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### GRAND MERCURE BRINGS BREATH OF FRESH AIR TO TOWNSVILLE

North Queensland's unofficial capital city, Townsville, is now home to a new level of hotel luxury with the opening of the Grand Mercure Apartments Townsville. The Grand Mercure offers 4.5 star self-contained accommodation on Palmer Street, Townsville's premier dining strip, next door to the Ibis Townsville. The complex boasts 106 studio, one or two bedroom apartments. Facilities include outdoor swimming pool & spa, gymnasium, apartments with fully equipped kitchens, private outdoor balconies and high speed broadband in all rooms.

### NOVOTEL GREEN GLOBE CERTIFICATION

Since the launch of Novotel's commitment to the Green Globe accreditation process in April this year, eight Novotel hotels in Australia and New Zealand have successfully achieved certification. Novotel Glen Waverley has the auspicious title of being the first to achieve this recognition. Novotels at St Kilda, Darwin, Perth, Brisbane, Canberra, Auckland and Wellington have also successfully achieved certification. Novotel is well on track with its global agreement with Green Globe to achieve worldwide certification of the network's 400 hotels across 61 countries over the next two years.



GREEN GLOBE



### ACCOR 3RD QUARTER PERFORMANCE SHOWS RESILIENCE

Announcing the third-quarter revenue figures, Accor CFO, Jacques Stern (pictured), said that Accor has held up fairly well in the weakening economy, although the figures reflect the first signs of a sharp slowdown. This is already the case for economy hotels in the United States and certain European countries, like the Netherlands, Spain and Italy. Our nine-months revenue was up 4.1% like-for-like (i.e. at constant scope of consolidation and exchange rates), while in the third quarter alone, the Hotels business saw a 1.4% increase and Services reported a sustained 14.1% gain.



### SOFITEL MELBOURNE'S CHOIR SINGS FOR PERFECT HARMONY

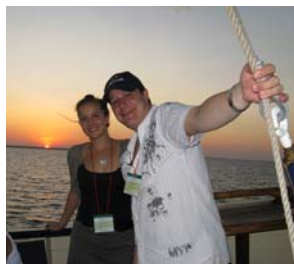
Sofitel Melbourne is one of the first participants in an innovative new programme called Creativity Australia, designed to encourage harmony through singing in the workplace. The Sofitel has created a hotel choir and taken the project one step further with their choir also including new migrants from housing estates in Collingwood and Fitzroy. As part of the project, employers offer a room and an hour a week while Creativity Australia provides training and discounted musical resources – and the prospect of regular performances. The ultimate aim is to stage a "battle of the corporate choirs".

*The deadline for E-communicate submissions is 25<sup>th</sup> of each month to appear the following month please email item and image to [ecomunicate.au@accor.com](mailto:ecomunicate.au@accor.com)*



### **SOFITEL CAIRNS DELUXE AWARD WIN**

Sofitel Cairns Reef Casino General Manager Adam Laker celebrates the Hotel's achievement of winning the Queensland Hotel Association's Award for Best Deluxe Hotel Accommodation in Queensland for 2008 with staff Michelle Exner and Katie Schepen. Mr. Laker said "this is a fantastic achievement considering we were up against the best of the best that the Sunshine State has to offer. The Award reflects the passion and dedication of our staff working in a luxurious property to deliver the ultimate in hospitality"



### **NOVOTEL DARWIN ATRIUM RECOGNISED AS A TOP HOST EMPLOYER**

Youthworx NT recognised a selection of local businesses for their involvement with Work Placements including facilitating students from a number of schools with Work Experience. Novotel Darwin Atrium was among those invited on a Sunset Cruise on Darwin Harbour in appreciation of their efforts in guiding kids into Hospitality via Front Office and Food and Beverage. Taking full advantage of the magic surroundings were (pictured) Gemma Benn - F&B Team Leader and Peter Antal - HRM.



