

CC's Bar and Grill Wins Gold at Restaurant and Catering Awards for Excellence

Cairns, Australia – 28 February 2023 Adding to a growing list of state and national accolades, CC's Bar and Grill by Crystalbrook has been awarded the **2022 Restaurant of the Year in a Hotel/Resort** at the recent Restaurant and Catering HOSTPLUS National Awards in Brisbane.

Businesses across the restaurant, café and catering sector who had previously won Awards in their respective categories at a state and territory level were formally recognised at the event.

CC's Bar and Grill has been awarded North Queensland's **Restaurant of the Year** and **Restaurant in a Hotel/Resort** for two consecutive years (2021 and 2022).

Restaurant & Catering (R&CA) President Mike Palmer congratulated CC's Bar and Grill on behalf of the Association and thanked them for their participation in the Awards.

"These awards highlight the very best of the best from around Australia and celebrate the amazing achievements of our fantastic hospitality scene", Mr Palmer said.

Ryan Vallve, Area Food and Beverage Manager for Crystalbrook Collection in Cairns, is proud of the CC's team and is also thrilled to see the spotlight being shone on the region, which continues to grow a strong reputation for harvesting the freshest local produce from land and sea, along with providing exceptional Far North hospitality.

"This award just goes to show that you don't need to be in a large city to enjoy the very best culinary experiences Australia has to offer. In fact, some of the most unique and memorable experiences can be found in the country's regional postcodes.

"Our menu – with a strong focus on local produce – has been thoughtfully curated by Executive Chef, Brad Ansell, and expertly paired with an extensive wine list.

"I think this award solidifies our team's dedication to provide remarkable experiences for our guests, with all elements considered in the culinary journey.

CC's Bar and Grill was also recently ranked in the *Delicious Magazines* 'Top 100 Restaurants in Australia' and was awarded Australian Good Food Guide Readers' Choice for a Steak Restaurant in 2022 and is a Readers' Choice Award Winner 2023.

Editor's Notes - What's in a name? Well, all of our love, sweat and tears as we see our family of hotels grow. Please note, Crystalbrook hotel names should not be shortened or altered.

E.g. Crystalbrook Kingsley should not be referred to as The Kingsley or Kingsley.

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 sixteen restaurants and bars, three spas, and Crystalbrook Superyacht Marina in Port Douglas.

Responsible Luxury

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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)
- 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.

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