

BEST VENUE TEAM - TRIFECTA TRIUMPH FOR DARWIN CONVENTION CENTRE

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Darwin Convention Centre (DCC) in Australia's Northern Territory, capped an outstanding year with a third industry award in six months, when the Centre's team was named Best Venue Team at the Exhibition & Event Association of Australasia (EEAA) 2009 Awards for Excellence held in Sydney, last week.

The EEAA is the peak association for the exhibition and event industry in Australia and New Zealand.

Malu Barrios, General Manager at Darwin Convention Centre, said that as a relatively young Centre, it was extremely rewarding to eclipse Australia's longer established venues which were also vying for the prestigious title. Darwin Convention Centre topped EEAA's search for "passion, power and performance" in a venue team, in a fiercely competitive field.

"We are proud of our world-class facility but it's the enthusiasm, pride, passion and commitment of our team that brings the Centre to life and ensures that our clients have the best possible experiences," says Ms Barrios.

"From our very first days, our mission has been to 'raise the bar' and our achievements this year confirm our strategies are effective," says Barrios.

DCC won the 2009 Members' Choice Award for Innovation at the International Association of Congress Centres (AIPC) Annual Conference held in Spain in July. The Centre then received the Best Function/Event Caterer title at the 2009 Australian Hotels Association Northern Territory (AHA NT) Gold Plate Award in October.

Darwin Convention Centre has quickly established itself as one of Australia's most desirable convention and exhibition venues, hosting over 250 events in 2009, and generating AUD27million in economic impact for Australia's Northern Territory. Teamwork within Darwin's business and government communities has made event experiences in this tropical harbour city successful while retaining the authentically Darwin culture and ambience.

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