### **RISING STAR AT IBIS PERTH**

Monique Oliver, Function Sales Coordinator, was presented the 'AHA HGT Hotel Industry Rising Star Award' at the AHA AON Awards (WA). This award is specifically for under 25s who have completed studies and are making a career in hospitality, and recognises individuals who are passionate about the industry. Monique's merits shone through - a proven star with guests and colleagues, and a rising star within the industry. As part of her award, Monique was presented with a deposit towards further hospitality education.



### **ACCOR ON SHOW TO CORPORATE AND GOVERNMENT CLIENTS**

Accor Hospitality was represented by Sales teams from around Australia at the Qantas Business Travel Show in Canberra. The event was visited by over 150 companies and government departments with over 1000 people attending plus over 500 members of the travel industry shopping for product for 2009. This event created an opportunity for hotel Sales people to interact with attendees and sell the Accor network. Pictured are Julian Morrison - Accor QLD, Lawrence Ong - Schwartz Hotels, Nicole Moore - Accor NSW, Kristen Hawes - Accor Aust/Intl, Jonathan Dean - Accor ACT and Arun Thirumoorthy - Accor VIC.



### **ACCOR AND JETSTAR PARTNER IN INDONESIA**

Some of Jakarta's most important media and tourism officials came to the Australia Ambassador's residence to welcome the expansion of Jetstar services to Indonesia. Highlighting Accor's strong presence in the region and the growth of Accor Vacation Club throughout Asia, Accor's Indonesia Manager, Gerard Guillouet, made a welcome speech. Accor and Jetstar also partnered in media famils from Perth to Bali and Jakarta to Perth. Pictured are Accor Vacation Club's Myles Bryson, Accor's Cynthia Dammerer, Australian Ambassador Bill Farmer, and Gerard Guillouet and Jetstar's Unni Menon.



### **MERCURE SYDNEY CELEBRATES 10<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY**

Mercure Sydney staff are pictured celebrating 10 years of operation. Since opening, Mercure Sydney has accommodated more than 2,377,680 guests who have collectively drunk 594,420 litres of beer and eaten over 1,140,200 breakfasts. Beds have been made more than 3 million times and over 350,000 cars have been parked. The hotel opened in 1998, the year when 'Titanic' won 11 Oscars; John Howard was re-elected for a second term; a litre of petrol in Sydney averaged 71 cents; and 'Sex and the City' made its debut. To celebrate Mercure Sydney offered a special \$98 rate to the first ten bookings each day throughout October.



### **FOOTY LEGENDS FOSTER SPORTING CHANCE FOR KIDS AT NOVOTEL BRISBANE**

Famous sporting legends joined forces with media personalities at Novotel Brisbane to raise money for the inaugural Pyjama Foundation Sports Lunch which works to improve literacy levels in children in foster care. Novotel staff and guests rubbed shoulders with Channel Ten's Georgina Lewis, Camilla from the B105 morning crew and players from the Wallabies, Brisbane Lions and Brisbane Broncos. Pictured is Novotel's Amery Burleigh with Wallabies James Horwill and Stephen Moore.



### **QANTAS ON BOARD AT PULLMAN SYDNEY OLYMPIC PARK**

Over a million travellers flying Qantas on Australian domestic flights in October were exposed to the new Pullman at Sydney Olympic Park. Deborah Hutton and the Welcome Aboard crew were highly impressed with Sydney's first new 5-star hotel this decade, and football fans on staff were equally impressed when Mark Bosnich turned up to be interviewed about the 2008-09 A-League season. Mark is pictured with GM Marcus Hanna in Bacar Restaurant.



### **ERNIE DINGO TAKES TO THE MOUNTAINS**

Accor Vacation Club members enjoyed a weekend with the Dingo clan starting with an evening of campfire stories, followed by breakfast and a day of 4-wheel driving adventures with Ernie Dingo and family. This special event was held at Grand Mercure Pinnacle Valley Resort in the Victorian High Country, which was a fun break for Ernie who also visited the Mansfield High Country Festival during a break from filming 'Bran Nue Dae' in Broome.



