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The Moseley Bar & Kitchen - A Star by the Sea

The Moseley Bar & Kitchen has been awarded the honour of being named **South Australia's Best Overall Hotel in 2016** at this year's AHA | SA Hotel Industry Awards for Excellence.

Since its 2014 redevelopment, The Moseley Bar & Kitchen has been transformed into a premium seaside destination. This fresh-faced new hotel breaks away from a traditional hotel layout, creating a multi-level venue that has an expansive bar overlooking Moseley Square and Glenelg Beach, and a quality food and beverage offering.

"The Moseley Bar & Kitchen has shown excellence in 3 categories – Best Bistro Metropolitan, Best Bar Presentation, and Best Entertainment Venue. Having also won 3 Awards in 2015, it is an extremely deserving winner of Best Overall Hotel for 2016," said AHA | SA General Manager, Ian Horne.

"This hotel is successfully catering for a changing and more discerning patron, looking for a high quality, value for money and memorable experience".

"The AHA | SA congratulates the RD Jones Group for their tremendous win and in particular wishes to acknowledge the enormous contribution of Richard Jones to the development and promotion of the hotel industry over nearly four decades. This great industry icon has sadly recently passed, and will be greatly missed."

Pink Moon Saloon on Leigh Street has been awarded **Best Small Venue**, acknowledging the quality and popularity of this venue type. With its interesting and quirky design, exceptional customer service and quality food and beverage, this small venue makes a big impact.

The **Ibis, Adelaide** has wowed judges with its contemporary rooms and wide range of facilities. Successfully changing the perception of what an economy hotel can be like, the Ibis is a very worthy winner of **Best Mid-Range Accommodation**.

Some of SA's finest country hotels also received recognition tonight, including **Hotel Elliot** for **Best Bistro/Casual Dining - Country**. This hotel is a gem on the Fleurieu Peninsula, offering a pleasant country pub atmosphere, and a diverse and quality menu. The Pub showcases regional produce, especially fresh seafood locally caught. The menu is amazing value and the wine list celebrates many local and South Australian producers.

The 2016 AHA | SA Hotel Industry Awards for Excellence was held on **Tuesday, July 26** at the **Adelaide Entertainment Centre**. Over 800 People attended this premier industry event, with entertainment provided by **Kate Ceberano** and hosted by **Mark Soderstrom**.

All winners from the AHA | SA Awards will now go on to compete in the **National AHA Awards** to be held on the Gold Coast on **September 19, 2016**.

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WINNERS

2016 AHA | SA AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE

Best Draught Beer Quality Award (sponsored by CUB, Coopers and Lion)

Warradale Hotel – Metropolitan Winner

Mt Gambier Hotel – Country Winner

Mid-Range Accommodation

Ibis Adelaide

Apartment/Suite Accommodation

The Stirling

Superior Hotel Accommodation

Lakes Resort Hotel

(Crafers Hotel received a Judges commendation)

Deluxe Hotel Accommodation

The Playford, Adelaide

Bistro /Casual Dining – Country

Hotel Elliot

Bistro /Casual Dining – Metropolitan

Mile End Hotel *Joint winner*

The Moseley Bar & Kitchen *Joint winner*

Restaurant – Accommodation Division

The Playford, Adelaide

Restaurant – General Division

Lion Hotel, North Adelaide

South Australian Premier’s Commendation for ‘Healthy Meal Choices for Children’

