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R&CA Awards for Excellence

NATIONAL WINNERS & FINALISTS

RESTAURANT AWARDS

ASIAN RESTAURANT

Sponsored by Union Pay

ACT	Wild Duck, KINGSTON FORESHORE
NSW - Sydney	China Doll, WOOLLOOMOOLOO (GOLD)
QLD	The Tamarind Restaurant, MALENY (SILVER)
SA	Nghi Ngan Quan, WOODVILLE

BAKERY / PATISSERIE

Sponsored by Bulla

ACT	Ricardo's Café, MACQUARIE
SA	Metro Bakery & Café, MOUNT GAMBIER (GOLD)
WA	Café Brasil, PEMBERTON

BEER CAFÉ / WINE BAR

Sponsored by APRA AMCOS

NSW - Sydney	GPO Cheese and Wine Room, SYDNEY (GOLD)
NSW - Regional	Grain Store Newcastle, NEWCASTLE EAST (SILVER)
QLD	Mr Edward's Alehouse & Kitchen, BRISBANE
VIC	Ladro TAP, PRAHRAN



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BREAKFAST RESTAURANT

Sponsored by Silver Chef

ACT	Ricardo's Café, MACQUARIE
NSW - Sydney	Kazbah, BALMAIN (SILVER)
NSW - Regional	Bent on Food, WINGHAM
NSW - Regional	Mr. Benedict, ALBURY
NSW - Regional	Nice at Nelsen Bay, NELSON BAY
QLD	Beau's, KINGS BEACH
QLD	Le Porte Rosse, EMERALD
SA	Metro Bakery & Café, MOUNT GAMBIER
SA	Rigoni's Bistro, ADELAIDE (GOLD)
SA	Topiary, TEA TREE GULLY (BRONZE)
VIC	The Counter Espresso, HAWTHORN
VIC	Woodman Estate Luxury Country House, Restaurant & Spa, MOOROODUC
WA	Beaufort Street Local, HIGHGATE

BURGER BAR

Sponsored by H&L Australia

ACT	Brodburger, KINGSTON
NSW - Sydney	Ribs & Burgers, THE ROCKS
QLD	Burger Lounge, COOLANGATTA (GOLD)
SA	FB's Fancy Burgers, BLACKWOOD (BRONZE)
VIC	Ribs & Burgers, HAWTHORN (SILVER)
WA	Ribs & Burgers, PERTH

CAFÉ RESTAURANT

Sponsored by Bidvest

ACT	BOOKPLATE, NATIONAL LIBRARY OF AUSTRALIA
NSW - Sydney	Little Jean, DOUBLE BAY (SILVER)
NSW - Regional	Bent on Food, WINGHAM
NSW - Regional	Mr. Benedict, ALBURY
NSW - Regional	Table 1 Espresso, MEREWETHER
QLD	Domani's Café Restaurant Bar, MAIN BEACH (GOLD)
SA	Café Sia Gawler, EVANSTON
SA	Kinetto Coffee & Kitchen, ADELAIDE
SA	The Artisan Café, BLACKWOOD
VIC	Roasting Warehouse, NORTH MELBOURNE
VIC	The Winey Cow, MORNINGTON
WA	Mrs Jones Café, DENMARK (BRONZE)

CHINESE RESTAURANT

Sponsored by Dimmi

NSW - Sydney	The Eight Restaurant, SYDNEY (SILVER)
NSW - Regional	Marigold Inn Restaurant, TAMWORTH
QLD	Qi'Lin, TOOWOOMBA
SA	Wah Hing, ADELAIDE (BRONZE)
TAS	Me Wah Restaurant, SANDY BAY (GOLD)



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COFFEE SHOP / TEA HOUSE*Sponsored by Moo Music*

NSW - Sydney	Nadia's Café, BLACKTOWN (SILVER)
QLD	Dandelion & Driftwood, HENDRA
SA	Coffee Amigo, SALISBURY (GOLD)
WA	Sensations en Ardross, ARDROSS

CONTEMPORARY AUSTRALIAN RESTAURANT - FORMAL*Sponsored by AlSCO*

ACT	Sage, BRADDON
NSW - Sydney	Sails on Lavender Bay, MCMAHONS POINT (GOLD)
NSW - Regional	Eschalot Restaurant, BERRIMA
QLD	Restaurant Homage - Spicers Hiddenvale, GRANDCHESTER (SILVER)
SA	Botanic Gardens Restaurant, ADELAIDE
SA	Vintners Bar & Grill, ANGASTON (BRONZE)
VIC	The Point Albert Park, ALBERT PARK

