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Doltone House celebrates 50 Golden Years Prime Minister says Doltone House ‘is the standard’

The family behind Doltone House today celebrated a momentous milestone – 50 Golden Years of the brand – at their first venue in Sylvania Waters. An official plaque commemorating this extraordinary achievement was revealed by The Hon. Scott Morrison MP, Prime Minister of Australia in the presence of The Hon. Mark Speakman, SC MP Attorney General, Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence, Councillor Carmelo Pesce, Mayor of Sutherland Shire, along with NSW parliamentarians, local councillors, industry leaders and family members.

The Prime Minister Scott Morrison MP, remarked on the entrepreneurial nature, bravery, ambition and strong family ties of the Signorelli family who remain at the helm of Doltone House, namely Paul Signorelli, Executive Chairman, Anna Cesarano, Chief Executive Officer and Nina Milazzo, Chief Operating Officer, who have worked tirelessly since taking over the business 25 years ago from the Stubbs family.

Mr Morrison said "Family gives a sense of love and welcome. When I think of the Signorelli family, who have been in business for so long, I think of a family who has an intense love and passion for each other, and that love overflows into the community they serve.

"I go to a lot of event places all around the country and I can tell you there are none better than Doltone," he said.

"Doltone is the standard. It is not just the quality of the food or the quality attention that is put into how the room is set.

"Nothing is too hard. That's a culture. It's not just a business seeking to make a buck, it's a business seeking to make a difference in the lives of its customers.

"They understand there is trust in them to take carriage of these important events."

Premier Gladys Berejiklian said in a videoed message, "It's hard to be in Sydney and not have a connection to Doltone House".

"Doltone House is part of the fabric of Sydney".

Paul Signorelli, said the family has always had ambitious plans for the business, however these plans are always based around one thing – delivering exceptional, personalised service.

"We believe our success is due to keeping what is important, great service and exceptional product. Even today, our clients know they can reach out to us personally, they know we absolutely care about every single event," said Mr Signorelli.

One of their well-known ventures Doltone House, Jones Bay Wharf Pyrmont, is a testament to the family's vision and drive.



In 2004, Paul, Anna and Nina, led the transformation of the event landscape in Sydney when they saw the potential in an old empty warehouse on Jones Bay Wharf. After years of planning, they opened the doors to the fully renovated and restored finger wharf.

"Jones Bay Wharf was a monumental project for us and for Sydney. At the time, we had to convince a lot of people to hold their glamorous and corporate events there, however they were quickly won over by the quality of the food and offerings," said Mrs Milazzo.

In 2009, the development of Doltone House, Darling Island Pyrmont, on the site of Sydney's old temporary casino, was transformed into a world-leading venue for sustainability.

"We have committed to sustainability throughout our business, from sourcing locally-grown food, to investing and creating the first Six Green Star building in NSW.

"As a business dedicated to the long-term, we know the importance of sustainability and the value it will play in the future," said Mrs Cesarano.

In 2013, the business renovated and transformed the old Tattersalls Club building on Elizabeth Street, Sydney and Doltone House Hyde Park was born.

However, it is their philanthropic work the Signorelli family is most proud. They currently support over 150 charities and, inspired by their father's passing, started The Biaggio Signorelli Asbestos Foundation through which they have raised millions of dollars for research into Mesothelioma, Asbestos Cancer.

The Signorelli family also gifted to the people of NSW in 2010, a life-size bronze statue titled, 'Life From A Suitcase' which sits on Darling Island as a celebration of immigration in Australia; a tribute to migrant success stories.

Over 50 years, Doltone House has hosted almost 67,000 events, 32,400 of them business events, and catered for over 6,400,000 people.

Doltone House employs over 550 people across Sydney and attributes their success to their staff.

Mr Signorelli said: "Our staff are an extension of our family. We couldn't have reached where we are today without their commitment and efforts, we have been honoured to work with such great people."

Doltone House has been recognised for its extraordinary business results having won over 50 prestigious awards. However, as Anna Cesarano notes, this hasn't meant they've forgotten their strong family roots.

"We were inspired by our father Biaggio and mother Fina to do our best, work for each other and give to others. Our father's legacy sits front and centre with us every day, and we know how proud of us he would be," said Mrs Cesarano.

The Signorelli family now operates six venues and over 30 event spaces. They will open Doltone House at Club Marconi in 2020. Doltone House Deepwater Park an event destination precinct in Milperra, is planned to launch in 2025. The group have more projects in the pipeline.

