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R&CA Awards for Excellence

NATIONAL FINALISTS LIST

RESTAURANT AWARDS

ASIAN RESTAURANT

Sponsored by Hostplus

ACT	"Wild Duck Fine Asian Cuisine", KINGSTON FORESHORE
NSW - SYDNEY	Raw Bar, BONDI BEACH
QLD	The Tamarind Restaurant, MALENY
SA	Level One - Electra House Hotel, ADELAIDE
SA	Madame Hanoi - Adelaide Casino, ADELAIDE

BEER CAFE / WINE BAR

Sponsored by Typsy

NSW - REGIONAL	Grain Store, NEWCASTLE
NSW - SYDNEY	GPO Cheese and Wine Room, SYDNEY
QLD	Mr Edward's Alehouse & Kitchen, BRISBANE
SA	Mother Vine, ADELAIDE
VIC	Marion, FITZROY
WA	Bistro Felix Wine Bar, SUBIACO

BREAKFAST RESTAURANT

Sponsored by Australian Mushrooms

ACT	Space Kitchen, PHILLIP
NSW - REGIONAL	Burrawang General Store, BURRAWANG
NSW - SYDNEY	Kazbah, BALMAIN
QLD	Beau's, KINGS BEACH
QLD	The Balfour Kitchen - Spicers Balfour Hotel, NEW FARM
QLD	The Loose Moose Tap & Grill House, BROADBEACH
QLD	The Waterline Restaurant, ROSSLYN BAY
SA	50SIXONE, HYDE PARK
SA	Fred Eatery, ALDGATE
SA	Rigoni's Bistro, ADELAIDE
SA - REGIONAL	The South Australian Company Store, ANGASTON
VICTORIA	Entrecote, SOUTH YARRA
WA	Hamptons, CITY BEACH



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BURGER BAR

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NSW - SYDNEY	Ribs & Burgers, NEUTRAL BAY
QLD	Burger Institute, FOREST LAKE
SA	The Establishment 1858 - The White House, HAHNDORF
VIC	Spitfire Restaurant & Grill, ROSEBUD
WA	Ribs & Burgers, PERTH

CAFÉ DINING

Sponsored by AlSCO

ACT	Bookplate, PARKES
NSW - REGIONAL	Awaba House Restaurant & Café, BOORAGUL
NSW - SYDNEY	Deckhouse Café, WOOLWICH
QLD	The Waterline Restaurant, ROSSLYN BAY
SA	The Artisan Café, BLACKWOOD
TAS	PEARL & CO, HOBART
WA	Canning River Café, WILSON

CHINESE RESTAURANT

Sponsored by Deliveroo

NSW - REGIONAL	Canton Palace, WENTWORTH FALLS
NSW - SYDNEY	Silver Restaurant, HAYMARKET
QLD	Qi'Lin, TOOWOOMBA
SA	Yue Chinese Restaurant, UNLEY
TAS	Me Wah Restaurant, SANDY BAY
WA	Andly Private Kitchen, WEST LEEDERVILLE

COFFEE SHOP / TEA HOUSE

Sponsored by Moo Music

NSW - REGIONAL	Coffee Niche, WAGGA WAGGA
NSW - SYDNEY	Café Shenkin, ERSKENVILLE
QLD	Goodness Gracious Café, GRACEVILLE
SA	Nutrition Republic, GOODWOOD

CONTEMPORARY AUSTRALIAN RESTAURANT – FORMAL

Sponsored by American Express

NSW - SYDNEY	Sails on Lavender Bay, MCMAHONS POINT
QLD	Glass Dining & Lounge Bar, MAIN BEACH
SA	Botanic Gardens Restaurant, ADELAIDE
SA - REGIONAL	Pipers of Penola, PENOLA
VIC	Taxi Kitchen, MELBOURNE



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CONTEMPORARY AUSTRALIAN RESTAURANT - INFORMAL

Sponsored by American Express

ACT	The Boat House, BARTON
NSW - REGIONAL	SOUTH on Albany, BERRY
NSW - SYDNEY	Woodland Kitchen & Bar, NEUTRAL BAY
QLD	Jam Restaurant, TOWNSVILLE
SA	Alere Restaurant, BEDFORD PARK
SA - REGIONAL	Seed Winehouse & Kitchen, CLARE
VIC	O.MY Restaurant, BEACONSFIELD
WA	Rambla on Swan, SOUTH PERTH

EUROPEAN RESTAURANT

Sponsored by Dimmi

ACT	Black Fire Restaurant, BRADDON
NSW - REGIONAL	Horderns Restaurant at Milton Park, BOWRAL
NSW - SYDNEY	Bambini Trust, SYDNEY
QLD	Little Truffle Dining Room and Bar, MERMAID BEACH
SA	Estia, HENLEY BEACH
VIC	L'Hotel Gitan, PRAHRAN

