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MEDIA RELEASE

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FINEST AUSTRALIAN HOSPITALITY BUSINESSES RECOGNISED IN 2017 AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE

The 2017 Savour Australia™ Restaurant & Catering HOSTPLUS National Awards for Excellence was held in Melbourne's Peninsula last night to celebrate the achievements of Australia's finest hospitality businesses.

Cafés, restaurants and catering businesses demonstrating exceptional service, culinary excellence and value for money were recognised at the event across 41 different categories.

The Award winners from each category were decided by individual judges trained in the rigorous Restaurant and Catering Evaluation System (RACES) program.

The Award winners across the major categories for 2017 included:

- Café of the Year – The Artisan Café, BLACKWOOD (South Australia)
- Caterer of the Year – Events by Aria - Carriage Works, SYDNEY (New South Wales)
- Restaurant of the Year – Tetsuya's Restaurant, SYDNEY (New South Wales)

Restaurant & Catering (R&CA) CEO Juliana Payne congratulated each of the National Award winners on behalf of the Association, praising their individual contributions to Australia's hospitality industry.

“The winners of this year's Awards, both at a national and a state level, have each demonstrated sustained excellence in their craft which we are delighted to recognise here tonight.

“The enormous hard work, dedication and passion of these business-owners and their staff is what makes Australia's hospitality industry up there with the best in the world. This is reflected in the fact that domestic and international tourists consistently rank dining out as one of their most preferred activities whilst on holiday.

“What's more is that many of these efforts may very well go unnoticed so that's why it's so important to take the time during the Awards to give credit where credit is due.

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Ms Payne also commended the various finalists and Award winners recognised throughout the 2017 Awards season, whilst encouraging hospitality businesses to enter the 2018 Awards.

“At the six separate Awards events held over the last three months, hundreds of hospitality businesses all throughout Australia have been acknowledged for their achievements.

“This year’s Awards season has been nothing short of an outstanding success and the Association is grateful for the efforts of a number of individuals who have made this all possible.

“Whilst the Awards season for 2017 is now over, we as always look forward to next year’s Awards and urge all businesses in the hospitality industry to put forward a nomination.

A full list of the 2017 National Award winners is attached to this release.

The winners and finalists from the various State Awards can be accessed on R&CA’s website [here](#).

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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 (GOLD)
NSW - SYDNEY	Raw Bar, BONDI BEACH
NSW - SYDNEY	Mekong, CHIPPENDALE (BRONZE)
QLD	The Tamarind Restaurant, MALENY (SILVER)
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 (SILVER)
VIC	Marion, FITZROY (GOLD)
WA	Bistro Felix Wine Bar, SUBIACO (BRONZE)

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 (GOLD)
SA	Rigoni's Bistro, ADELAIDE (BRONZE)
SA - REGIONAL	The South Australian Company Store, ANGASTON (SILVER)
VICTORIA	Entrecote, SOUTH YARRA
WA	Hamptons City Beach, 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 (GOLD)

VIC

Spitfire Restaurant & Grill, ROSEBUD (**BRONZE**)

WA

Ribs & Burgers, PERTH (**SILVER**)

CAFÉ DINING

Sponsored by Alsco

ACT

Bookplate, PARKES (**BRONZE**)

NSW - REGIONAL

Awaba House Restaurant & Café, BOORAGUL

NSW - SYDNEY

Deckhouse Café, WOOLWICH

QLD

The Waterline Restaurant, ROSSLYN BAY

SA

The Artisan Café, BLACKWOOD (GOLD)

TAS

PEARL & CO, HOBART (**SILVER**)

WA

Canning River Café, WILSON

CHINESE RESTAURANT

Sponsored by Deliveroo

NSW - REGIONAL

Canton Palace, WENTWORTH FALLS

NSW - SYDNEY

Zilver Restaurant, HAYMARKET (GOLD)