CONTEMPORARY AUSTRALIAN RESTAURANT - INFORMAL*Sponsored by AlSCO*

NSW - Sydney	Botanic Gardens Restaurant, SYDNEY
NSW - Regional	SOUTH on Albany, BERRY
QLD	Pitchfork Restaurant, PEREGIAN BEACH
QLD	Salsa Bar & Grill, PORT DOUGLAS
SA	Topiary, TEA TREE GULLY (SILVER)
VIC	Mercer's Restaurant, ELTHAM (BRONZE)
VIC	O.MY Restaurant, BEACONSFIELD (GOLD)
WA	The Stage Door Waterfront Restaurant, MANDURAH

EUROPEAN RESTAURANT*Sponsored by Dimmi*

ACT	Black Fire Restaurant, BRADDON (GOLD)
NSW - Sydney	Alpha Restaurant, SYDNEY CITY (SILVER)
NSW - Sydney	Café Ananas, SYDNEY
NSW - Regional	L'isle de France Sur Mer, TERRIGAL
QLD	LakeFront Bistro, CARRARA
SA	Seed Winehouse & Kitchen, CLARE
VIC	Bistro Gitan, SOUTH YARRA (BRONZE)
WA	Bistro Des Artistes, SUBIACO

FAMILY DINING RESTAURANT*Sponsored by American Express*

NSW - Sydney	Greenfield Station Bistro - Bankstown Sports Club, BANKSTOWN
NSW - Regional	Merimbula Aquarium & Wharf Restaurant, MERIMBULA
QLD	Blue Moon Grill, TRINITY BEACH (BRONZE)
SA	Appleseed Café, STRATHALBYN (SILVER)
VIC	TGI Fridays, DONCASTER
WA	Lo Zucchero, CITY BEACH (GOLD)



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FINE DINING RESTAURANT

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NSW - Sydney	Quay, THE ROCKS (GOLD)
NSW - Regional	Hobarts by Lesley Taylor, NEW LAMBTON (BRONZE)
QLD	The Long Apron - Spicers Clovelly Estate, MONTVILLE (SILVER)
SA	Penfolds Magill Estate Restaurant, MAGILL
VIC	ezard, MELBOURNE

INDIAN / SUB-CONTINENT RESTAURANT

Sponsored by Bulla

ACT	Blu Ginger, CANBERRA
NSW - Sydney	AKI's Restaurant, WOOLLOOMOOLOO (BRONZE)
NSW - Regional	Indian Tandoori Restaurant, ALBURY
QLD	Indian Empire on Runaway Bay, RUNAWAY BAY
SA	Cinnamon Club Indian Cuisine, NORWOOD (GOLD)
VIC	Indian Star Restaurant, MOONEE PONDS (SILVER)
WA	Punjab Indian Restaurant, INNALOO

ITALIAN RESTAURANT

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ACT	La Cantina, NARRABUNDAH
NSW - Sydney	Ormeaggio at the Spit, MOSMAN (GOLD)
NSW - Sydney	Popolo Sydney, RUSHCUTTERS BAY
NSW - Regional	Enzo Italian Restaurant, CAMDEN
QLD	Fellini Ristorante e Bar, MAIN BEACH
SA	River Torrens Café, NORTH ADELAIDE (SILVER)
SA	Chianti, ADELAIDE
VIC	La Bonta, KYNETON
VIC	Tutto Bene, SOUTHBANK
WA	Andiamo, ROCKINGHAM (BRONZE)

JAPANESE RESTAURANT

Sponsored by Big Review TV

NSW - Sydney	Toko, SURRY HILLS
QLD	Sono Japanese Restaurant Portside Wharf, HAMILTON (SILVER)
SA	GINZA Miyako Japanese Restaurant, ADELAIDE
WA	Zensai, BROOME (GOLD)



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NEW RESTAURANT

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ACT	Buvette Bistro & Wine Bar - Hotel Realm, BARTON
NSW - Sydney	Anason, BARANGAROO
NSW - Regional	Canon Food Bar Espresso, WARNERS BAY (BRONZE)
QLD	Wooden Horse Restaurant, CLAYFIELD
SA	Alere Restaurant, BEDFORD PARK
SA	Harvest Kitchen, TANUNDA
SA	Level One - Electra House Hotel, ADELAIDE (SILVER)
SA	Penfolds Magill Estate Kitchen, MAGILL
VIC	Estelle by Scott Pickett, NORTHCOTE (GOLD)
WA	Rambla on Swan, SOUTH PERTH