FAMILY DINING RESTAURANT

Sponsored by Created By Hands

NSW - REGIONAL	Merimbula Aquarium & Wharf Restaurant, MERIMBULA
NSW - SYDNEY	Indulge Brasserie - Moorebank Sports Club, HAMMONDVILLE
QLD	Obi's Restaurant, YUNGABURRA
SA	Fasta Pasta, GAWLER
VIC - REGIONAL	Skyhigh Mount Dandenong, MOUNT DANDENONG
WA	Lo Zuccherò, CITY BEACH

FINE DINING RESTAURANT

Sponsored by Sanpellegrino

NSW - REGIONAL	Circa 1876, POKOLBIN
NSW - SYDNEY	Tetsuya's Restaurant, SYDNEY
QLD	Thomson's Reserve Restaurant, BRISBANE
SA	Penfolds Magill Estate Restaurant, MAGILL
VIC	Estelle by Scott Pickett, NORTHCOTE

INDIAN / SUB-CONTINENT RESTAURANT

Sponsored by TripAdvisor

ACT	Barbeque Nation, WANNIASSA
NSW - REGIONAL	Kohli's Indian Restaurant, BATEMANS BAY
NSW - SYDNEY	Aki's Restaurant, WOOLLOOMOOLOO
QLD	Indian Empire on Runaway Bay, RUNAWAY BAY
SA	Cinnamon Club, NORWOOD
VIC - REGIONAL	Tulsi Indian Restaurant, SOMERVILLE
WA	Punjab Indian Restaurant, INNALOO



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ITALIAN RESTAURANT – FORMAL

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ACT	Mezzalira On London, CANBERRA
NSW - SYDNEY	Pilu at Freshwater, FRESHWATER
QLD	Otto, BRISBANE
SA	Enzo's Ristorante, HINDMARSH
VIC	Tutto Bene, SOUTHBANK

ITALIAN RESTAURANT - INFORMAL

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NSW - REGIONAL	Caffe Rosso, BOWRAL
NSW - SYDNEY	La Rosa The Strand, SYDNEY
SA	Ruby Red Flamingo, NORTH ADELAIDE

JAPANESE RESTAURANT

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QLD	Sono Japanese Restaurant Portside Wharf, HAMILTON
NSW - REGIONAL	Nagisa Japanese Restaurant, NEWCASTLE
SA	Ichitaro Dining, HYDE PARK
NSW - SYDNEY	TOKO Sydney, SURRY HILLS
VIC	Ocha Eatery, HAWTHORN

MEXICAN RESTAURANT

Sponsored by TripAdvisor

NSW - REGIONAL	Taco Bill Mexican Restaurant, ALBURY
QLD	California Cantina, ISLE OF CAPRI
SA	Mexican Society of China Town, ADELAIDE

NEW RESTAURANT

Sponsored by H&L Australia

ACT	Daana, CURTIN
NSW - REGIONAL	Locavore Dining - The Sebel Kirkton Park, POKOLBIN
NSW - SYDNEY	Coya Restaurant, CROMER
QLD	Orleans Restaurant & Bar, MAROOCHYDORE
SA	La Provence, ADELAIDE
SA	Stone's Throw, NORWOOD
SA – REGIONAL	St Hugo, ROWLAND FLAT
VIC	Kisume, MELBOURNE
VIC - REGIONAL	Alatonero, MCCRAE
WA	Dusit Dheva, NORTHBRIDGE



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PEOPLE, PRODUCE, PLACE TOURISM RESTAURANT

Sponsored by Tourism Australia

ACT	Black Fire Restaurant, BRADDON
NSW - REGIONAL	Rick Stein at Bannister's, MOLLYMOOK
NSW - SYDNEY	Jonah's Restaurant, WHALE BEACH
NT	Char Restaurant 'Old Admiralty House', DARWIN
QLD	Jellyfish Restaurant, BRISBANE
SA	The Bridgewater Mill, BRIDGEWATER
TAS	Mures Tasmania, HOBART
VIC - REGIONAL	Oakridge Wines Restaurant, COLDSTREAM
WA	Sandalford Wines, CAVERSHAM

PIZZA RESTAURANT

Sponsored by Commonwealth Bank

NSW - REGIONAL	Figtree Gourmet Kitchen, FIGTREE
NSW - SYDNEY	Arte Bianca, DOUBLE BAY
QLD	Corbett & Claude, BRISBANE
SA	Lost in a Forest, URAIDLA
VIC	Cucina & Co, BRIGHTON
WA	Ruocco's Pizzeria E Ristorante, SOUTH FREMANTLE

