

Cheers...we will drink to that!

Monday, September 30, 2013

Retail Savvy Group has been given the honor as a finalist for two of its CBD venues by the Australian Hotels Association.

Asian Beer Café as a finalist for “Best Theme Bar” category as well as its sister venue, Father’s Office. Father’s Office is also a finalist in the “Best Bar Presentation & Service category”.

“We are extremely honored to be nominated let alone be finalists in three categories for our two bars. We pride ourselves on keeping our concepts fresh and innovating all the time.” Says, Anna Carosa, Co-founder and Owner.

Asian Beer Café has been operating successfully for six years. It is themed 1920’s Shanghai with a mix of authentic and contemporary design. Our 20-meter long bar to cater for the ever-increasing patron’s. Tapas dishes are the choice with everything, \$4-\$10. \$8 Jugs and \$5 happy hour specials make this place a cool and affordable hangout for uni and corporates alike. For more information on Asian Beer Café, please visit www.asianbeercafe.com.au

Father’s Office has only been operating for the past thirteen months and its already moving up the ladder so fast, it is unstoppable. With its classic 1920’s prohibition “speak easy” theme, its beautiful vintage architecture, making it the place to be. Father’s Office also caters for any kind of event or celebrations, including weddings. For more information on Father’s Office, Please visit www.fathersoffice.com.au

The winners will be announced at the Australian Hotels Association dinner, which is held on Monday the 18th of November 2013.

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ABOUT RETAIL SAVVY GROUP

Stewart Koziara & Anna Carosa are serial entrepreneurs. They have been in the retail game for collectively over 50 years. A husband-and-wife team, they are owners of the Retail Savvy Group which currently owns and operate the following:

Asian Beer Café - www.asianbeercafe.com.au

Father's Office - www.fathersoffice.com.au

The Shaw Davey Slum - www.theshawdaveyslum.com.au

Anna Carosa

Serial Entrepreneur, Anna Carosa, is co-owner & co-founder of The Retail Savvy Group.

Anna has been in business for 20 years and has been at the forefront of young and entrepreneurial business leaders in Australia. Along the way, Anna has picked up a string of prestigious awards including being inducted into the Business Women's Hall of Fame, Young Hero's Award recipient, Young Australian of the Year finalist, Telstra Business Women's Award finalist in two categories and the Pearcey Foundation Award for Innovation & Pioneering Achievement. A significant achievement was at the age of 20 when Anna and her brother Domenic, raised AUD\$16.8 million to list their private internet company on the Australian Stock Exchange. Anna was the youngest female in Australia to do this.

Most recently she has won industry, peer & business awards for the Retail Savvy Group.

Anna is Managing Director The Retail Savvy Group & is the heart of soul of the business and acts as Quality Assurance together with Stewart and the rest of the senior management team.

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Anna takes the creative lead on the concept and interior design of the venue's working with trades, furniture suppliers to bring her concepts to life. She also heads up the marketing & functions team's that operate from the South Yarra head office. Food was a big part of Anna's childhood; her early childhood memory was making her mother's secret pasta sauce recipe when she was only a few years old for the family every Sunday. Her passion for food, flavours & family has given her the ingredients for success.

Stewart Koziara

Co-founder & co-operator of the Retail Savvy Group which solely is focused on a stable of large format themed bars. HE is also a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia.

As a participant in the retail and hospitality industries for over 25 years now, Stewart has extensive experience derived as an owner & CEO of some of Australia's leading and most innovative food concepts. Stewart has been mentored by the pioneers of the food retail industry in Australia, Stewart lends his industry experience in the provision of industry and research reports and concept reviews as well as participated in numerous presentations on leadership, motivation and strategic planning for companies such as Bankers Trust, ABN Amro, William Blue Hospitality School, Ernst & Young & Mission Australia, among others. Stewart has also has appeared in many business magazines including the cover of the Entrepreneur section of The Australian, the cover of the "Charter" magazine, has been a past Finalist of Ernst & Young's "Young Entrepreneur of the Year" in 2005 and most recently he & Anna have won industry, peer & business awards for the Retail Savvy Group.

He also founded a number of retail related companies including Performis, a retail training and performance improvement business and registered Training organisation, wagamama Australia, the celebrated pan Asian noodle bar concept from London, shopperLOGIC, an on-line mystery shopping research solution & Concep UK, an integrated marketing agency among others. All businesses he sold out to management. Specialties: Concept development, concept roll out, leadership, staff retention, evaluating franchisors & franchisees, effective communication, sweating assets, improving operating margins, commercial negotiations & motivation.

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