PEOPLE, PRODUCE, PLACE TOURISM RESTAURANT

Sponsored by Tourism Australia

ACT	BOOKPLATE, NATIONAL LIBRARY OF AUSTRALIA
NSW - Sydney	Bennelong, SYDNEY
NSW - Regional	Cupitt's Kitchen - Cupitt's Winery, ULLADULLA (BRONZE)
NT	Hot Tamale, DARWIN
QLD	Jellyfish Restaurant, BRISBANE
SA	Windy Point Restaurant, BELAIR (GOLD)
TAS	Mures Tasmania, HOBART
VIC	Oakridge Wines Restaurant, COLDSTREAM
WA	Sandalford Wines, CAVERSHAM (SILVER)

PIZZA RESTAURANT

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NSW - Sydney	Arte Bianca, DOUBLE BAY (GOLD)
NSW - Regional	Sam's Pizzeria, BATEMANS BAY
QLD	Cicchetti Gold Coast, ISLE OF CAPRI (SILVER)
SA	Tony Tomatoes, NORTH ADELAIDE
VIC	Volpino Pizzeria & Wine Bar, MT MARTHA (BRONZE)
WA	Theo & Co Pizzeria, EAST VICTORIA PARK

RESTAURANT IN A HOTEL/MOTEL/RESORT

Sponsored by Lion

NSW - Sydney	ABODE Bistro Bar – PARKROYAL Darling Harbour, SYDNEY
NSW - Regional	Restaurant Botanica - Spicers Retreat, POKOLBIN (GOLD)
QLD	Bistro On3 - Sofitel Gold Coast, BROADBEACH (SILVER)
SA	Culshaw's Restaurant - Majestic Roof Garden Hotel, ADELAIDE
VIC	Woodman Estate Luxury Country House, Restaurant & Spa, MOOROODUC
WA	Club Restaurant - Cable Beach Club Resort & Spa, BROOME (BRONZE)



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RESTAURANT IN A PUB/CLUB/TAVERN

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ACT	Column Restaurant - National Press Club of Australia, BARTON (BRONZE)
NSW - Sydney	The Smoking Goat - Dedes at the Point, ABBOTSFORD (SILVER)
NSW - Regional	Harrigans Irish Pub, HARRINGTON
QLD	Malt at the Brewery, TOWNSVILLE (GOLD)
SA	Queens Head Hotel Restaurant, NORTH ADELAIDE
VIC	The Grand Dining Room, RICHMOND

RESTAURANT IN A WINERY

Sponsored by Commonwealth Bank

NSW - Regional	Cupitt's Kitchen - Cupitt's Winery, ULLADULLA (GOLD)
QLD	Varias Restaurant - Bianca Ridge Winery & Cellar Door, STANTHORPE
SA	d'Arry's Verandah Restaurant, MCLAREN VALE
VIC	Stillwater at Crittenden, DROMANA (BRONZE)
WA	Kirby's at Rickety Gate, DENMARK (SILVER)

SEAFOOD RESTAURANT

Sponsored by Airbnb

ACT	C Seafood & Oyster Bar, KINGSTON
NSW - Sydney	Flying Fish, PYRMONT
NSW - Sydney	Sealevel Restaurant, CRONULLA
NSW - Regional	Lure, NEW LAMBTON
NSW - Regional	The Cowrie Restaurant, TERRIGAL (SILVER)
QLD	2 Fish Restaurant, PORT DOUGLAS (GOLD)
QLD	George's Paragon Seafood Restaurant, BRISBANE
SA	Sails at Robe, ROBE
VIC	The Rocks, MORNINGTON (BRONZE)
WA	Redmanna Waterfront Restaurant, MANDURAH

SMALL BAR

Sponsored by APRA AMCOS

ACT	Joe's Bar at East Hotel, KINGSTON (GOLD)
NSW - Sydney	Atrium Bar, BANKSTOWN
QLD	Chapter & Verse bar & lounge - Surfers Paradise Marriott Resort & Spa, SURFERS PARADISE
SA	The Tasting Room, ADELAIDE
VIC	Trumpy Bar & Kitchen, THORNBURY (SILVER)
WA	Sala Wine Lounge, BUNBURY (BRONZE)