RESTAURANT IN A PUB/CLUB/TAVERN

Sponsored by Lion Beer Australia

ACT	Column Restaurant - National Press Club of Australia, BARTON
NSW - REGIONAL	Skillion Brasserie - Breakers Country Club, WAMBERAL
NSW - SYDNEY	Rawson's Restaurant - The Epping Club, EPPING
QLD	Malt at The Brewery, TOWNSVILLE
SA	Warradale Hotel Bistro, WARRADALE
VIC	The Grand Dining Room & Bar, RICHMOND

RESTAURANT IN A WINERY

Sponsored by BookBook

ACT	Pavilions - Pialligo Estate Gardens, PIALLIGO
NSW - REGIONAL	Esca at Bimbadgen, POKOLBIN
QLD	Varias Restaurant - Banca Ridge Winery & Cellar Door, STANTHORPE
SA	Hentley Farm Restaurant & Winery, SEPPELTSFIELD
VIC - REGIONAL	Oakridge Wines Restaurant, COLDSTREAM
WA	Sandalford Wines, CAVERSHAM

RESTAURANT IN HOTEL/MOTEL/RESORT

Sponsored by Lion Beer Australia

NSW - REGIONAL	Crackenback Farm & Guesthouse, CRACKENBACK
NSW - REGIONAL	Wolgan Dining Room - Emirates One&Only, WOLGAN VALLEY
NSW - SYDNEY	Jonah's Restaurant, WHALE BEACH
QLD	Pomodoras on Obi, MALENY
SA	The Playford Hotel Restaurant, ADELAIDE



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SEAFOOD RESTAURANT - FORMAL

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NSW - SYDNEY	Flying Fish, PYRMONT
QLD	Gambaro Seafood Restaurant, PETRIE TERRACE
TASMANIA	Mures Upper Deck, HOBART
WA	Mosmans Restaurant, MOSMAN PARK

SEAFOOD RESTAURANT - INFORMAL

Sponsored by Airbnb

NSW - REGIONAL	Little Beach Boathouse, NELSON BAY
NSW - SYDNEY	The Sydney Cove Oyster Bar, SYDNEY
QLD	2 Fish Restaurant, PORT DOUGLAS
QLD	Shuck, MAIN BEACH
SA	Horta's, PORT NOARLUNGA

SMALL BAR

Sponsored by APRA AMCOS

ACT	Joe's Bar - East Hotel, KINGSTON
NSW - REGIONAL	Bannister's Pool Bar, MOLLYMOOK
NSW - SYDNEY	Vernon's Bar, SUMMER HILL
QLD	Gerard's Bar, FORTITUDE VALLEY
SA	Bar Torino, ADELAIDE
VIC - REGIONAL	Thousand Pound, RUTHERGLEN
WA	Sala Wine Lounge & Kitchen, BUNBURY

SPECIALITY RESTAURANT

Sponsored by Foodservice Australia

NSW - SYDNEY	Anason, BARANGAROO
NSW - SYDNEY	Balcon by Tapavino, SYDNEY
SA	Red Ochre Grill, NORTH ADELAIDE
QLD	Vege Rama, WEST END
VICTORIA	Pastuso, MELBOURNE

STEAK RESTAURANT

Sponsored by Taylors Wines

ACT	Marble & Grain, BRADDON
NSW - REGIONAL	The Cottage, SCONE
NSW - SYDNEY	Prime Restaurant, SYDNEY
QLD	Black Hide Steakhouse, PETRIE TERRACE
SA	Gaucha's Argentinian Restaurant, ADELAIDE
VICTORIA	San Telmo, MELBOURNE

THAI RESTAURANT

Sponsored by H&L Australia

NSW - REGIONAL	Thaigga, WAGGA WAGGA
NSW - SYDNEY	Mekong, CHIPPENDALE
QLD	The Thai Orchid, SPRINGWOOD
SA	Golden Boy, ADELAIDE
VIC	Lemongrass, CARLTON



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CATERING AWARDS

CORPORATE CATERER

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QLD	Commonwealth Bank of Australia, BRISBANE
NSW - SYDNEY	Blond Catering, MARRICKVILLE
VIC	Alliance Catering - Ernst & Young, MELBOURNE
WA	Beaumonde Catering, BASSENDEAN

EVENTS CATERER

Sponsored by APRA AMCOS

ACT	Hyatt Hotel Canberra - A Park Hyatt Hotel, YARRALUMLA
NSW - REGIONAL	Eat Your Greens, EUGOWRA
NSW - SYDNEY	Catering Project, SYDNEY
NSW - SYDNEY	Piquant Catering, FIVE DOCK
QLD	Progressive Catering, SOUTHPORT
SA	Blanco Catering, TRINITY GARDENS
VIC	Tommy Collins by Atlantic Group, DOCKLANDS
WA	Beaumonde Catering, BASSENDEAN