### **NOVOTEL DARWIN A MELBOURNE CUP WINNER**

On its journey across Australia, the prestigious Melbourne Cup spent a night at the equally prestigious Novotel Darwin Atrium. The trophy is made from 18ct Gold, valued at \$125,000 and can only be handled with the use of a white glove. Pictured left to right - Kylie Donaghy (FOM), Ash Turner (EAM), Alison Kearney and the white glove (DM), Clayton Giles (FO All Rounder) and Peter Antal (HRM).



### **FLEMINGTON FLOWER POWER FOR SOFITEL MELBOURNE ON COLLINS**

Sofitel 'reined' supreme in the style stakes securing a prestigious marquee inside the flamboyant 'Birdcage' entertaining some 40 key clients and media over the four race days at Flemington. Sofitel worked with the Victorian Racing Club to bring its 'Florist' theme to life, inspired by the hotel's own dazzling floral creations. Pictured is Media Personality Dr 'Feelgood' Sally Cockburn, Clive Scott, Annie Mann, Radio 3AW, and Sofitel's Terence Murphy.



### **OAKS DAY REWARD FOR CONFERENCE BOOKERS IN VICTORIA & TASMANIA**

Accor hotels in Victoria and Tasmania held a successful conference incentive offering an Oaks Day package as the major prize. The winner was Kristy Haggerty from Boral Concrete who booked several meetings at Novotel Melbourne Glen Waverley. Kristy enjoyed a Vintage Crop Marquee package which included accommodation for four at the Novotel Melbourne St Kilda, limousine transfers to Flemington racecourse and a day of fine food and bubbles. Kristy is pictured with Novotel's Amy-Lee Swift, Conference Sales Exec and Duncan Mars, DOSM.



### **CAR LOVERS ZOOM INTO SOFITEL FOR INDY LUNCHEON**

Will Power, driver for Team Australia, is used to taking a V8 engine producing 650 horsepower to an acceleration power of 161 kph in 3 seconds and speeds of up to 370 kph! But he shifted down a gear to make a special guest appearance at Room81 'Boys and their Toys' Indy inspired Luncheon where one lucky car enthusiast won a Porsche for a day to cruise the famous Gold Coast strip. Will, who bowed out of the Indy race on lap 17, is pictured with newly appointed Sofitel GM Mark Wilkinson.



### **NOVOTEL PERTH LANGLEY FORMALLY 'ADOPTS' THORNIE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL**

Novotel Perth Langley and Thornlie Senior High entered into a strategic partnership engaging five students on a school based traineeship through Academie Accor. The launch to students, parents, school and hotel management was hosted by Novotel GM Alan Burrows and Thornlie Principal Kay Lands. The 'Adopt a School' program provides an interactive and innovative partnership between industry and schools.



### **NOVOTEL SUPPORTS SCHOOL BOY RUGBY**

The victorious Australian School Boys Rugby Union team are pictured with Novotel Wellington GM Zayne Boon after their victory in the 2008 Novotel Trans Tasman Tournament. The Australians beat the New Zealanders in a nailbiting match with the final score 15-11. Novotel Hotels and Resorts are also a proud supporter of the Australian Rugby Football Schools Union Championships in Australia, from which the Australian team is selected.



### VIVIER NATIONAL MANAGEMENT TRAINEE GRADUATION

A graduation dinner, hosted by Simon McGrath, VP Australia and Garth Simmons, NSW Regional Manager at The Menzies Sydney, signified the end of two years of hard work and commitment for Luke Harris and Alison Maher – both successfully completing the VNMT program and have been appointed to management roles in Sydney. Graduation events will also be held in Perth and Auckland for fellow 2006 VNMT alumni, Ajay Vaid and Firoze Wadia.



### SKÅL DINNER MAKES HISTORY IN HAMILTON

Novotel and Ibis Tainui Hamilton hosted a function for Skål International, made particularly memorable because the Presidents of the International, New Zealand, Auckland and the Hamilton Chapter were all in attendance. Skål is the International Association of Travel and Tourism Professionals located in every major city around the world. Pictured are International President, Phil Sims; Novotel GM, Dick Breukink; New Zealand President, Michael Macpherson; Auckland President, Jenny Delmont; Hamilton President and Ivan Pavlovich.



