

CENTRE RECOGNITION PUTS DARWIN IN SPOTLIGHT

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Darwin's international standard capability and talent in business events were again showcased when the Darwin Convention Centre was named finalist in three categories at the Meetings & Events Australia (MEA) National Awards Night held recently.

It was a fitting finale for the Centre, having also hosted the successful 26th MEA National Conference which ran from 4-7 May. About 400 business events professionals turned up in their glamorous best for the annual awards which capped the four-day conference.

Darwin Convention Centre was lauded as among the most outstanding in the industry in three coveted awards: Best Venue for 500 and more delegates; Corporate Social Responsibility for 30 staff; and Operations Person of the Year which honoured Event Manager Andrea Wicking. The Centre scooped a trifecta win in these categories at the State level earlier this year.

Darwin Convention Centre General Malu Barrios said recognition of their success in achieving business and personal goals was a great honour amidst the high calibre of their fellow finalists and the winners this year.

"To be amongst peers who are successfully competing in the global stage is a validation of Darwin's increasing status as a national and international player in the world of business events," she said.

DCC demonstrated outstanding results after a rigorous assessment of its business planning capability, resource management, financial performance, contribution to the industry, outstanding service to clients and social responsibility.

Hosting the MEA conference was a coup by itself bringing hundreds of meetings and events professionals to Darwin. The well-publicised event has been giving Darwin great media exposure throughout the year as MEA drummed up excitement for the conference and host city.

"The conference theme was Ignite the Conversation and I'll add 'about Darwin' to that because we certainly impressed the delegates and a good time was had by all," said Malu Barrios.

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