

## **CC's Bar and Grill by Crystalbrook receives top gong at restaurant industry awards**

**Australia – 14 October 2021:** CC's Bar and Grill by Crystalbrook, located in Cairns, has won the *Restaurant of the Year* and *Restaurant in a Hotel/Resort* category at the 2021 North Queensland & Northern Territory Restaurant & Catering Hostplus Awards for Excellence.

Lisa Brown, General Manager, Crystalbrook Bailey, says she is thrilled to see the team's hard work and dedication be acknowledged in such a prestigious award.

"The team have all worked really hard since the restaurant's inception in November 2019 to create a world-class dining experience.

"From dry-aging our own Crystalbrook Beef from Crystalbrook Station, to curating a stellar wine list and delivering on five-star customer service, nothing is overlooked in creating a unique dining experience here in Cairns," Lisa said.

CC's Bar and Grill is also proud of its true farm to plate offering.

"It's a culinary journey with a sustainable story. We dry-age our own beef from Crystalbrook Station, the CC's branded wood blocks are sourced from the Tablelands and the marble walls and benches are from Chilligoe," Lisa said.

More than 50 local restaurants, cafes and catering businesses gathered to celebrate the achievements of their peers who were judged in over 15 categories, with the winners announced at the Awards for Excellence ceremony held in Cairns.

The Awards for Excellence is a nationally recognised, independently judged awards program that celebrates exceptional service and culinary talent across the state.

The Awards are judged by an independent team of trained judges who anonymously visit the venues to determine the restaurant/café winners. The scores are based on the entire dining experience from

food to the customer service experienced when the judges anonymously dine.

R&CA CEO Wes Lambert says, “CC’s Bar and Grill by Crystalbrook should be proud of their achievements. Running a hospitality business isn’t easy, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic – there’s a lot of effort and energy that goes into to making it work through a crisis. But when you get the right mix of staff, products, produce and service, the results can be extraordinary.”

R&CA is the industry association representing tens of thousands of restaurant and catering businesses across Australia. To view the full list of category winners in the 2021 Australia Restaurant & Catering Hostplus Awards for Excellence, visit the R&CA website at [www.rca.asn.au](http://www.rca.asn.au).

**Editor’s Notes** – What’s in a name? Well, all our love, sweat and tears as we see our family of hotels grow. Please note, Crystalbrook hotel names should not be shortened or altered. Eg. Crystalbrook Vincent should not be referred to as The Vincent or Vincent.

Correct hotel names:

- Crystalbrook Albion
- Crystalbrook Bailey
- Crystalbrook Byron
- Crystalbrook Flynn
- Crystalbrook Kingsley
- Crystalbrook Riley
- Crystalbrook Vincent

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### About Crystalbrook

Crystalbrook is one of Australia’s leading sustainable and innovative independent hospitality companies. Each hotel in the portfolio carries an authentic expression of its location, a passion for responsible luxury, considered design and a twinkle of fun for a uniquely enriching experience.

Crystalbrook’s portfolio includes:

- Crystalbrook Riley, Cairns, Queensland
- Crystalbrook Albion, New South Wales
- Crystalbrook Byron, Byron Bay, New South Wales
- Crystalbrook Bailey, Cairns, Queensland
- Crystalbrook Flynn, Cairns, Queensland
- Crystalbrook Kingsley, Newcastle, New South Wales
- Crystalbrook Vincent, Brisbane, Queensland

The Group also owns and operates a collection of ten restaurants, three spas, Crystalbrook Superyacht Marina in Port Douglas along with Crystalbrook Station and its subsidiary pastoral businesses.

## Responsible Luxury

[Responsible Luxury](#) and sustainability is at the forefront of the way Crystalbrook thinks and operates.

At a glance:

- Operating a single use plastic free environment. No plastic straws, water bottles or single use bathroom amenity bottles (in the past two years the Group has saved over three million plastic bottles from entering landfill)
- Farming their own beef
- Sourcing at least 80% of produce from within a three-hour drive of each hotel
- Use of technology, such as in-room iPads and mobile check-in to create paperless environments and experiences
- Use of recycled and upcycled materials. Examples include key cards made from recycled wood, coat hangers made from recycled paper and toothbrushes made from sugar cane and corn starch.

## Crystalbrook Collection and Ghassan Aboud Group

Crystalbrook Collection is part of Ghassan Aboud Group promoted by international entrepreneur and philanthropist Ghassan Aboud. The group is a multi-business conglomerate engaged in automobiles, real estate, hospitality, FMCG, food, retail, bespoke catering, media and logistics. In business for more than two decades, the group operates from its global headquarters in the United Arab Emirates with offices in Australia, Belgium, Jordan and Turkey.

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