### ACADEMIE ACCOR RELOCATES TO CORPORATE OFFICE

With a relocation to Corporate Office, Academie Accor is now closer to both the HR team and the spectrum of Accor brands, making it easier to trial new training initiatives across all brands. A good example includes the Start Me training which has trained 331 on-the-job trainers since its inception in August. Academie Accor's Christine Rumble recently returned from Budapest where 21 Academies from around the network met to share training programs which complement Accor's mobility policy and encourages greater cultural awareness.



### GIRLS NIGHT IN FOR CANCER RESEARCH AT THE CROSSLEY

The Crossley Hotel Melbourne hosted a Girls Night In to raise funds for the Cancer Council. The event was organised by Reservations Manager Miranda Miller, who lost a close friend to Hodgkins Lymphoma. The group enjoyed makeovers, massages and goodies in an apartment donated by the Crossley with raffles for prizes from Swanston Hotel, Urban St Kilda, Mercure Melbourne and Ibis Melbourne. Nearly \$2000 was raised for women's cancer research.



### SPORTING CHANCE FOR CANCER COUNCIL AT MERCURE LAUNCESTON

Mercure Launceston GM Darren Pike presented a \$3800 cheque to the Cancer Council Tasmania, raised from a Memorabilia Auction organised by Mercure staff. A sports bar once stood where the Mercure is now located and its prized memorabilia (including items from Tassie cricketer David Boon) had been in storage before staff saw a fundraising opportunity. Pictured: GM Darren Pike, Heather McClenaghan & Jennifer Lyall (Cancer Council), Heather Holmes & Christine Lucas (Mercure) and Danny Gibson (Launceston Examiner).



### ADVANTAGE PLUS MEMBERS CAUGHT IN 'TIME WARP' AT HOLIDAY EXPO

The second Advantage Plus Holiday Expo was held at the Sofitel Melbourne with over 800 Victorian members attending to check out Accor Hotel product throughout the Pacific. Members were entertained by Latin dancers Craig Monley and Sriani Arget (World Latin & Aust Dancesport Champions), Spring Fashion Show by Collins Place and 'Brad & Janet' of Rocky Horror the Musical, soon to open in Melbourne. Pictured are Shirley Lin and Clive Scott promoting Accor's Rocky Horror packages complete with very Frankenfurter-ish feather boas!



### FRENCH LEAGUE STARS ENJOY NOVOTEL WOLLONGONG HOSPITALITY

Novotel Wollongong Northbeach hosted the French Rugby League Team this month in the lead up to the 2008 Rugby League World Cup game against Fiji. Staff and hotel guests have welcomed the team and they have been eager participants in all hotel events. The players mingled with guests at the 2008 Glitz & Glamour Ball which supported the Illawarra Breast Cancer Support Group as well as the exclusive Melbourne Cup Luncheon held at the hotel.



### CARBON FRIENDLY IN HAMILTON

Employees from Novotel & Hotel Ibis Tainui Hamilton joined other volunteers in the Hubbard's Carbon Crusade for a 10km off-road running and walking event from Hamilton Zoo to the banks of Lake Rotokauri. Each volunteer planted 4-10 trees, resulting in 600 trees being planted in less than 2 hours. A BBQ organized by the Hamilton City Council followed.



## **SPORT (AND MERCURE SYDNEY) WAS THE WINNER AT THE ACCOR CUP**

The annual Accor Cup was held in the hallowed grounds of Olympic Park last month and provided some memorable sporting moments. The event was declared open by Taniele Gofers, member of the Beijing Olympics bronze medal winning Australian Water Polo team, and the fun began! Teams competed in volleyball, soccer and touch football with the Mercure Sydney team taking top honours and vowing to return next year to defend their title.



## **CUP DAY ENJOYED IN THE PACIFIC AS WELL**

Novotel Nadi hosted Mercure Nadi and Tradewinds Hotel staff for the annual Accor Fiji Hotels Sports Days. The hotels had 5 trophies up for grabs in Soccer, Volleyball & Netball with Novotel Nadi overcoming a strong challenge from Tradewinds Hotel to take the title. A great day was had by all with lunch, drinks & uniforms sponsored by numerous hotel suppliers.



