



TAA^{vic} **2018**
Tourism Accommodation Australia (Victoria) Accommodation Awards for Excellence
ACCOMMODATION AWARDS
FOR EXCELLENCE

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VICTORIA'S FINEST ACCOMMODATION HOTELS AND VENUE STAFF RECOGNISED

Victoria's finest accommodation hotels and venue staff have been recognised at the 2018 Tourism Accommodation Australia (Victoria) Accommodation Awards for Excellence. Winners were announced at a gala dinner held at the Grand Hyatt Melbourne last night.

The dinner was attended by more than 430 accommodation hoteliers and hospitality industry leaders, including representatives of the Victorian Government, Australian Grand Prix Corporation, Arts Centre Melbourne, Melbourne City Council, Destination Melbourne, Melbourne Convention Bureau, Victoria Tourism Industry Council, Melbourne Airport, Victoria Racing Club and Marriner Group.

The "Outstanding Contribution to the Industry" award recognises the sustained impact of a hotelier or industry leader, who has made a significant contribution to the Victoria's tourism and accommodation sectors. This year the recipient of this prestigious award was Sir Rod Eddington. Sir Rod has enjoyed a decorated career in the transport, aviation and tourism industries. His senior roles within these sectors include having been the CEO of Cathay Pacific, Ansett Airlines and British Airways. He was awarded a knighthood by the British Government in 2005 reflecting his significant contribution to civil aviation. In 2012, Sir Rod was also recognised as an Officer of the Order of Australia (AO) for his service to business and commerce. Within the Victorian tourism industry, Sir Rod served as Chair of the Victorian Major Events Company and interim Chair of Visit Victoria.

Other winners honoured were:

Accommodation Category Award Winners:

1. Deluxe Accommodation Hotel of the Year – Grand Hyatt Melbourne
2. Apartment Accommodation of the Year – The Sebel Melbourne Docklands
3. Superior Accommodation Hotel of the Year – Radisson on Flagstaff Gardens Melbourne
4. Mid-range Accommodation Hotel of the Year – Holiday Inn Melbourne on Flinders
5. Boutique Style Accommodation of the Year – Adelphi Hotel Melbourne
6. Resort Style Accommodation of the Year – Balgownie Estate Vineyard Resort and Spa
7. Regional Accommodation of the Year – Jackalope Merricks North
8. Deluxe Restaurant of the Year – Pascale Bar & Grill – QT Melbourne
9. Hotel Bar of the Year – 28 Skybar Lounge – Crown Metropol, Melbourne
10. Hotel Club Lounge of the Year – Crown Towers Melbourne
11. Hotel Restaurant of the Year – Locanda Restaurant – Rydges Melbourne
12. Regional Hotel Restaurant of the Year – Wickens at Royal Mail Hotel – Royal Mail Hotel Dunkeld

Specialty Category - Winners:

Individual Excellence - Winners:

13. Outstanding Contribution to the Industry – Sir Rod Eddington AO
14. Administration Employee of the Year – Asha Lokuwaduge, Amora Hotel Riverwalk Melbourne
15. Concierge of the Year – Ali Sungkar, The Hotel Windsor Melbourne
16. Engineer and Maintenance Employee of the Year – Joint Winners were Peter Topp, Crown Hotels Melbourne and Robin Power, Crowne Plaza Melbourne
17. Food and Beverage Services Employee of the Year – Sergio Diago, Grand Hyatt Melbourne
18. Front Office Service Employee of the Year – Ashleigh Macdonald, Crown Towers Melbourne
19. Hotel Industry Rising Star – Bounthavy Hasackda, Grand Hyatt Melbourne
20. Housekeeper Employee of the Year – Azra Kolak, The Langham Melbourne
21. Marketing Employee of the Year – Ana Majkowska, Rydges Melbourne
22. Revenue Management Employee of the Year – Scott Nicholas, Grand Hyatt Melbourne
23. Sales Employee of the Year – Rebecca Fowlds, InterContinental Melbourne the Rialto

Property Performance - Winners:

24. Best Environmental and Energy Efficiency Practice – Crown Hotels, Melbourne
25. Best Marketed Accommodation Provider – Joint winners were Jackalope Merricks North and Park Hyatt Melbourne
26. Outstanding Achievement in Training – Grand Hyatt Melbourne
27. Outstanding Community Service Achievement – The Langham Melbourne

Greg Moore, TAA (Vic) Chair praised the finalists, award-winners and individuals who were honoured. "Recognising and rewarding excellence at all levels of our industry is very important as it is at the heart of engaging and motivating our people". "The diversity and quality of hotels across Victoria is something for us all to be proud of and is worth celebrating". "The properties and individuals who have been recognised tonight epitomise a commitment to the highest standards of excellence and contribute to positioning Victoria as premier visitor destination for local and international visitors. "Congratulations to finalists and in particular all individuals and accommodation properties who were successful in winning awards."

Photos will be available via this [Dropbox link](#) from 12pm Friday 22 June 2018.

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