QLD

Qi'Lin, TOOWOOMBA

SA

Yue Chinese Restaurant, UNLEY

TAS

Me Wah Restaurant, SANDY BAY (**SILVER**)

WA

Andly Private Kitchen, WEST LEEDERVILLE (**BRONZE**)

COFFEE SHOP / TEA HOUSE

Sponsored by Moo Music

NSW - REGIONAL

Coffee Niche, WAGGA WAGGA

NSW - SYDNEY

Café Shenkin, ERSKINEVILLE

QLD

Goodness Gracious Café, GRACEVILLE (**SILVER**)

SA

Nutrition Republic, GOODWOOD (GOLD)

CONTEMPORARY AUSTRALIAN RESTAURANT – FORMAL

Sponsored by American Express

NSW - SYDNEY

Sails on Lavender Bay, MCMAHONS POINT

QLD

Glass Dining & Lounge Bar, MAIN BEACH (**BRONZE**)

SA

Botanic Gardens Restaurant, ADELAIDE (GOLD)

SA - REGIONAL

Pipers of Penola, PENOLA

VIC

Taxi Kitchen, MELBOURNE (**SILVER**)



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CONTEMPORARY AUSTRALIAN RESTAURANT - INFORMAL

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

EUROPEAN RESTAURANT

Sponsored by Dimmi

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

FAMILY DINING RESTAURANT

Sponsored by Created By Hands

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

FINE DINING RESTAURANT

Sponsored by Sanpellegrino

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

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 (GOLD)
QLD	Indian Empire on Runaway Bay, RUNAWAY BAY (BRONZE)
SA	Cinnamon Club, NORWOOD (SILVER)
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 (GOLD)
QLD	Otto, BRISBANE (BRONZE)
SA	Enzo's Ristorante, HINDMARSH (SILVER)
VIC	Tutto Bene, SOUTHBANK

ITALIAN RESTAURANT - INFORMAL

Sponsored by Entertainment Publications

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

JAPANESE RESTAURANT

Sponsored by Dimmi

QLD	Sono Japanese Restaurant Portside Wharf, HAMILTON (GOLD)
NSW - REGIONAL	Nagisa Japanese Restaurant, NEWCASTLE
SA	Ichitaro Dining, HYDE PARK (SILVER)
NSW - SYDNEY	TOKO Sydney, SURRY HILLS (BRONZE)
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 (GOLD)

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 (SILVER)
VIC	Kisume, MELBOURNE (GOLD)
VIC - REGIONAL	Alatonero, MCCRAE
WA	Dusit Dheva, NORTHBRIDGE (BRONZE)



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PEOPLE, PRODUCE, PLACE TOURISM RESTAURANT

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ACT	Black Fire Restaurant, BRADDON
NSW - REGIONAL	Rick Stein at Bannister's, MOLLYMOOK (SILVER)
NSW - SYDNEY	Jonah's Restaurant, WHALE BEACH
NT	Char Restaurant 'Old Admiralty House', DARWIN
QLD	Jellyfish Restaurant, BRISBANE (BRONZE)
SA	The Bridgewater Mill, BRIDGEWATER (GOLD)
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 (GOLD)
QLD	Corbett & Claude, BRISBANE (BRONZE)
SA	Lost in a Forest, URAIDLA (SILVER)
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	Rawsons Restaurant - The Epping Club, EPPING (SILVER)
QLD	Malt at The Brewery, TOWNSVILLE (BRONZE)
SA	Warradale Hotel Bistro, WARRADALE
VIC	The Grand Dining Room & Bar, RICHMOND (GOLD)

RESTAURANT IN A WINERY

Sponsored by BookBook

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

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 (GOLD)
NSW - SYDNEY	Jonah's Restaurant, WHALE BEACH (SILVER)
QLD	Pomodoras on Obi, MALENY
SA	The Playford Hotel Restaurant, ADELAIDE (BRONZE)