## **NOVOTEL COFFS HARBOUR PACIFIC BAY RESORT- HOME AWAY FROM HOME**

Have you ever stayed somewhere so many times that it starts to feel like your second home? You feel comfortable around friendly, familiar faces, and you can relax in the knowledge that everything you need is readily available. That is how Doug Price feels when he stays at Novotel Coffs Harbours Pacific Bay Resort, having recently celebrated his 500<sup>th</sup> stay! A business traveller based on the Gold Coast, Doug continues to praise the Novotel's staff and service.

*GM Dene Zahner & VIP Doug Price*



## **HEARTS RACING AT NOVOTEL MELBOURNE**

Pictured is Moto GP Champion Nicky Hayden, otherwise known as the "The Kentucky Kid" with Novotel Melbourne's FOM, Tim Young and Shift Leader, Kylie Cassar. Hayden stayed at the Novotel during the Australian Moto GP at Philip Island and although motorcycle racing is traditionally a male oriented sport, oddly enough, all the girls in the hotel were thrilled to have him stay! Seems Hayden also gets hearts racing...



## **WINNING KEYS FOR ACCOR VACATION CLUB MEMBERS**

Congratulations to Jannine and Darrin Marshall from Thames, New Zealand who had the winning key to drive away in the Lexus IS 250! This amazing competition has been running for the past year and was open to select visitors to Accor Vacation Club preview centres. All those who received a key tested it on the \$62,000 Lexus when they attended a Club Preview. Over \$100,000 worth of bonus prizes have been given away throughout the year, including a home theatre system and cash prizes.



## **NOVOTEL AWARDS HOSPITALITY STUDENT IN THE BAROSSA**

HR Manager, Paul Amos, presented student Laura Helbig with the Novotel Barossa Valley Resort Food & Hospitality Award at the Nuriootpa High School Presentation night. This award is presented to the student who showed enthusiasm and commitment in the Food and Hospitality area, with an intention to study and pursue employment in tourism. Laura recently commenced work as a casual Guest Services Attendant at the Resort.



## **HOT DATES FOR ACCOR WELLINGTON**

Accor's Wellington sales team held the first "product speed (up)date" for TMCs, corporate contacts, industry partners and suppliers. The dating booths were set up in Ibis Wellington's restaurant, Vivant, with each table representing Accor hotels from each region. 'Daters' were given the up close and personal information on all the developments within the New Zealand network. The day was well attended with over 50 daters.



## **NOVOTEL PERTH BUZZES WITH RED BULL**

Novotel Perth Langley was buzzing with the sights and sounds of the 2008 Red Bull Air Race as the City of Perth played host to the exciting world event for the third year. The Swan River was the perfect setting for the 2008 series final and Novotel Perth Langley's rooftop deck offered the perfect vantage point for entertaining corporate clients and some fast paced plane spotting. Pictured is Novotel GM Alan Burrows, Shannon Hore from Alcoa and wife Natalie.

***A DAY IN THE LIFE OF...******Purchasing & Stores*****CHRIS BISHOP – NATIONAL PROCUREMENT MANAGER, NEW ZEALAND REGIONAL OFFICE**

I have worked for Accor for 16 months now and I enjoy the career opportunities available within the company and the people I work with. My role within Accor is to manage national supply agreements focusing on price, quality, and service. I provide updates on contracted suppliers to our clients, the Hotels. My role mainly focuses on the contracts under Food and Beverage, ensuring that the hotels benefit from maximising the financial aspects that each contracted supplier has to offer. Supplier reviews take place on a quarterly basis, where all aspects of the business relationship are discussed. Also on a quarterly basis I review all sales reports and compile all rebate reports. Currently my days are spent preparing pre tender documentation for beer, soft drinks, and spirits. Overall, my role is very rewarding and I enjoy seeing the benefits being passed onto the hotels.”

