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**JUPITERS & TREASURY WIN METROPOLITAN
'EMPLOYER OF THE YEAR' AWARD**



Echo Entertainment Group Culture, Capability and Change RTO Manager Wynand Schlebusch accepting the award from Training and Skills Minister The Honourable Yvette D'Ath MP. Image: Tony Phillips Photography.

Jupiters Hotel & Casino and Treasury Casino & Hotel are proud to have won the metropolitan region 'Employer of the Year' category at tonight's Queensland Training Awards (QTA).

Both properties, which are owned and operated by Echo Entertainment Group, were selected for their excellence in training.

Jupiters and Treasury will now progress to the QTA State Awards in September and, if successful, to the Australian Training Awards in Hobart in November.

Echo Entertainment Group Managing Director, Queensland, Geoff Hogg, dedicated the award to the company's 3,500 Queensland employees for their enthusiasm, commitment and dedication to guests.

"Our team members are passionate about what they do and are focussed on providing the best entertainment, hospitality and thrilling experiences with local spirit to our eight million visitors to Treasury and Jupiters each year," Mr Hogg said.

"This award is a wonderful reflection of their drive and commitment.



“As one of Queensland’s biggest private sector employers, we invest heavily into the development of our culture and the specific skills of our employees.

“This is an approach we will continue to build on with the more than 2,000 jobs during construction and the 8,000 jobs that will be created once the new Integrated Resort at Queen’s Wharf Brisbane is operational. We are delighted to have been selected as the preferred proponent for this development and the opportunity it provides for training, skills development and careers in tourism, entertainment and hospitality.

“We continue to build on our commitment to invest in our people and provide them with the opportunities where they can learn, grow and develop through a rewarding career.”

In its submission, Jupiters and Treasury were recognised for a training strategy that provides a mix of cultural interventions, tailored career progression and skills training for team members and the wider Queensland community.

Just last month, the property’s launched two new programs as part of their ‘creating jobs for Queenslanders’ focus including partnering with TAFE Queensland to launch the landmark new ‘Queensland Hotel and Hospitality School’ and joining with the Queensland Tourism Industry Council (QTIC) to promote job and career opportunities for Indigenous people by helping to launch Australia’s first support network for Indigenous employees in the tourism industry.

Jupiters’ and Treasury’s focus on identifying and developing emerging talent within the business through structured career paths and internal promotion support initiatives such as the ‘Echo Development Pathway’, which provides a clear and actionable framework for learning and development opportunities for team members at all stages of their career, was also detailed.

These programs were highlighted as they play an important role in preparing for future resource requirements. Echo currently has 349 team members training in accredited programs, including Certificate III Commercial Cookery, Certificate III Hospitality, Certificate IV Frontline Management and Diploma of Management, as well as more than 3767 registrations for face-to-face and online non-accredited training in the areas of workplace effectiveness, compliance and leadership, with a particular focus on guest service training.

Both properties are also dedicated to fostering a diverse and vibrant workplace in which all team members are treated with fairness and respect. Echo Entertainment partners with groups including the Diversity Council Australia, Pride in Diversity and supports the Women in MBA scheme at the Macquarie Graduate School of Management.

“Echo is proud of the role we have as an industry leader and we will always aim to connect our communities through our diversity programs,” Mr Hogg said.

Treasury and Jupiters employ more than 3,500 people in Queensland and are proud to support a range of community groups, charities and sponsorships including Surf Life Saving Queensland (supported since 1994), Cerebral Palsy League of Queensland (supported since 2002) and



Ronald McDonald House South East Queensland. More than \$100 million has been contributed to the Jupiters Casino Community Benefit Fund (now the Gambling Community Benefit Fund) since 1987 for grants to community groups across Southern Queensland.

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