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# 2017

## R&CA Awards for Excellence

### NATIONAL FINALISTS & WINNERS 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

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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
<b>SA</b>	<b>The Establishment 1858 - The White House, HAHNDORF (GOLD)</b>
VIC	Spitfire Restaurant & Grill, ROSEBUD ( <b>BRONZE</b> )
WA	Ribs & Burgers, PERTH ( <b>SILVER</b> )

### CAFÉ DINING

*Sponsored by Alsco*

ACT	Bookplate, PARKES ( <b>BRONZE</b> )
NSW - REGIONAL	Awaba House Restaurant & Café, BOORAGUL
NSW - SYDNEY	Deckhouse Café, WOOLWICH
QLD	The Waterline Restaurant, ROSSLYN BAY
<b>SA</b>	<b>The Artisan Café, BLACKWOOD (GOLD)</b>
TAS	PEARL & CO, HOBART ( <b>SILVER</b> )
WA	Canning River Café, WILSON

### CHINESE RESTAURANT

*Sponsored by Deliveroo*

NSW - REGIONAL	Canton Palace, WENTWORTH FALLS
<b>NSW - SYDNEY</b>	<b>Zilver Restaurant, HAYMARKET (GOLD)</b>
QLD	Qi'Lin, TOOWOOMBA
SA	Yue Chinese Restaurant, UNLEY
TAS	Me Wah Restaurant, SANDY BAY ( <b>SILVER</b> )
WA	Andly Private Kitchen, WEST LEEDERVILLE ( <b>BRONZE</b> )

### COFFEE SHOP / TEA HOUSE

*Sponsored by Moo Music*

NSW - REGIONAL	Coffee Niche, WAGGA WAGGA
NSW - SYDNEY	Café Shenkin, ERSKINEVILLE
QLD	Goodness Gracious Café, GRACEVILLE ( <b>SILVER</b> )
<b>SA</b>	<b>Nutrition Republic, GOODWOOD (GOLD)</b>

### CONTEMPORARY AUSTRALIAN RESTAURANT – FORMAL

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NSW - SYDNEY	Sails on Lavender Bay, MCMAHONS POINT
QLD	Glass Dining & Lounge Bar, MAIN BEACH ( <b>BRONZE</b> )
<b>SA</b>	<b>Botanic Gardens Restaurant, ADELAIDE (GOLD)</b>
SA - REGIONAL	Pipers of Penola, PENOLA
VIC	Taxi Kitchen, MELBOURNE ( <b>SILVER</b> )



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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 <b>(BRONZE)</b>
QLD	Jam Restaurant, TOWNSVILLE
SA	Alere Restaurant, BEDFORD PARK
SA - REGIONAL	Seed Winehouse & Kitchen, CLARE <b>(SILVER)</b>
<b>VIC</b>	<b>O.MY Restaurant, BEACONSFIELD (GOLD)</b>
WA	Rambla on Swan, SOUTH PERTH

### EUROPEAN RESTAURANT

#### *Sponsored by Dimmi*

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

### FAMILY DINING RESTAURANT

#### *Sponsored by Created By Hands*

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

### FINE DINING RESTAURANT

#### *Sponsored by Sanpellegrino*

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

### INDIAN / SUB-CONTINENT RESTAURANT

#### *Sponsored by TripAdvisor*

ACT	Barbeque Nation, WANNIASSA
NSW - REGIONAL	Kohli's Indian Restaurant, BATEMANS BAY
<b>NSW - SYDNEY</b>	<b>Aki's Restaurant, WOOLLOOMOOLOO (GOLD)</b>
QLD	Indian Empire on Runaway Bay, RUNAWAY BAY <b>(BRONZE)</b>
SA	Cinnamon Club, NORWOOD <b>(SILVER)</b>
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
<b>NSW - SYDNEY</b>	<b>Pilu at Freshwater, FRESHWATER (GOLD)</b>
QLD	Otto, BRISBANE ( <b>BRONZE</b> )
SA	Enzo's Ristorante, HINDMARSH ( <b>SILVER</b> )
VIC	Tutto Bene, SOUTHBANK

### ITALIAN RESTAURANT - INFORMAL

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

### JAPANESE RESTAURANT

*Sponsored by Dimmi*

<b>QLD</b>	<b>Sono Japanese Restaurant Portside Wharf, HAMILTON (GOLD)</b>
NSW - REGIONAL	Nagisa Japanese Restaurant, NEWCASTLE
SA	Ichitaro Dining, HYDE PARK ( <b>SILVER</b> )
NSW - SYDNEY	TOKO Sydney, SURRY HILLS ( <b>BRONZE</b> )
VIC	Ocha Eatery, HAWTHORN