**KELLEY MCCORKINDALE – PURCHASING MANAGER, NOVOTEL QUEENSTOWN LAKESIDE**

“As Purchasing Manager of Novotel Queenstown Lakeside, where I have worked for the last 5 years, a typical day for me starts at 6:30am. Throughout the day I order and supply outlets with stock and basically ensure the stock levels of every department of the hotel are sufficient. With 10 years experience in Purchasing, I enjoy my current role and the challenges it presents each day. Looking after my internal customers of the hotel is my main priority and will continue to be as I contribute to the ongoing success of Accor.”

**GARY WILCOCKSON – STORES SUPERVISOR NOVOTEL WOLLONGONG NORTHBEACH**

My day starts off at 7am, and is scheduled to finish at 3.30pm. On any given day I can be known to deal with anywhere between 20 – 50 deliveries. Every week I accept around \$50,000 – \$70,000 of stock, and in peak periods this number climbs to approximately \$90,000. My daily duties include temperature checks of food, weight checks, liaising with suppliers, data entry, OH&S and 100% quality control. I always tell my staff, treat goods as though they are for yourself! I have been nominated for supervisor of the quarter on numerous occasions, and have also been awarded employee of the year. I have been employed by this hotel for 18 years and I am very passionate about my role.

**ALLAN KHCHEICHE – PROCUREMENT OFFICER, NOVOTEL SYDNEY BRIGHTON BEACH**

My day begins at 6.30am with Hotel deliveries from suppliers. All products are then taken to storerooms and fridges asap. Requisitions are processed, invoices from morning deliveries are processed and forwarded to AP. Orders are placed for the next day and faxed off, pricing and products are updated in the system and Managers are liaised with to keep on top of their requirements. I also attend Banquet Event Order meetings every week. This job is like an 8 hour gym work out, pushing/lifting/walking/stairs. Some quick statistics: I handle up to 2400 bottles of water, 250–300kg of prawns and 960 toilet rolls in a week. Suppliers are a constant source of entertainment eg; a Fruit & Veg supplier wanted to argue with me about how hard it is to supply high quality strawberries (he presented mouldy ones) at a reasonable price. At that moment a different Fruit and Veg supplier arrived and proceeded to unload perfect strawberries at half the price! The first supplier left with his tail between his legs taking his ‘mouldy double the price strawberries’ with him.



## MERCURE TROPHY FOR A 'GREAT AUSTRALIAN RED'

The Great Australian Red competition, sponsored by Mercure, announced its winners. One of the most anticipated awards was the Mercure Hotel Trophy for the Best Cabernet-dominant Blend, awarded to Wolf Blass Black Label Cabernet Shiraz 2005. The wine will feature in Great Australian Red dinners at selected Mercure hotels later this month. Pictured are Wolf Blass' Matt O'Leary, organiser Matthew Jukes, and Mercure's Robert McCartney and Tyson Stelzer.



## TOP RESTAURANT AWARD FOR NOVOTEL NINGALOO

Mantaray's restaurant, in the \$30 million Novotel Ningaloo Resort Exmouth, is the winner of the 2008 Gold Plate Award for the best licensed Restaurant - Country. The restaurant has a contemporary design and features a magnificent wrought iron manta ray suspended from the ceiling. Guests can sit inside or outside overlooking the pool and ocean. Executive chef Jason Holmes (pictured) enjoys creating speciality dishes with local seafood and Mantaray's signature prawn dish Chermoulla Prawns using Exmouth prawns is always popular.



## SOFITEL SOMMELIER LEADS WINE TRAINING IN FIJI

The F&B team from Salt, Lagoons and V Restaurant at Sofitel Fiji Resort & Spa, were thrilled to host Nobuko Okamura, Regional Sommelier Sofitel Pacific. Nobuko visited the resort in late September, and took the team through a series of wine workshops, increasing the team's understanding of the wine making process, along with upskilling the team on the sale and service of wine.