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Notes to editor:

The commemorative ceremony was attended by:

1. The Hon. Scott Morrison, Prime Minister of the Commonwealth of Australia
2. The Hon. Mark Speakman SC MP, Attorney General and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Violence
3. The Hon. Victor Dominello MP, Minister for Customer Service
4. The Hon. John Ajaka MLC, President of the Legislative Council of NSW
5. The Hon. Don Harwin MLC, Special Minister of State and Minister for Public Services and Employee Relations, Aboriginal Affairs and the Arts
6. The Hon. Morris Iemma, Former Premier of NSW
7. The Hon. Bruce Baird, CEO of Business Events Sydney
8. Ms Eleni Petinos MP, Member for Miranda
9. Mr Chris Minns MP, Member for Kogarah
10. Mr. Craig Kelly MP, Member for Hughes
11. Mr Stephen Kamper MP, Member for Rockdale
12. Mayor of Sutherland Shire Council, Carmelo Pesce
13. Deputy Mayor of Sutherland Shire Council, Steve Simpson
14. Mayor of Fairfield City Council, Frank Carbone
15. Mayor of Georges River Council, Kevin Green,
16. Mayor of Canterbury Bankstown Council, Khal Asfour
17. Cr. Marie Simone, Sutherland Shire Council
18. Cr. Kent Johns, Sutherland Shire Council
19. Cr. Carol Provan, Sutherland Shire Council
20. Cr. Ray Plibersek, Sutherland Shire Council

Interviews are available with:

- **Paul Signorelli**, Executive Chairman
- **Anna Cesarano**, Chief Executive Officer
- **Nina Milazzo**, Chief Operating Officer

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About Doltone House

www.doltonehouse.com.au

In 1969, Dolly and Tony Stubbs started Doltone House, opening their first venue in Sylvania Waters in Sydney.

In 1995, the Signorelli family took over the business and have been pioneers in Sydney for the events industry, leading the way in catering, sustainability and professionalism.

Doltone House remains family-owned and operated, and is run by three siblings: Paul Signorelli, Executive Chairman; Anna Cesarano, CEO and Nina Milazzo, COO. Their father and mother always had family businesses and Biaggio Signorelli's legacy of philanthropy, being customer-centric and a family businessman continues through his three children.

The family is well-known for their entrepreneurial spirit, client focus and taking a chance on each other. Their courage and determination are well-regarded.

Doltone House is an iconic brand in the hospitality space of Sydney and NSW and are the leading hospitality group in corporate events, weddings and social events.

Their high-end unique venue collection employs over 550 staff across the six venues and 30 event spaces; they will open Doltone House at Club Marconi in 2020. Doltone House Deepwater Park an event destination precinct in Milperra, is planned to launch in 2025, and more projects are in the pipeline.

Doltone House Darling Island Pyrmont was NSW's first 6 Green Star building.

The **Biaggio Signorelli Asbestos Foundation** – the families' philanthropic contribution to NSW for Mesothelioma, is very active and has raised millions of dollars to create awareness, early detection, treatment and work towards a cure.

'**Life From A Suitcase**' – the name of the bronze statue which sits outside the Doltone House Darling Island venue. The Signorelli family gifted this statue to the people of NSW as a celebration of immigration in Australia.



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What you don't know about Doltone House:

- **67,415** events over 50 years
- **1,500,899** sandwiches at conferences
- **4,765,622** entrees, mains and desserts served at business events
- **5,614,224** canapes served at business events
- Largest event held at a Doltone House venue: **2,500pax**
- **552** staff members
- **86%** staff retention rate over the last 18-months
- **18** staff have worked at Doltone House for 10 years or more
- **30** staff have worked at Doltone House for 5-9 years
- **2-3 interns per year in each department:**
 - Sales – Corporate
 - Sales – Weddings
 - Events
 - Human Resources
 - Marketing
 - Finance
 - Projects
 - Apprentice Chefs
 - House of Doltone (event styling)
- Doltone House are members of Business Events Sydney, Exhibition & Events Australia Association, Restaurant & Catering Australia, Family Business Australia, Chamber of Commerce and AHA Hotel Association
- Doltone House have been awarded **51 awards**
- Doltone House sponsor countless industry events
- **'Catering by Doltone'** officially launched in 2019 and is an external catering business.

Images:

Additional images and the full program can be found here:

<https://www.doltonehouse.com.au/gallery/doltone-house-50-year-anniversary/>



1. Anna Cesarano, Chief Executive Officer, Nina Milazzo, Chief Operating Officer, Paul Signorelli, Executive Chairman (from left to right)



2. The Hon. Scott Morrison MP cutting the 50th year anniversary celebration cake with the Signorelli and Stubbs family.



3. The Hon. Scott Morrison MP and Cr. Carmelo Pesce unveiling the plaque with Dolly Stubbs and members of the Signorelli family.



4. Doltone House 50th year anniversary plaque