The Maylands Hotel

Bar Presentation & Experience – Country

Port Lincoln Hotel

Bar Presentation & Experience – Metropolitan

The Moseley Bar & Kitchen

Outdoor or Non-enclosed Facility

The Gallery *Joint winner*

The Highway *Joint winner*

Live Music Venue

The Highway

Entertainment Venue

The Moseley Bar & Kitchen

Sporting Entertainment Venue

Arkaba Hotel

Community Service & Support

Vine Inn Barossa *Joint Winner*

Morphett Arms Hotel *Joint Winner*

Marketing & Promotion – General Division

Woodcroft Hotel

Environmental Practice & Energy Efficiency

Crowne Plaza Adelaide

Gaming Venue – Country

Vine Inn Barossa

Gaming Venue – Metropolitan

Lodge Hotel, Brahma Lodge

Function Operation/Facility – Specialist & Accommodation Division

National Wine Centre

Function Operation/Facility – General Division

Hackney Hotel

Retail Outlet

East End Cellars & The Tasting Room

Small Venue

Pink Moon Saloon

Redeveloped Hotel – Accommodation Division

Stamford Grand, Glenelg

Redeveloped Hotel – Country

Vine Inn Barossa

Redeveloped Hotel – Metropolitan

Cathedral Hotel *Joint winner*

Woodcroft Hotel *Joint winner*

Staff Development & Training

Warradale Hotel

Apprentice Development & Training

Adelaide Oval

Hotel Industry Rising Star Award

Anastasia Scragg - Woolshed on Hindley

Best Overall Hotel

The Moseley Bar & Kitchen

2016 AHA | SA AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE WINNERS

Best Mid-Range Accommodation is the Ibis, Adelaide

The Ibis Adelaide is the first purpose-built branded premium 3.5 star economy hotel to open in Adelaide. From its opening in 2014 the Ibis has had 56000 guests and is currently ranked 5 out of 59 hotels in Adelaide on TripAdvisor. It features 311 contemporary rooms and a wide range of facilities including 'grab n go' 24/7 room service. With travel no longer a pursuit of the affluent, the hotel is 30% more affordable. The hotels decor has a playful feel whilst remaining very functional. Successfully changing the perception of what an economy hotel can be like, congratulations to Hines Property and AccorHotels for winning this award tonight.

Best Apartment/Suite Accommodation is The Stirling

The Stirling is a one stop shop boutique hotel. The Stirling's '5 rooms' are designed to offer the guest a relaxing and comfortable experience. The opulence and quality is obvious with high quality fixtures, furniture and accessories. The rooms are spacious, uncluttered and unique. The balcony rooms feature private outdoor seating and a cosy gas open fireplace. A kitchenette has all the modern appliances for guests and there are the wonderful food and beverage facilities on the ground floor. Judges also made special comment of the service excellence.

Best Superior Hotel Accommodation is the Lakes Resort Hotel

The recently refurbished suites at the Lakes Resort Hotel feature contemporary yet timeless design to maximise the large rooms. There are 30 executive spa suites, 5 studio spa suites, 37 superior deluxe suites along with the 72 accommodation suites maintained by a raft of highly experienced staff. The Lakes Resort offers an array of fine food and beverage outlets. Judges commented on the excellent value of the Lakes Resort and the wonderful setting.

Best Deluxe Hotel Accommodation is The Playford Adelaide

The Playford Adelaide is one of only two 5 star rated hotels in Adelaide and has a unique personality and story, experienced by guests through its architecture, interior design and services. Constant improvements over its operation have kept this hotel ahead of its peers. With 182 rooms in total (including 72 suites larger than the standard) each is superbly appointed including balconies, and the food and beverage offering is exceptional. Judges commented that the whole hotel, its facilities and staff represented SA with excellence.

Best Bistro /Casual Dining – Country is the Hotel Elliot

This country hotel is a gem on the Fleurieu Peninsula.

The Hotel Elliot has a pleasant country pub atmosphere with friendly and accommodating staff. Its popularity is evident and the menu is diverse. The pub showcases regional produce, especially fresh seafood locally caught. The well-presented menu is amazing value and the wine list celebrates many local and South Australian producers. Staff are professional and very knowledgeable of the local region.

Best Bistro /Casual Dining – Metropolitan is The Mile End AND The Moseley Bar & Kitchen, Glenelg (Joint Winners)

The Mile End Hotel is a quirky eclectic take on the traditional pub. A diverse menu offers everything from the traditional to the modern, delivered with excellent service. Offering good value for money, this is a true foodie experience. With a team of passionate and creative chefs, the Mile End Hotel's menu boasts an exciting collaboration of inventive pub food, tapas and modern Australian cuisine using some of the best of local Adelaide produce.

The Moseley Bar & Kitchen provides premium food and beverage for all ages. It has a light and airy ambience and a quality menu. Ranging from \$7 to \$26, pizzas to steaks, the dietary conscious and the standard pub fare, the diverse menu has something for everyone. The excellent service goes with this and the extensive beverage menu compliments the package.