## SYDNEY CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE INTRODUCES ITS FIRST SOMMELIER

Sydney Convention & Exhibition Centre's William Wilson has been selected from an elite group in Australasia to attain the Court of Master Sommeliers' esteemed title of Certified Sommelier, William manages the venue's large wine stock of around 15,000 bottles and more than 200 different wine varieties. He also compiles beverage menus complementing the Centre's five-star cuisine and is responsible for training the 250-strong food and beverage team at the venue.



## NOVOTEL COFFS HARBOUR SETS THE BENCHMARK IN HOTEL CATERING

Novotel Coffs Harbour Pacific Bay Resort, took out the Sunday Telegraph 2008 Regional Award for Excellence in the category of 'Hotel Caterer', thanks to the expert team of Executive Chef Tony Gill and Food & Beverage Manager Mauri Van Den Bosch. The annual award ceremony is run by Restaurant & Catering NSW to recognise excellence in restaurant and catering industry. Pictured: DOSM Angela and Mauri Van Den Bosch with representative from Dairy Farmers, award sponsor.



## A RARE CUT FOR DINERS IN NEW ZEALAND

Following the success of the recent 'Visions of Venison' promotion, diners at Accor hotels throughout New Zealand can now enjoy 'A Rare Cut' from the kitchen during November. As part of an initiative to provide variety for guests and locals, each restaurant prepares a dish of their choice using premium quality rabbit cuts as the main ingredient. Customers enjoy a specially created dish for \$16 for entrée or \$28 for main with selected restaurants matching wine with the meal.



Before

## NEW LOOK FOR CARRINGTON RESTAURANT

The Menzies Sydney's Carrington Restaurant has completed a major refurbishment transforming it into a sleek contemporary style eatery complete with new furnishings, fixtures and two large plasma screens, allowing guests to catch up on the latest news. A new look buffet breakfast is also garnering much praise from guests.



After



**ACCOR CURE KIDS "RACE TO SURVIVE" RAISES OVER \$310,000**

The 2008 Accor Race to Survive to Cure Kids raised more than \$FJ310,000 for Cure Kids Fiji, for vital medical equipment and supplies for Fijian hospitals, improving on the generous amount raised in the inaugural 2006 race.



*Teams crossing the finish line*

*It's all for the kids*



*8.5km run finish line*

13 teams of Accor employees competed in the Race to Survive, which involved four days of intensive physical effort - including running, cycling, swimming, kayaking and outriggering. The teams were made up of 12 international teams from Australia, New Zealand and Thailand, as well as a local Fijian team. Each team of five also included a Fijian staff member from Sofitel Fiji Resort & Spa, Novotel Nadi, Mercure Hotel Nadi and Tradewinds Hotel and Convention Centre Suva.



*Completing the 2km swim anyway you can!*



*Turtle time on Vomo*

Prior to the race all the competitors visited Lautoka Hospital to witness first hand how the money they raised was being spent and the significant difference it is making, and will continue to make, for young Fijian children.



*Kids greeting at the finish line*



*Outrigger race on Vomo*

The Accor Race to Survive to Cure Kids is as much about fundraising as participating and this year the honours went to the Against All Odds team of Cenk Baban, Anna Maria Montoya Lazo, Trish Oswald and Lee Marklew raising almost FJ\$23,000. The Crash and Burn team raised almost \$21,000 and Team Sa Yawa just under \$19,000.



*A break in the cycle leg*



*This is not like a spin class!*



*Outriggering to Vomo*



*Team Trinity outrigger victory*



*Gong Gladiators*



*Manly Specific*



*Bula Billabongs*



*Against All Odds*



*Island Hoppers*



*Team Tao Thailand*



*Team Kai Viti*



*Pocket Rockets*



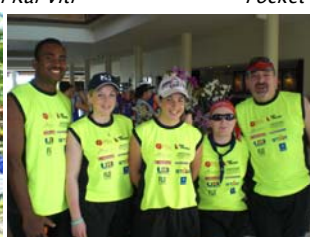
*Crash & Burn*



*Team Trinity*



*Sa Yawa II*



*Dark Horses Too*



*Accor Blacks*