



# MEDIA RELEASE

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## **The Crafers Hotel - Excellence in the Adelaide Hills**

**The Crafers Hotel in the Adelaide Hills** has been recognised as the **Best Overall Hotel in South Australia** at this year's AHA|SA Hotel Industry Awards for Excellence.

Winning 5 awards tonight, The Crafers Hotel has cemented its position as a destination venue of choice, not only for locals in the Adelaide Hills, but for South Australians further afield.

Along with Best Overall Hotel, the Crafers Hotel was awarded wins in the following categories: Best Superior Hotel Accommodation, Best Bistro Dining – Metropolitan (joint winner with the Port Admiral Hotel), Best Redeveloped Hotel and Best Apprentice Development and Training.

The new owners (Ed and Julie Peter, with shareholders Brett Matthews and Jodi Brumby) purchased the rundown hotel in 2014, with a vision to create the most unique culinary and vinous destination hotel in the Adelaide Hills, offering delicious food, exceptional wines, and well-priced accommodation. Over three years later The Crafers Hotel has been completely transformed into a French-inspired, uniquely stylish gastropub.

The Crafers Hotel was not the only venue to catch the eye of the judges in the Adelaide Hills, with The Uraidla Hotel a joint winner in Best Bar Presentation and Service – Metropolitan category, and Mount Lofty House winning the category of Best Restaurant – Accommodation Division for its popular Hardy's Verandah Restaurant.

The recently renovated Port Admiral Hotel in Port Adelaide took home an award for Best Bistro Casual Dining – Metropolitan (joint winner). This pub is now a firm favourite amongst locals and visitors alike, serving up all the pub classics with a distinctly modern flair, including fresh-daily seafood.

Our country venues were also celebrated, with the Sevenhill Hotel in the Clare Valley winning the category of Best Bistro Casual Dining – Country, and Sporties Tavern in Port Pirie winning Best Redeveloped Hotel Country, wowing the judges with its recent transformation.

“Congratulations to all the winners in the 2018 Hotel Awards for Excellence. South Australian hotels continue to innovate and produce top-quality venues right across the state, something that hoteliers and their staff should be proud of,” said AHA|SA General Manager, Ian Horne.

“The flow on effects of these successful hospitality business will be felt by their local communities and beyond, through the people they employ, the local businesses and suppliers they use, and the local community groups that they support.”

The **2018 AHA|SA Hotel Industry Awards for Excellence** was held on **Tuesday July 24 at the Adelaide Entertainment Centre**. Over 750 people attended this premier event with entertainment provided by Ricki-Lee Coulter, and hosted by Hamish McLachlan.

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 17, 2018.

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**WINNERS - 2018 AHA|SA AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE**

**DRAUGHT BEER QUALITY – METROPOLITAN**

Cathedral Hotel, North Adelaide

**DRAUGHT BEER QUALITY – COUNTRY**

Vine Inn, Barossa

**MID-RANGE HOTEL ACCOMMODATION**

Largs Pier Hotel

**SUPERIOR HOTEL ACCOMMODATION**

Crafers Hotel

**DELUXE HOTEL ACCOMMODATION**

The Playford

**BISTRO CASUAL DINING – COUNTRY**

Sevenhill Hotel

**BISTRO CASUAL DINING – METROPOLITAN**

Crafers Hotel (joint winner)

Port Admiral Hotel, Port Adelaide (joint winner)

*The Barker – Judges Commendation*

**HEALTHY MENU CHOICES FOR KIDS**

Beach Hotel Seaford

**RESTAURANT – ACCOMMODATION DIVISION**

Mount Lofty House

*Mercure Kangaroo Island Lodge – Judges Commendation*

**RESTAURANT – GENERAL DIVISION METROPOLITAN**

Apothecary 1878

*Electra House – Judges Commendation*

**BAR PRESENTATION & EXPERIENCE – COUNTRY**

Sporties Tavern, Port Pirie

**BAR PRESENTATION & EXPERIENCE – METROPOLITAN**

Exchange Hotel Gawler (joint winner)

Uraidla Hotel (joint winner)

**OUTDOOR OR NON-ENCLOSED FACILITY**

Feathers Hotel

*Warradale Hotel – Judges Commendation*

**LIVE MUSIC VENUE**

The Gov

**ENTERTAINMENT VENUE**

The Hindley

**SPORTING ENTERTAINMENT VENUE**

Warradale Hotel

**COMMUNITY SERVICE & SUPPORT**

Vine Inn Barossa

**MARKETING & PROMOTION – GENERAL DIVISION**

Moseley Bar and Kitchen

**TOURISM & REGIONAL PROMOTION**

Port Lincoln Hotel

**ENVIRONMENTAL & ENERGY EFFICIENCY PRACTICE**

Electra House

**GAMING VENUE – COUNTRY**

Hotel Crown, Victor Harbor

**GAMING VENUE – METROPOLITAN**

Lakes Resort Hotel

*The Barker Hotel - Judges Commendation*

**MEETING & EVENTS VENUE – SPECIALIST & ACCOMMODATION DIVISIONS**

National Wine Centre

**MEETING & EVENTS VENUE – GENERAL DIVISION**

Lion Hotel, North Adelaide

**RETAIL OUTLET – ATTACHED**

Arkaba Hotel

**RETAIL OUTLET – STAND ALONE**

East End Cellars

**PEOPLES CHOICE AWARD – BEST CBD HOTEL LUNCH**

The Elephant British Pub

**SMALL VENUE**

Pink Moon Saloon

**REDEVELOPED HOTEL – COUNTRY**

Sporties Tavern, Port Pirie

**REDEVELOPED HOTEL – METROPOLITAN**

Crafers Hotel (joint winner)

Morphett Arms Hotel (joint winner)

**STAFF DEVELOPMENT & TRAINING - GENERAL DIVISION**

Warradale Hotel

**APPRENTICE DEVELOPMENT & TRAINING**

The Crafers Hotel

**HOTEL INDUSTRY RISING STAR**

Ayesha Ridgway – Hackney Hotel

**BEST OVERALL HOTEL**

The Crafers Hotel