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2026 VICTORIAN ACCOMMODATION AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2026 WINNERS

The Victorian Accommodation Awards for Excellence event recognised the breadth, diversity and excellence of Victorian accommodation providers and industry professionals at a gala dinner on Thursday, 20 August at the Palladium at Crown.

Accommodation Awards

Apartment Accommodation Hotel of the Year
Meriton Suites Melbourne, Melbourne

Boutique Style Accommodation of the Year
Jackalope Hotels, Merricks North

Luxury Accommodation Hotel of the Year
The Ritz-Carlton, Melbourne, Melbourne

Midscale Accommodation Hotel of the Year
Hyatt Place Melbourne Caribbean Park, Scoresby

Premium Lifestyle Accommodation Hotel of the Year
Hannah St Hotel, Southbank

Regional Accommodation of the Year
Holiday Inn & Suites Geelong by IHG, Geelong

Resort Style Accommodation of the Year
RACV Torquay Resort, Torquay

Upscale Accommodation of the Year
Hilton Melbourne Little Queen Street, Melbourne

Onsite Offering Awards

Best Meeting and Events Space of the Year
JOINT WINNER
Jackalope Hotels, Merricks North
RACV Goldfields Resort, Creswick

Hotel Bar of the Year
Strato Bar, Oakwood Premier Melbourne, Melbourne

Hotel Club Lounge of the Year
The Ritz-Carlton Club, The Ritz-Carlton, Melbourne, Melbourne

Hotel Restaurant of the Year
JOINT WINNER
Yamagen, QT Melbourne, Melbourne
Samphire, RACV Cape Schanck Resort, Cape Schanck

Hotel Spa of the Year
One Spa, RACV City Club, Melbourne

Premium Hotel Restaurant of the Year
La Vetta, Marnong Estate, Mickleham

Regional Hotel Restaurant of the Year
Tempo Kitchen & Bar, Novotel Geelong, Geelong

Employee Awards

Back of House Employee of the Year
Archana Goundar, Melbourne Marriott Hotel, Melbourne

Chef of the Year
Paul Griffiths, Rydges Melbourne, Melbourne
HIGHLY COMMENDED
Ashlee Skrzelinski, Pullman Melbourne City Centre, Melbourne

Concierge of the Year
Sam Goodchap, Sofitel Melbourne On Collins, Melbourne

Engineer and Maintenance Services Employee of the Year
Martin Blaxell, Rydges Melbourne, Melbourne

Executive of the Year
Jeremy Healy, Hilton Melbourne Little Queen Street, Melbourne

Food and Beverage Services Employee of the Year
Jake Shelberg, Novotel Geelong, Geelong

Front Office Services Employee of the Year
Blagoja Ardjaliev, Hyatt Place Melbourne Essendon Fields, Essendon Fields

Hotel Industry Rising Star
Corinne Hurst, Lanson Place Parliament Gardens, Melbourne, East Melbourne

Housekeeper Employee of the Year
Pavitrata Goundar, Oakwood Premier Melbourne, Melbourne

Human Resources Employee of the Year
Ana Faltoni, Novotel and ibis Melbourne Central, Melbourne

Marketing Employee of the Year
Afiyat Mustaq, AC Hotel by Marriott Melbourne Southbank, Southbank

Revenue Management Employee of the Year
Irfan Kaleel, Hotel Chadstone Melbourne - MGallery Collection, Chadstone

Sales Employee of the Year
Jenny Barlow, Crown Melbourne, Southbank
HIGHLY COMMENDED
Bhawanthi Wick, Hyatt Place Melbourne Caribbean Park, Scoresby

Hotel Achievement Awards

Best Marketing Initiative
Park Hyatt Melbourne, Melbourne

Best Sustainability Inititative
voco Melbourne Central, Melbourne

The Heart of the Community
RACV Healesville Country Club & Resort, Healesville

The Inclusion and Accessibility Hotel Award
Bayside Geelong Hotel & Apartments, Ascend Collection Hotels, Geelong

Outstanding Contribution To The Industry

Dean Minett