

Everything's Coming Up, Retail Savvy Group

The Retail Savvy Group is proud to announce that we have been named as a finalist for all three of our venues in the upcoming Australian Hotel Association state awards.

Father's Office Speakeasy Bar & Restaurant is a finalist in three different categories: "Best Restaurant (Metropolitan)", "Best Theme Bar" and "Outstanding Achievement in Training". For the past two years, Father's Office has been an up and coming bar in Melbourne and has won multiple awards for its excellence in food, theme and service. With the vintage art deco style and beautiful surrounds of the State Library, it's no wonder that this is the place to be. Hosting any kind of function, including weddings, Father's Office caters to any event, big or small. For more information, please visit <http://fathersoffice.com.au>

Asian Beer Café, after operating for seven years, has seen over 1.7 million patrons through its hallowed halls and won multiple awards. With its 1920's Shanghai theme, affordable food and drinks and fun vibe, it is a great place for people from all walks of life to come to enjoy a night out. This year, Asian Beer Café has been confirmed as a finalist for a humbling three awards: "Best Theme Bar", "Hotel For more information on Asian Beer Café, please visit <http://asianbeercafe.com.au>

And last, but not least, our Carlton based venue, The Shaw Davey Slum, is also a finalist for "Best Bar Presentation & Service (Metropolitan)" and "Best Theme Bar". After only opening in May this year, the 1960's Australiana themed site has soon become a staple on Lygon Street, boasting affordability and style. With an area that can host up to 550 guests at any one time, it is a great place for functions with a groovy twist. For more information on The Shaw Davey Slum, please visit <http://theshawdaveyslum.com.au>

"It is an honour and a privilege to be a finalist in eight categories across our venues by the AHA. Stewart and I are extremely humbled and give credit to our team's for making this possible." - Anna Carosa-Koziora, Managing Director of Retail Savvy Group.

Winners of the Australian Hotel Association state awards will be announced at the awards night November 17th 2014.



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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.

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.

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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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