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JOONDALUP RESORT WINS BIG AT 2008 AHA Management Awards

The managers at Joondalup Resort have been awarded for their outstanding management and leadership qualities at last night's (18th August 2008) inaugural AHA (WA) Management Awards.

Held at the Burswood Entertainment Complex, the French themed AHA (WA) Management Awards is renowned as one of the top ten events in Western Australia. The premier event was attended by senior tourism representatives, political leaders, key industry suppliers and hotel management teams. These awards recognise and encourage management success and leadership in accommodation hotels throughout the state.

As the awards took place and the anticipation began to build, Claire Lewis Executive Sous Chef was the first Joondalup Resort manager to take out an AHA (WA) Management Award. An excited and nervous Claire Lewis made her way up to the podium and accepted the honour for management excellence in Cookery Services. Over the years Claire has been a valued and respected member of the Joondalup Resort kitchen team. She has shown an outstanding commitment and loyalty to the hospitality industry, as well as a passion for encouraging and mentoring the next generation of chefs.

Next in line was Nigel Keen Executive Chef who was awarded the top honour of 2008 Best Manager of the Year. Proud team members surrounded and supported Nigel with a standing ovation as he accepted the award. He was overwhelmed with appreciation and was extremely honoured to be recognised as Western Australia's best manager in the hotel industry. Nigel has been an integral part of the Joondalup Resort kitchen team for over seven years. His pursuit for excellence in the kitchen has seen him lead the kitchen team to win an abundance of awards, including WA Apprentice Chef of the Year and two nominations for the 2008 Gold Plate Awards.

In addition to those awards the night saw Elke Mehrens Events Manager recognised as a finalist in the Sales and Marketing category, as well as Tony Monk Operations Manager as a finalist in the Food and Beverage category.

James Chan Managing Director said "This is a fantastic result from our managers, we are very proud of all their hard work and effort. It is all about teamwork and helping each other to bring out their individual excellence. Congratulations to Nigel, Claire, Tony and Elke for their outstanding achievement".

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