Best Restaurant – Accommodation Division is The Playford

The Playford Adelaide takes out this award for the seventh year in a row. The commitment to food and wine partnering is outstanding with an extensive offering from many SA regions. The service matches this excellence. Management clearly has a vision and capacity to attend to meticulous detail. It delivers on design, art and heart. Unapologetically South Australian, The Playford delivers a wonderful experience.

Best Restaurant – General Division is The Lion Hotel

Again it's a winner. The Lion Hotel delivers on quality, service and atmosphere. A diverse menu with seasonal and local produce provides a terrific range of items to accommodate all tastes. A beautiful dining room with a contemporary setting and efficient service provides a wonderful experience for customers. The hotel is wonderful in its entirety and sees customers always returning to this iconic South Australian venue.

Best Healthy Kids Menu Options is The Maylands Hotel

The newly designed Maylands Hotel Kids Menu impressed the judges with its attitude and its range of interesting and healthy kids dining options. Including homemade pasta sauces, generous salad and vegetable sides and fresh fruit salad as well as complimentary carrot sticks, tomato and cucumber with every meal, the Maylands Kids Menu ensures enough healthy menu choices to tempt even the fussiest of small diners.

The Judges made special mention to The Brompton Hotel in this category.

Best Bar Presentation & Service – Country is the Port Lincoln Hotel

The Port Lincoln Hotel is an excellent venue with a great bar menu, helpful staff and great ambience. Sharkys Bar boasts great live entertainment and caters for a wide range of demographics. With a diverse menu, TAB and SA lotteries facilities and large plasma screens, it is a popular spot for both locals and tourists. The beverage offering has something for everyone and the customer service is highly professional.

Best Bar Presentation & Service – Metropolitan is The Moseley Bar & Kitchen

The refurbishment of this seaside hotel has transformed the bar areas into a multi-level venue with an expansive bar that overlooks Moseley Square and Glenelg beach. It has a relaxed comfortable vibe that can transform into an entertainment hub over the weekends. They have a wonderful wine list, cocktail selection and a raft of beers including the fresh and unpasteurised tank beer from Carlton Draught. Staff are enthusiastic, committed and knowledgeable. An all-round terrific experience at The Moseley Bar & Kitchen.

Best Outdoor or Non-enclosed Facility is The Gallery AND The Highway (Joint Winners)

The Gallery located on Waymouth St prides itself on its 'rooftop outdoor area' perched at the top of this inner city building. With a capacity of up to 180 people, it's a comfortable space to be utilised all year round with excellent heating and cooling systems. It is comfortable yet sophisticated and incorporates a feature green wall into its design. Visual light projections add an element of visual art to the space. It boasts a great atmosphere and very friendly and helpful staff.

A recent refurbishment of the Lounge and Deck at The Highway has it once again ahead of the game. It continues to evolve, adapt and improve. The Lounge and Deck is for all weather use and offers a diverse range of entertainment, food and beverage outlets. A wonderful atmosphere and a great success story.

Best Live Music Venue is The Highway

The Highway is a leader in Live Entertainment. It prides itself on providing a wide range of live music at least 6 nights each week. This includes not only local acts, but also interstate and international artists as well as being a venue where up and coming artists can find a platform for their careers. Music ranges from solo artists to large bands, either on the Lounge & Deck, in the bar area or the state of the Art Function room. Acoustic, Jazz, Reggae, 'Live and local', 'Guitars in Bars' – they have it all.

Best Entertainment Venue is The Moseley Bar & Kitchen, Glenelg

The judges were very impressed with the entertainment offerings of this hotel. The Moseley is a relaxed and comfortable venue and has the ability to transform into an entertainment mecca on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays featuring some of Adelaide's best DJ's. Fridays are off the record with Vinyl, Saturdays the hottest dance hits and a chilled out session on Sundaze. The Moseley caters for a diverse audience and has become one of Adelaide's most popular destination venues. There is also great food and drinks on offer. The venue has a very high standard of security and customer service.

