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DOLTONE HOUSE
**ANNOUNCED 2ND GENERATION WINNER OF
THE NSW & ACT FAMILY BUSINESS OF THE YEAR AWARDS**

The peak body for family businesses, Family Business Australia (FBA) today announced **Doltone House** as the 2009 winner of the *Second Generation category* in the NSW & ACT Family Business of the Year Awards.

NSW FBA Chairman, Terry Rowney, says: "The commitment by the Signorelli family to Doltone House to strive for excellence in the hospitality sector - and to go that extra mile to assist clients was particularly noteworthy."

Rowney says: "The company has not only built up an award-winning chain of venues for Sydney but has in the process encapsulated the warmth of their family into each one."

The judges noted the following outstanding aspects of the **Doltone House** application:

- The establishment of sound HR policies for both family and non-family members;
- The creation of a professional development plan for all family members and the use of regular family meetings; and
- A family code of conduct and a family council to ensure professional governance of the business.

ABOUT DOLTONE HOUSE

Biaggio Signorelli purchased the first Doltone House venue in Sylvania Waters in 1995, thereby starting the family business. This was later added to by the purchase of the Jones Bay Wharf venue at Pyrmont and the San Souci venue.

This innovative business is looking to grow significantly over the next ten years and also diversify into fresh food and cafes. After the passing of Biaggio, son and second generation family member Paul Signorelli has assumed the position of Managing Director of the business, working alongside his wife, sisters and their spouses.

The business looks forward to creating a solid family business for the third generation whilst retaining the emphasis on their family culture and values.

THE NSW & ACT FBA AWARDS

The FBA Awards were created to celebrate the unique achievements of family businesses and their contribution to the economy and culture of Australia.

Criteria for Entry – is open to all businesses (both public and private) which are substantially owned and operated by a family or group of families and subject to the following criteria:

- A solid record of financial performance and stability;
- Respect within their fields;
- A demonstrated commitment to the ideas of family business; and,
- Demonstrated good corporate citizenship through involvement in the communities in which they operate.

Judging Panel - includes business owners and professional advisers from across NSW.

The NSW & ACT Family Business of the Year Awards consists of four categories in total:

- **First Generation** - founders and owners who manage the business;
- **Second Generation** - children or family relations of the founders who manage the business;
- **Third Generation** - children or family relations of the second generation who manage the business; and,
- **Fourth Generation** - children or family relations of the third generation who manage the business.

Doltone House will now go on to compete in the Second Generation Award category at the National Family Business of the Year Awards to be held at Darwin in August.

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