annual Hospitality and Accommodation awards at the National Arboretum. This year's event attracted over 350 attendees from across the hospitality and accommodation industries.

Over the last couple of months, the independent expert judges sifted through over 140 nominations across various categories.

James Hawketts, General Manager of the Australian Hotels Association (ACT Branch) acknowledged the winners, saying "These winners are a fantastic representation of what the ACT has to offer in the hospitality, accommodation and tourism industries."

"This Gala Dinner was a celebration of the industry's resilience as we continue to navigate the challenges of this post COVID19 landscape. New challenges continue to arise but we continue to find a way to, not only survive but to, thrive."

Mr Hawketts encouraged Canberrans to continue supporting the local hospitality industry.

"We thank Chief Minister Andrew Barr for attending and speaking at the awards presentation. We appreciate him making the time to attend and show his support for the Canberra hospitality and accommodation industries."

"We also thank all of our corporate partners who enabled the night to the success that it was. With special thanks to Hostplus, Tabcorp, Carlton United Breweries, Asahi Beverages and Lion."

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Category	Winner Name	Venue Name	Sponsor
Bartender of the Year	Gabby Brown	Molly Bar	LION
Housekeeper of the Year	Erica Saunders	Mercure Belconnen Canberra	Mark Agency
Human Resources Talent	Lynda Bailey	Mercure Belconnen Canberra	Mark Agency
Best Sales & Marketing Talent	Aimie Maclaine	Lala Hospitality Group	Hostplus
Employee Excellence in Service (General)	Simon Buchanan	Bentspoke Brewing	Elite Event Technology
Employee Excellence in Service (Accommodation)	Katrina Li	Midnight Hotel	Access Recognised Training
Chef of the Year	Adrienne Davo	Luna	Express Employment Professionals
Best Wine List		QT Canberra	Treasury Wine Estate
Best Bar (Presentation & Service)		Luna	Asahi/CUB Premium
Best Family Friendly Venue		Public Bar	Coke
Best Late-Night Entertainment Venue		88mph	Diageo
Best Wagering Venue		Casino Canberra	Tabcorp
Best Sporting Entertainment Venue		The Dock	Tabcorp
Best Cocktail, Lounge or Small Bar		Bar Beirut	Diageo
Best Conference & Functions Venue		Hotel Realm	Canberra Convention Bureau
Best Draught Beer Quality		Bentspoke AND Badger & Co	Brewers Association
Best Outdoor Dining Experience		Edgars Inn	Elite Event Technology
Best New or Redeveloped Venue (General)		Luna	Hostplus
Best Work Health and Safety Venue		Casino Canberra	Visit Canberra
Best Innovation, Sustainability and Environmental Practice		DOMA Hotels	Show Pony Events
Best Traditional Pub, Inn or Tavern		Bentspoke Brewing	Tabcorp
Best Steak		QT Canberra	Coke
Best Burger		The District	CUB
Best Pub Eatery		Public Bar	Asahi/CUB Premium
Best Casual Dining Venue		Ostani	LION
Best Restaurant (General)		Pomegranate	Show Pony Events
Best Restaurant (Accommodation)		Jamala Wildlife Resort	CUB
Mid-Range Hotel of the Year		Ramada	Hostplus
All Abilities Hotel of the Year		East Hotel	Hostplus
Superior Hotel of the Year		East Hotel	Hostplus
Apartment/Suite Hotel of the Year		Burbury	Asahi/CUB Premium
Deluxe Hotel of the Year		Jamala Wildlife Resort	Treasury Wine Estate
Accommodation Member of the Year		Todd Handy - East Hotel	LION
John Press Award		Peter Barclay - King O'Malleys	CUB