Best Sporting Entertainment Venue is The Arkaba

Sportys Bar & Arena is a specifically designed sports bar to deliver live sports events in high definition and with sound in up to 7 individual zones. It has a terrific bar and a well-appointed all weather outdoor area that features a 3M LED screen. They support many local sporting groups across many sports and are also major partners to many South Australian clubs such as Adelaide United, Adelaide Bite, Sturt FC, Adelaide Uni Rugby Union and the Adelaide Motorsport Festival. They have a weekly 8 ball competition and have dedicated TAB, lotto and keno facilities. Their success is measured by a 2% increase in annual turnover. This is a successful bar anytime of the year.

Best Community Service & Support is The Vine Inn Barossa AND Morphett Arms Hotel

The Vine Inn Barossa continues to show over and above commitment to its local community, from local sporting institutions, to the support of social issues and assistance to disadvantaged families. The past 12 months has seen the Vine Inn contribute over \$56,000 in cash support. Their particular passion this year is to support those who were affected by the Pinery Bushfires by offering accommodation and running a fundraiser to assist the local CFS. They also ran a charity golf day dedicated to the School Justice Fund and Nuriootpa High School.

The Morphett Arms goes above and beyond to support the local community and charitable organisations. This starts with supporting many local sporting organisations. They run regular fundraisers to support groups such as the Neil Sachse Foundation, Hudson Mayer Foundation and the Guide Dogs. The staff also volunteer at the 'Hutt Street Centre' serving breakfast to those in need. They participate in Loud Shirt Day at the Leukaemia Foundations 'Ugly Bartender' program. It's great to see the hotel along with its many staff contributing to such worthy causes.

Best Marketing & Promotion – General Division is The Woodcroft

In 2015 the Woodcroft Hotel was renovated and rebranded. The hotel has been reinvigorated to its former glory and much of this success is due to their wonderful marketing and promotional strategies. A reinvention to the 'Soul of the South', the Woodcroft has been reintroduced to its patrons through a strong logo and marketing. After months of research, the brand personality was established to engage with the desired market and the new Woodcroft brand. Sales uplifted by 50% in the first 12 months returning the hotel to its success of the past and an ongoing 12 month marketing plan ensures sustained growth.

Best Environmental Practice & Energy Efficiency is the Crowne Plaza Adelaide

The Crowne Plaza Adelaide is definitely committed to achieving over and above compliance with Environmental practice and energy efficiency in the hotel. From their broader green/waste/recycling/energy plans they also have established operational mechanisms to make them environmentally responsible and all measures have been put in place to ensure the hotel complies and operates to deliver a responsible and efficient outcome. They are diligent and dedicated in their approach and are a well-deserved winner in this category.

Gaming Venue – Country is the Vine Inn Barossa

The Vine Inn Barossa has undergone a recent renovation to create a comfortable gaming room without being pretentious. The area is light and bright with relaxing colours. The room has a great layout and a good mix of machines. Staff are courteous and interactive with the patrons. The venue has the highest level of compliance by effective use of appropriate signage, reminder cards and other collateral in full view and available to all patrons. The Vine Inn works closely with their Gaming Care officer and is in constant review of their patron interventions.

Best Gaming Venue – Metropolitan is the Lodge Hotel, Brahma Lodge

Recent renovations at The Lodge have delivered a new fresh gaming room. The staff are trained in all aspects of responsible gaming and The Lodge works closely with Gaming Care to ensure a pleasurable gaming experience. The venue offers the latest gaming machines and a comfortable atmosphere with a breakout lounge for customers to sip a coffee and read the paper. They provide great customer service and a successful loyalty system.

Best Function Operation/Facility – Specialist & Accommodation Division is the National Wine Centre Adelaide

The National Wine Centre provides excellent function facilities in a wonderful setting overlooking the botanic gardens. From a small corporate meeting of 5 to a cocktail event for 1000 they offer all ends of the function spectrum. They even offer a wine tasting option for between 10-1000 guests which ensures any event is unique and ultimately memorable. The food and beverage options are of the highest standard and the attention to customer service is outstanding. A wonderful destination and showcase of South Australia.

