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### BAYSWATER HOTEL'S \$3.5 MILLION REFURB COMPLETE

PERTH – One of Perth's heritage icons, the Bayswater Hotel, has undergone a \$3.5 million refurbishment.

After recently celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, the Hotel was well due for an update, according to Manager Charles Letizia.

“Nine hotel rooms, some incorporating spas, and the twelve motel rooms have been redecorated and tastefully appointed with luxuries designed to exceed our guests' expectations. The function and restaurant areas have been completely redecorated, resulting in a complete ‘facelift’ for the hotel,” he said.

Owned by the same three partners, Charles Letizia, Lloyd Marchesi and Sam Sardelic, for more than 15 years, the hotel provides mostly intrastate and interstate guests with a 15 minute link, via rail, to the city.

According to Mr Letizia, at the turn of the century the Bayswater Hotel was frequented by hunting parties and became famous for its genteel “afternoon teas”. During the Great Depression it developed into a working man's hotel and began its long association with the employees of the railways.

“The Hotel was reputedly the only one in Australia to put on free beer the day World War II ended. In the early 1950s the Main Roads Department wanted to demolish the hotel to make way for a new one, but thankfully they were not successful,” he added.

Extensive renovations were made in the 1960s and early 1990s and motel units were constructed. In 1981 the hotel was sold to Sam Sardelic and Lloyd Marchesi and in early 1990 Charles Letizia became the third partner.

Although much has changed over the years, the restaurant still retains its original interior treatments, including a pressed-metal decorative ceiling and ornate timber mantels. The room has been listed in a municipal inventory in recognition of its heritage significance.

For more information, or for accommodation rates, please contact the hotel on 08 9271 7111.

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