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## NSW HOTEL INDUSTRY CELEBRATES THE BEST-OF-THE-BEST

The **Clarendon Hotel** has taken out the **Best Pub-style Accommodation** at the prestigious 2009 AHA (NSW) Awards for Excellence last night.

Master of Ceremonies and well-known comedian and television personality Mikey Robins announced the 48 winners from a field of 215 finalists at the glamorous presentation dinner, held at Star City Hotel and Casino. AHA (NSW) CEO Sally Fielke welcomed the 860 guests who attended the gala dinner, including the Hon Kevin Greene MP, the Hon Tony Kelly MP, the Hon Barry O'Farrell MP and the Hon George Souris MP.

Since 1993, the AHA (NSW) Awards for Excellence have been one of the most prestigious awards to be granted in the hospitality industry, as each category covers specific areas of a hotel's operations. This year was no exception.

The **Pub-style Accommodation** is judged on providing an excellent range of facilities and customer service, also taking key areas of the hotel into account including food services, community support and involvement in industry activities. In 2009, the **Clarendon Hotel** has proved that it offers one of the best hotel experiences in New South Wales.

Special congratulations also to industry stalwarts John Ross OAM and Doris Bishop who were both inducted into the AHA (NSW) Hall of Fame.

AHA (NSW) CEO Sally Fielke said that all hotels in New South Wales should be congratulated on their outstanding achievements over what has been a challenging 12 months for the industry.

"The Awards for Excellence provide the opportunity to showcase our elite venues, which are operated by talented staff and motivated managers," Ms Fielke said at last night's dinner.

"They demonstrate the best of what we are. There is no doubt that hotels are well and truly at the heart of their local community.

"While there can only be one winner in each category, becoming a finalist is a major achievement in itself and every finalist should be proud of the hard work, dedication and passion that they and their staff invest into their businesses every day."

For the complete list of 2009 winners, visit [www.ahansw.com.au](http://www.ahansw.com.au)

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