### MEXICAN RESTAURANT

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NSW - REGIONAL	Taco Bill Mexican Restaurant, ALBURY
QLD	California Cantina, ISLE OF CAPRI
<b>SA</b>	<b>Mexican Society of China Town, ADELAIDE (GOLD)</b>

### 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 ( <b>SILVER</b> )
<b>VIC</b>	<b>Kisume, MELBOURNE (GOLD)</b>
VIC - REGIONAL	Alatonero, MCCRAE
WA	Dusit Dheva, NORTHBRIDGE ( <b>BRONZE</b> )



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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 ( <b>SILVER</b> )
NSW - SYDNEY	Jonah's Restaurant, WHALE BEACH
NT	Char Restaurant 'Old Admiralty House', DARWIN
QLD	Jellyfish Restaurant, BRISBANE ( <b>BRONZE</b> )
SA	<b>The Bridgewater Mill, BRIDGEWATER (GOLD)</b>
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	<b>Arte Bianca, DOUBLE BAY (GOLD)</b>
QLD	Corbett & Claude, BRISBANE ( <b>BRONZE</b> )
SA	Lost in a Forest, URAIDLA ( <b>SILVER</b> )
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 ( <b>SILVER</b> )
QLD	Malt at The Brewery, TOWNSVILLE ( <b>BRONZE</b> )
SA	Warradale Hotel Bistro, WARRADALE
VIC	<b>The Grand Dining Room &amp; Bar, RICHMOND (GOLD)</b>

## RESTAURANT IN A WINERY

### *Sponsored by BookBook*

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

## RESTAURANT IN HOTEL/MOTEL/RESORT

### *Sponsored by Lion Beer Australia*

NSW - REGIONAL	Crackenback Farm & Guesthouse, CRACKENBACK
NSW - REGIONAL	<b>Wolgan Dining Room - Emirates One&amp;Only, WOLGAN VALLEY (GOLD)</b>
NSW - SYDNEY	Jonah's Restaurant, WHALE BEACH ( <b>SILVER</b> )
QLD	Pomodoras on Obi, MALENY
SA	The Playford Hotel Restaurant, ADELAIDE ( <b>BRONZE</b> )



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### SEAFOOD RESTAURANT - FORMAL

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NSW - SYDNEY	Flying Fish, PYRMONT
<b>QLD</b>	<b>Gambaro Seafood Restaurant, PETRIE TERRACE (GOLD)</b>
TASMANIA	Mures Upper Deck, HOBART ( <b>SILVER</b> )
WA	Mosmans Restaurant, MOSMAN PARK

### SEAFOOD RESTAURANT - INFORMAL

*Sponsored by Airbnb*

NSW - REGIONAL	Little Beach Boathouse, NELSON BAY
<b>NSW - SYDNEY</b>	<b>The Sydney Cove Oyster Bar, SYDNEY (GOLD)</b>
QLD	2 Fish Restaurant, PORT DOUGLAS ( <b>SILVER</b> )
QLD	Shuck, MAIN BEACH ( <b>BRONZE</b> )
SA	Horta's, PORT NOARLUNGA

### SMALL BAR

*Sponsored by APRA AMCOS*

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

### SPECIALITY RESTAURANT

*Sponsored by Foodservice Australia*

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

### STEAK RESTAURANT

*Sponsored by Taylors Wines*

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

### THAI RESTAURANT

*Sponsored by H&L Australia*

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



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## CATERING AWARDS

### CORPORATE CATERER

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

### EVENTS CATERER

*Sponsored by APRA AMCOS*

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

### INDUSTRIAL/INSTITUTIONAL CATERER

*Sponsored by Arthur J Gallagher*

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

### RESTAURANT CATERER

*Sponsored by Deliveroo*

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

### VENUE CATERER

#### *Sponsored by Taylors Wines*

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

### WEDDING CATERER

#### *Sponsored by AlSCO*

ACT	National Press Club of Australia, BARTON ( <b>SILVER</b> )
NSW - REGIONAL	H&H Catering, WYONG ( <b>BRONZE</b> )
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	<b>The University Club of Western Australia, CRAWLEY (GOLD)</b>

## 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	<b>The Artisan Café, BLACKWOOD (WINNER)</b>
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
<b>NSW - SYDNEY</b>	<b>Events by Aria - Carriage Works, SYDNEY (WINNER)</b>
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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ACT	"Wild Duck Fine Asian Cuisine", KINGSTON FORESHORE
NSW - REGIONAL	Esca Bimbadgen Restaurant, POKOLBIN
<b>NSW - SYDNEY</b>	<b>Tetsuya's Restaurant, SYDNEY (WINNER)</b>
QLD	Gambaro Seafood Restaurant, PETRIE TERRACE
SA	Botanic Gardens Restaurant, ADELAIDE
VIC	Estelle by Scott Pickett, NORTHCOTE
WA	Rambla on Swan, SOUTH PERTH