Best Function Operation/Facility – General Division is the Hackney Hotel

The Hackney Hotel and Function Centre provides a complete and absolute solution for functions of all shapes and sizes. From a meeting for 2 to a cocktail reception for 350, 6 dedicated function rooms offer a wide selection for corporate and social functions and all have in-house AV facilities. With a great menu, service and costing, the Hackney offers amazing function facilities. A great website also makes it easy for the function shopper to find what they are looking for.

Best Retail Outlet is the East End Cellars & the Tasting Room

This stunning refurbishment of an established venue has redefined the meaning of 'retail to customer'. Its commitment to quality and customer service is paramount. The wine offering is extensive and the passion is evident. Why not sit and enjoy a glass with a platter? This is what customers are looking for and the Tasting Room delivers. Exceptional customer service, a terrific layout and commitment to selling good products that suit the customer.

Best Small Venue is Pink Moon Saloon

The Pink Moon Saloon is a little gem in Leigh Street which makes a big impact. The building has an interesting quirky design which is unlike anything in the city. The Pink Moon Saloon is another venue from the brains behind the other successful small venues, the Clever Little Tailor and the Whistle and Flute. It prides itself on making wonderful cocktails whilst serving the latest in craft and guest beers and also has a terrific wine list. It's small yet full of heart. You can have a Club Sandwich, a shared platter or even a more substantial Beef brisket. Wonderful customer service and attention to detail adds to the theatre.

Redeveloped Hotel – Metropolitan are JOINT WINNERS Cathedral Hotel and The Woodcroft

The Cathedral Hotel has undergone a significant redevelopment over the last couple of years and has turned this heritage hotel into a popular destination – and not just for the footy lovers. New features include a New York style rooftop Bar and Balcony with incredible views over Adelaide Oval and the Cathedral. The food and customer service stands up to its peers.

The Woodcroft Hotel has undergone a massive change in identity, turning the once tired southern venue into a fresh, comfortable and popular venue - and all within a timeframe of 16 weeks! Its family friendly and is seeing a massive turnaround in business.

The Stamford Grand has been awarded Best Redeveloped Hotel – Accommodation Division and The Vine Inn Barossa has been awarded for Best Redeveloped hotel – Country.

Best Staff Development & Training – under 100 goes to the Warradale Hotel

The Warradale Hotel continues a long standing commitment to staff training and development. They take pride in teaching staff the necessary skills required to provide excellent service and safety in all departments. The hotel places a large emphasis on in-house training on a semi-regular basis including order of service, wine and gaming training. The hotel also values staff by supporting their statutory training requirements within worktime. The Warradale believes the training they provide can also open up avenues for personal development for those seeking a further career in hospitality. An outstanding example of dedication to the Hotel Industry.

Best Apprentice Development & Training goes to Adelaide Oval

It is these venues that 'train' the industry. Adelaide Oval's structured work experience program provides students with their first taste of the industry, whilst their traineeships and apprenticeships provide a gateway into employment encompassing a variety of experiences as they work toward obtaining formal qualifications. They cater for a huge range of events and high volume of patrons to challenge and develop their skills, learning from highly experienced and international grade chefs. Adelaide Oval has one of the largest cooking apprenticeship programs in SA and state of the art kitchens. Their food and beverages traineeships are also on the increase and they have cross exposure with a number of different venues. This will only raise the professionalism of SA kitchen staff in the future.

Hotel Industry Rising Star Award goes to Anastasia Scragg – Woodshed on Hindley

Anastasia has qualifications in hospitality, tourism and events, combined with a high level of Barista training. This knowledge has propelled her extensive hospitality experience, including almost 3 years at the Woolshed on Hindley/ Little Hunter. As venue manager she has the respect and friendliness of all team players.

Best Overall Hotel is The Moseley Bar & Kitchen

The 2014 redevelopment of the Moseley Bar & Kitchen has transformed a tired, unpopular pub into a fresh-faced new style hotel which has massive appeal and the patronage to prove it. It sees the break away from a 'traditional' hotel layout to cater for a changing and more discerning patron, looking for a high quality, value for money and memorable experience. With its 3 awards from 2015 and three in 2016 with dining, bar and entertainment, it is a deserving winner of Best Overall Hotel for 2016. Well done to the RD Jones Group and all the team from The Moseley Bar & Kitchen.