FUNCTION / CONVENTION CENTRE CATERER

Sponsored by Specialist Energy Management

ACT	Hotel Realm, BARTON
NSW - REGIONAL	Crowne Plaza Hunter Valley, LOVEDALE
NSW - SYDNEY	Events by ATC - Rosehill Gardens, ROSEHILL
QLD	Customs House, BRISBANE
SA	Adelaide Oval Functions & Events, NORTH ADELAIDE
VIC	Delaware North Companies - Melbourne & Olympic Parks, RICHMOND
WA	The University Club of Western Australia, CRAWLEY

INDUSTRIAL/INSTITUTIONAL CATERER

Sponsored by Arthur J Gallagher

NSW - SYDNEY	Trippas White Group - The Scots College, BELLEVUE HILL
QLD	Chartwells - University of QLD, GATTON
SA	Chartwells - St Peters College, HACKNEY
VIC	Sodexo Australia - Haileybury City, WEST MELBOURNE
WA	Medirest - Elderbloom, WANNEROO

RESTAURANT CATERER

Sponsored by Deliveroo

NSW - REGIONAL	Circa 1876, POKOLBIN
NSW - SYDNEY	Aqua Dining, MILSONS POINT
QLD	The Golden Ox Restaurant, MARGATE
SA	Windy Point Café, BELAIR
VIC	The Baths Middle Brighton, MIDDLE BRIGHTON
WA	Black Swan Winery & Restaurant, HENLEY BROOK



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SITE-CONTRACT CATERER

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ACT	Create - The Australian War Memorial, CAMPBELL
NSW - REGIONAL	Eurest – Nestle, BLAYNEY
NSW - SYDNEY	Trippas White Group - Telstra CIC, SYDNEY
QLD	Restaurant Associates - Flight Centre, SOUTH BANK
VIC	Alliance Catering - Emirates Lounge Melbourne, TULLAMARINE
WA	ESS Support Services Worlwide - Gorgon Butler Park, BARROW ISLAND

SMALL CATERER

Sponsored by Prospa

ACT	Bookplate Event Caterer, PARKES
NSW - SYDNEY	Bold Food, ROSEBERY
QLD	Alfies Event Hire & Catering, CALOUNDRA
WA – REGIONAL	Supper Road, VASSE

VENUE CATERER

Sponsored by Taylors Wines

ACT	Create - The Australian War Memorial, CAMPBELL
NSW - SYDNEY	Events by Aria - Carriage Works, SYDNEY
QLD	Epicure - Brisbane City Hall, BRISBANE
SA	Epicure - Adelaide Town Hall, ADELAIDE
VIC	Epicure - Melbourne Town Hall, MELBOURNE
WA	Perth Arena, PERTH

WEDDING CATERER

Sponsored by AlSCO

ACT	National Press Club of Australia, BARTON
NSW - REGIONAL	H&H Catering, WYONG
NSW - SYDNEY	Forte Catering & Events, ASHFIELD
QLD	Epicure - Brisbane City Hall, BRISBANE
SA	Epicure - State Library of South Australia, ADELAIDE
VIC	The Point, ALBERT PARK
WA	The University Club of Western Australia, CRAWLEY

MAJOR AWARDS

CAFÉ OF THE YEAR

Sponsored by SilverChef

ACT	Bookplate, PARKES
NSW - REGIONAL	Awaba House Restaurant & Café, BOORAGUL
NSW - SYDNEY	Café Shenkin, ERSKENVILLE
QLD	The Waterline Restaurant, ROSSLYN BAY
SA	The Artisan Café, BLACKWOOD
TAS	PEARL & CO, HOBART
WA	Ribs & Burgers, PERTH



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CATERER OF THE YEAR

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ACT	Hyatt Hotel Canberra - A Park Hyatt Hotel, YARRALUMLA
NSW - REGIONAL	H&H Catering, WYONG
NSW - SYDNEY	Events by Aria - Carriage Works, SYDNEY
QLD	Customs House, BRISBANE
SA	Epicure - Adelaide Town Hall, ADELAIDE
VIC	The Point, ALBERT PARK
WA	The University Club of Western Australia, CRAWLEY

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ACT	"Wild Duck Fine Asian Cuisine", KINGSTON FORESHORE
NSW - REGIONAL	Esca at Bimbadgen, POKOLBIN
NSW - SYDNEY	Tetsuya's Restaurant, SYDNEY
QLD	Gambaro Seafood Restaurant, PETRIE TERRACE
SA	Botanic Gardens Restaurant, ADELAIDE
VIC	Estelle by Scott Pickett, NORTHCOTE
WA	Rambla on Swan, SOUTH PERTH