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SEAFOOD RESTAURANT - FORMAL

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NSW - SYDNEY	Flying Fish, PYRMONT
QLD	Gambaro Seafood Restaurant, PETRIE TERRACE (GOLD)
TASMANIA	Mures Upper Deck, HOBART (SILVER)
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 (GOLD)
QLD	2 Fish Restaurant, PORT DOUGLAS (SILVER)
QLD	Shuck, MAIN BEACH (BRONZE)
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 (GOLD)
NSW - SYDNEY	Vernon's Bar, SUMMER HILL (BRONZE)
QLD	Gerard's Bar, FORTITUDE VALLEY
SA	Bar Torino, ADELAIDE
VIC - REGIONAL	Thousand Pound, RUTHERGLEN (SILVER)
WA	Sala Wine Lounge & Kitchen, BUNBURY

SPECIALITY RESTAURANT

Sponsored by Foodservice Australia

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

STEAK RESTAURANT

Sponsored by Taylors Wines

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

THAI RESTAURANT

Sponsored by H&L Australia

NSW - REGIONAL	Thaigga, WAGGA WAGGA
QLD	The Thai Orchid, SPRINGWOOD
SA	Golden Boy, ADELAIDE (GOLD)
VIC	Lemongrass, CARLTON (SILVER)



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CATERING AWARDS

CORPORATE CATERER

Sponsored by Sanpellegrino

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

EVENTS CATERER

Sponsored by APRA AMCOS

ACT	Hyatt Hotel Canberra - A Park Hyatt Hotel, YARRALUMLA (GOLD)
NSW - REGIONAL	Eat Your Greens, EUGOWRA (SILVER)
NSW - SYDNEY	Catering Project, SYDNEY
NSW - SYDNEY	Piquant Catering, FIVE DOCK (BRONZE)
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 (SILVER)
NSW - REGIONAL	Crowne Plaza Hunter Valley, LOVEDALE
NSW - SYDNEY	Events by ATC - Rosehill Gardens, ROSEHILL (GOLD)
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 (BRONZE)

INDUSTRIAL/INSTITUTIONAL CATERER

Sponsored by Arthur J Gallagher

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

RESTAURANT CATERER

Sponsored by Deliveroo

NSW - REGIONAL	Circa 1876, POKOLBIN
NSW - SYDNEY	Aqua Dining, MILSONS POINT (GOLD)
QLD	The Golden Ox Restaurant, MARGATE (BRONZE)
SA	Windy Point Café, BELAIR (SILVER)
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 (BRONZE)
NSW - REGIONAL	Eurest – Nestle, BLAYNEY (SILVER)
NSW - SYDNEY	Trippas White Group - Telstra CIC, SYDNEY
QLD	Restaurant Associates - Flight Centre, SOUTHBANK (GOLD)
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 (SILVER)
QLD	Alfies Event Hire & Catering, CALOUNDRA
WA – REGIONAL	Supper Road, VASSE (GOLD)

VENUE CATERER

Sponsored by Taylors Wines

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

WEDDING CATERER

Sponsored by Alsco

ACT	National Press Club of Australia, BARTON (SILVER)
NSW - REGIONAL	H&H Catering, WYONG (BRONZE)
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 (GOLD)

MAJOR AWARDS

CAFÉ OF THE YEAR

Sponsored by SilverChef

ACT	Bookplate, PARKES
NSW - REGIONAL	Awaba House Restaurant & Café, BOORAGUL
NSW - SYDNEY	Café Shenkin, ERSKINEVILLE
QLD	The Waterline Restaurant, ROSSLYN BAY
SA	The Artisan Café, BLACKWOOD (WINNER)
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 (WINNER)
QLD	Customs House, BRISBANE
SA	EPICURE - Adelaide Town Hall, ADELAIDE
VIC	The Point, ALBERT PARK
WA	The University Club of Western Australia, CRAWLEY

RESTAURANT OF THE YEAR

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VIC	Estelle by Scott Pickett, NORTHCOTE
WA	Rambla on Swan, SOUTH PERTH