

Melbourne & Olympic Parks Australian Venue Caterer of the Year

Melbourne & Olympic Parks, home to the Grand Slam of the Asia Pacific, the Australian Open, and Melbourne's leading entertainment, concert and sports venue, has been recognised for providing the best catering of any venue in Australia.

Delaware North, the exclusive providers of hospitality and food service at Melbourne & Olympic Parks, was named the Venue Caterer of the Year at the 2009 National Restaurant and Caterers Association Awards for Excellence.

Melbourne & Olympic Parks entered the Victorian Caterers Hall of Fame at the 2007 Awards after winning the Event Caterer of the Year for three consecutive years, the only venue to achieve this feat.

The judging for the 2009 Awards took place during the record 17 Pink concerts held at Rod Laver Arena, and covered both corporate dining and catering to the public.

Brian Morris, Chief Executive Officer of the Melbourne & Olympic Parks Trust, said it was tremendous recognition of the work being done to improve the experience of everyone who attends the venue.

"Everyone here has been working hard to ensure Melbourne & Olympic Parks retains its reputation as one of the world's great sporting and entertainment venues, and no-one harder than the Delaware North team.

"They have brought some fantastic innovations to Melbourne Park, including becoming the first venue of this type to offer Heart Foundation Tick approved meals and Delaware North's Culinary Wellbeing program currently being offered in our corporate areas.

"Delaware North has demonstrated that they can meet the changing tastes of the hundreds of thousands of people who are entertained at Melbourne & Olympic Parks each year."

Gary Brown, Managing Director, Delaware North Companies Australia (Hospitality & Catering Services) said that working at Melbourne & Olympic Parks has provided Delaware North with an opportunity to show creativity and flair.

"Melbourne & Olympic Parks has such a range of great events, including the Australian Open, big concerts, major conferences, business functions and meetings, international and local sporting events, private parties and live television events.

"It provides great scope for us to really demonstrate our range of talent. It is a wonderful venue to work at, and we look forward to continuing our delivery of great food experiences for our customers.

"I want to congratulate all of the Delaware North team on their efforts and thank all of the Melbourne & Olympic Parks team for their support and encouragement."

For more information on Delaware North, please see www.delawarenorth.com.au

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