

MAJOR INDUSTRY AWARD CAPS STRONG START TO YEAR FOR DARWIN CONVENTION CENTRE

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Darwin Convention Centre (DCC) has received one of the major awards in the prestigious Meetings and Events Australia (MEA) Industry Awards, being declared the Northern Territory winner in the prime category, Meeting Venue - 500 Delegates or More.

MEA is the key meetings industry association and its national awards are hotly contested by the highly competitive market. While the Centre has received MEA awards in previous years, DCC General Manager Malu Barrios said that winning one of the highlight awards was a very rewarding achievement and recognition for the Centre and the Centre's staff for their commitment.

"This award is an acknowledgement of the Darwin Convention Centre team's unwavering commitment to our vision for the Centre and Darwin to be on par with the world's best.

The criteria set by the MEA are comprehensive and stringent and involve every aspect of the professionalism, management and operation of the Centre, its role as an advocate of the meetings industry and covers all its products and services including staff training and development," said Ms Barrios.

Ms Barrios said the Centre is a major supporter of and a key player in the Business Events Industry. "Business events are an increasingly important element in the economic fabric of Australia. Our goal has always been to establish the NT as a competitive business events destination for the continuing benefit of Darwin and the Territory," she said.

As a winner in the NT Awards, DCC will now progress to the MEA National Awards to be held in Sydney during the MEA National Conference later this month.



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