

Cruise industry celebrates in style

IT WAS the cruise industry's time to shine on Sat night, at the 19th annual Cruise Industry Awards at The Star Sydney, with over 500 members of the Australasian cruise community gathering for a night of celebration. Held by Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA) Australasia, the awards attracted more than 560 entries spanning 18 categories.

CLIA Chairman Sture Myrmell delivered a video message from Asia saying "tonight we celebrate the success stories of 2019.

"We honour the contribution of the stars of the cruise sector in Australia and New Zealand.

"Our industry achievements are there for all to see, the highest market penetration of any established cruise market in the world," he added.

The evening was peppered with several entertainment acts which thrilled the crowd, including a dance troupe, aerialists dangling from ceiling high drapes, a singing impersonator, plus TV personality Tim Campbell returning to MC the night.

A special highlight was former Carnival CEO Ann Sherry inducted into the Hall of Fame.



THE winners line up for a photo opportunity before celebrating the night away.



ANDREW Millmore, Travel the World; Jennifer Vandekreeke, Carnival Australia and Anton Loeb, Carnival Cruise Line.



JULIANNE Gazal-Rizk, Travelmanagers with Katy Muyt, Ensemble Travel Group.



GREG McJarow of Singapore Airlines addresses the audience.



FORMER Carnival Chair Ann Sherry AO receives the prestigious Hall of Fame award from Joel Katz, MD CLIA Australasia.

GAVIN Smith, Royal Caribbean Cruises and Steve Odell, Regent Seven Seas & Oceania Cruises.



THE team from Celestyal Cruises together with Greece & Mediterranean Travel Centre reps.



SHIRLEY Bassey impersonator, Trevor Ashley, belted out a number of hit songs.



TIM Campbell returned as MC and encouraged attendees onto the dance floor at the conclusion of the awards.



THE photo booth proved popular with the crowd.