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SPECIALTY RESTAURANT

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ACT	Harem Turkish Restaurant, KINGSTON
NSW - Sydney	Efendy, BALMAIN (GOLD)
NSW - Sydney	Subsolo, SYDNEY
NSW - Regional	Taco Bill, ALBURY
QLD	Bayleaf Balinese Restaurant, CAIRNS (BRONZE)
NT	Hot Tamale, DARWIN
SA	Hispanic Mechanic, FREWVILLE
VIC	Pastuso, MELBOURNE (SILVER)
WA	Casellas Wine Tapas Grill, BUNBURY

STEAK RESTAURANT

Sponsored by Comcater & Rational

ACT	Marble & Grain, BRADDON
NSW - Sydney	Prime Restaurant, SYDNEY (SILVER)
NSW - Sydney	The Meat & Wine Co, CIRCULAR QUAY
NSW - Regional	The Cottage, SCONE
QLD	Black Hide Steakhouse, PETRIE TERRACE (GOLD)
SA	Gaucha's Argentinina Restaurant, ADELAIDE
VIC	The Woodhouse Restaurant, BENDIGO (BRONZE)
WA	Rockpool Bar & Grill, BURSWOOD

SUSHI BAR

Sponsored by Union Pay

NSW - Sydney	Raw Bar, BONDI BEACH (SILVER)
NSW - Regional	O Sushi, BYRON BAY (GOLD)
QLD	O-Sushi, COOLANGATTA
SA	Sushi Planet, ADELAIDE

THAI RESTAURANT

Sponsored by Detpak

NSW - Regional	LEAF in Berry, BERRY
QLD	Mons Bon Sabai, CAMP HILL
SA	Golden Boy, ADELAIDE (SILVER)
VIC	Longrain, MELBOURNE (GOLD)

CATERING AWARDS

CORPORATE CATERER

Sponsored by Yardy Legal

ACT	Broadbean Catering - National Museum of Australia, ACTON
NSW - Sydney	Commonwealth Bank of Australia, SYDNEY
NSW - Sydney	The Caterer - A Sydney Company, MASCOT (SILVER)
QLD	Commonwealth Bank of Australia, BRISBANE (GOLD)
VIC	Bursaria Fine Foods, ABBOTSFORD (BRONZE)
WA	Beaumonde Catering, BASSENDEAN



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**EVENTS CATERER***Sponsored by Created By Hands*

ACT	Hyatt Hotel Canberra – A Park Hyatt Hotel, YARRALUMLA (BRONZE)
NSW - Sydney	Australian Turf Club - Rosehill Gardens, ROSEHILL
NSW - Regional	Bonville Golf Resort, BONVILLE
QLD	Progressive Catering & Events, SOUTHPORT
SA	Blanco Catering, TRINITY GARDENS (GOLD)
VIC	Atlantic Group, DOCKLANDS (SILVER)
WA	Creative Catering, WANGARA

FUNCTION / CONVENTION CENTRE CATERER*Sponsored by Comcater & Rational*

ACT	QT Canberra, CANBERRA (BRONZE)
NSW - Sydney	Doltone House - Jones Bay Wharf, PYRMONT
NSW - Regional	Club Taree, TAREE
QLD	Customs House, BRISBANE (GOLD)
SA	Adelaide Oval Function & Events, NORTH ADELAIDE
VIC	Atlantic Group, DOCKLANDS (SILVER)
WA	The University Club of Western Australia, CRAWLEY

NEW CATERER*Sponsored by Arthur J Gallagher*

ACT	Wild Duck Function Centre, KINGSTON FORESHORE (SILVER)
NSW - Sydney	Catering Project, SYDNEY
SA	Alere Function Centre, BEDFORD PARK (GOLD)
WA	Rambla on Swan, SOUTH PERTH

RESTAURANT CATERER*Sponsored by Foodservice Australia*

NSW - Sydney	Sails on Lavender Bay, MCMAHONS POINT (GOLD)
NSW - Regional	Circa 1876, POKOLBIN
QLD	Salsa Bar & Grill, PORT DOUGLAS (BRONZE)
SA	Botanic Gardens Restaurant, ADELAIDE (SILVER)
VIC	The Baths Middle Brighton, BRIGHTON
WA	Mosmans Restaurant, MOSMAN PARK

