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VICTORIA'S TOP HOTELS RECOGNISED AT NATIONAL AHA AWARDS

Victorian hotels have featured prominently at the 2011 Australian Hotels Association (AHA) National Awards for Excellence.

The hotel industry's night of nights was held at the Four Seasons Hotel in Sydney with 500 hospitality industry leaders from around Australia attending, including the Minister for Tourism, the Hon Martin Ferguson AM MP.

Victorian hotels and individuals taking home top national honours in their categories included:

- Malvern Hotel – Best Bistro (Metropolitan)
- Citadines on Bourke Melbourne – Best Suite/Apartment Hotel
- Lord of the Isles Tavern – Best Bistro (Country)
- Olive Tree Hotel – Best Gaming Venue (Country)
- Flowerdale Hotel – Outstanding Community Service & Achievement
- Richelle Zealley, Grand Terminus Hotel – Hotel Industry Rising Star

AHA (Vic) Chief Executive Officer Brian Kearney congratulated the Victorian hotels for their achievements on the national stage.

Mr Kearney said the National Awards were a fantastic opportunity to showcase the hotel industry and celebrate high standards of hospitality.

“Victorian hotels can be proud of their standing in the community as major employers, drivers of economic activity and a commitment to responsible service.

“Special congratulations must be given to Steve and Viv Phelan of the Flowerdale Hotel for their enormous contribution to their local community following the aftermath of the Black Saturday bushfires,” Mr Kearney concluded.

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