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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### HOTEL INDUSTRY UNVEILS RISING STAR

One of Australia's finest young hotel managers has been honoured.

Andrew Cain – the General Manager of the Mawson Lakes Hotel, which is located in the northern suburbs of Adelaide – has been named 2008 Hotel Industry Rising Star.

"It's terrific to have been recognised with this award," said Andrew.

"I couldn't have won it without the support of management and staff at the Mawson Lakes Hotel and, of course, my family.

"I really enjoy working in hospitality and I would encourage other young people who are unsure about where to work to consider the hotel industry because if you work hard, there are rewarding career paths."

Andrew manages more than 100 staff at the hotel ([www.mawsonlakeshotel.com.au](http://www.mawsonlakeshotel.com.au)), oversees a 250-seat restaurant, a function centre that seats 300 and 90 accommodation rooms.

Andrew graduated from TAFE in 2001 before commencing employment in a number of hotels across the northern suburbs of Adelaide. He has also worked at Hilton Sydney.

AHA Chief Executive Officer Bill Healey has offered his congratulations to Andrew.

"Andrew is a tremendous example of an up-and-coming manager in our industry," Mr Healey said.

"At a time when the skills shortage is biting, it would be great if more young people who start work in our industry choose to forge careers in hotels, just as Andrew is doing."

Entrants in this award must be aged 26 or younger.

The judges decided on the winner by taking into account entrants' knowledge, expertise, interest, involvement and ambitions in the hotel industry.

Andrew was presented with his award at last week's 2008 AHA National Hotel Awards for Excellence.

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*The Australian Hotels Association (AHA) is the pre-eminent tourism and hospitality industry organisation in Australia. It has around 5000 members operating general and accommodation hotels. It has a national office and branches in each State and Territory. It also has a discrete branch to represent the interests of its accommodation members that covers four and five-star properties.*