SITE / INDUSTRIAL CATERER*Sponsored by Hostplus*

ACT	Trippas White Group - Canberra Grammar School, RED HILL
NSW - Sydney	Eurest - Novartis Pharmaceuticals, NORTH RYDE
NSW - Sydney	Lansdowne Gardens, NEUTRAL BAY (SILVER)
NSW - Regional	Chartwells - UNE Armidale, ARMIDALE
QLD	Contemporary Catering - Arcare, MAROOCHYDORE (BRONZE)
QLD	Eurest - Links Café Powerlink, VIRGINIA (GOLD)
SA	Cater Care Group - The Glen Woodley Estate, KESWICK
VIC	Alliance Catering - Trinity College, PARKVILLE
WA	Chartwells - St Thomas More College, CRAWLEY
WA	Compass Group - ESS Support Services Worldwide - Spinifex, YANDI



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**SMALL CATERER***Sponsored by Commonwealth Bank*

ACT	BOOKPLATE Event Caterer, NATIONAL LIBRARY OF AUSTRALIA
NSW - Sydney	Juju Catering, ANNANDALE
NSW - Regional	The D'Vine Group, SOMERSBY (BRONZE)
VIC	Luscious Affairs, HAWTHORN (GOLD)
WA	La Mint Events & Catering, BENTLEY (SILVER)

VENUE CATERER*Sponsored by Typsy*

ACT	Trippas White Group - National Portrait Gallery, PARKES
NSW - Sydney	Blond Catering - Brickworks Design Studio, SYDNEY (GOLD)
QLD	Epicure - Brisbane City Hall, BRISBANE (BRONZE)
SA	Owen Andrews Barossa Catering - Seppeltsfield Winery, SEPPELTSFIELD
VIC	Epicure - Melbourne Cricket Ground, EAST MELBOURNE (SILVER)
WA	Perth Arena, PERTH

WEDDING CATERER*Sponsored by Prospa*

ACT	Hyatt Hotel Canberra - A Park Hyatt Hotel, YARRALUMLA
NSW - Sydney	Deckhouse, WOOLWICH
NSW - Regional	Estate Tuscany, POKOLBIN
QLD	The Landing at Dockside, KANGAROO POINT (SILVER)
SA	Epicure - State Library of South Australia, HACKNEY (BRONZE)
VIC	Encore St Kilda Beach, ST KILDA
WA	Sandalford Wines, CAVERSHAM (GOLD)

MAJOR AWARDS**GEORGE MURE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AWARD***Sponsored by Restaurant & Catering*

NSW - Metro	The Star, SYDNEY
QLD	RACV Royal Pines Resort, BENOWA
SA	Adelaide Oval Function & Events, NORTH ADELAIDE (GOLD)

CATERER OF THE YEAR*Sponsored by Arthur J Gallagher*

ACT	QT Canberra, CANBERRA
NSW - Sydney	Blond Catering - Brickworks Design Studio, SYDNEY
NSW - Regional	Estate Tuscany, POKOLBIN
QLD	Customs House, BRISBANE (GOLD)
SA	Blanco Catering, TRINITY GARDENS
VIC	Epicure - Melbourne Cricket Ground, EAST MELBOURNE
WA	Sandalford Wines, CAVERSHAM



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CAFÉ OF THE YEAR

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ACT	BOOKPLATE, NATIONAL LIBRARY OF AUSTRALIA
NSW - Sydney	Little Jean, DOUBLE BAY
NSW - Regional	Bent on Food, WINGHAM
QLD	Domani's Café Restaurant Bar, MAIN BEACH (GOLD)
SA	Café Sia Gawler, EVANSTON
VIC	The Winey Cow, MORNINGTON
WA	Mrs Jones Café, DENMARK

RESTAURANT OF THE YEAR

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ACT	Black Fire Restaurant, BRADDON
NSW - Sydney	Quay, THE ROCKS (GOLD)
NSW - Regional	Hobarts by Lesley Taylor, NEW LAMBTON
QLD	The Long Apron - Spicers Clovelly Estate, MONTVILLE
SA	Penfolds Magill Estate Restaurant, MAGILL
TAS	Me Wah Restaurant, SANDY BAY
VIC	O.MY Restaurant, BEACONSFIELD
WA	Zensai, BROOME