



## MEDIA RELEASE

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# VICTORIAN AND TASMANIAN FINALISTS FOR 2018 AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE ANNOUNCED

Finalists for the 2018 Savour Australia™ Restaurant & Catering HOSTPLUS Awards for Excellence from Victoria and Tasmania have been formally announced prior to the official Awards ceremony to be held in Melbourne on Monday 30 July.

The Awards for Excellence program formally recognises hospitality operators across a broad range of categories who consistently provide exceptional service and demonstrate culinary excellence in their respective fields.

Restaurant & Catering Australia (R&CA) CEO Juliana Payne congratulated each of the finalists on their nominations.

“I’m delighted to congratulate each of our Victorian and Tasmanian finalists for 2018 who have consistently demonstrated exceptional service and culinary excellence over the last 12 months.

“We are very excited to announce the various winners of the Awards at our formal gala dinner at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre next month.

“All of these businesses are more than deserving of our recognition and as such we’d encourage all locals and visitors to go and out and experience these fantastic venues for themselves,” Ms Payne said.

Registrations to attend the gala dinner are now open and can be accessed via R&CA’s [website](#). A full list of each of the Victorian and Tasmanian finalists are attached to this release.

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# 2018

## *RYCA Awards for Excellence*

### VICTORIA & TASMANIA FINALISTS

#### RESTAURANT AWARDS

##### ASIAN RESTAURANT

Dandelion, ELWOOD  
Gingerboy, MELBOURNE  
Steam Asian Restaurant, RYE

##### BEER CAFÉ/WINE BAR

Cru Wine Bar, KEW  
Hampton Wine Co, HAMPTON  
Wolfe & Molone, BENTLEIGH

##### BREAKFAST RESTAURANT

Entrecote, SOUTH YARRA  
Four Figs, BEACONSFIELD  
Mures Lower Deck, HOBART  
The Milbri, ROSEBUD  
The Winey Cow, MORNINGTON  
Woodman Estate Mornington Peninsula Restaurant, MOOROODUC

##### BURGER BAR

Spitfire Restaurant & Grill, ROSEBUD  
Yo My Goodness, FOUNTAIN GATE

##### CAFÉ DINING

Ambrosia, BERWICK  
Four Figs, BEACONSFIELD  
Frank's, CHELTENHAM  
PEARL & CO, HOBART  
The Baths Middle Brighton Café & Bar, BRIGHTON  
The Winey Cow, MORNINGTON



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#### CHINESE RESTAURANT

Hidden Jade @ The Point, ALBERT PARK  
Me Wah Restaurant, SANDY BAY  
Rainbow Palace Restaurant, KOROMBURRA

#### CONTEMPORARY AUSTRALIAN RESTAURANT - FORMAL

Taxi Kitchen, MELBOURNE  
The Baths Middle Brighton, BRIGHTON

#### CONTEMPORARY AUSTRALIAN RESTAURANT - INFORMAL

Cataract on Paterson, LAUNCESTON  
Mercer's Restaurant, ELTHAM  
Mudbar Restaurant, LAUNCESTON

#### FAMILY DINING RESTAURANT

Skyhigh Victoria, MOUNT DANDENONG

#### FINE DINING RESTAURANT

EZARD, MELBOURNE

#### FRENCH RESTAURANT

Bistro Gitan, SOUTH YARRA  
Entrecote, SOUTH YARRA  
L'Hotel Gitan, PRAHRAN  
Philippe, MELBOURNE

#### GREEK RESTAURANT

Alatonero, MCRAE  
Venus & Co Kitchen & Bar, ALBERT PARK

#### INDIAN/SUB-CONTINENT RESTAURANT

Atta Restaurant, ALBERT PARK  
Eastern Spice, GEELONG  
Indian Star Restaurant, MOONEE PONDS  
Tulsi Indian Restaurant, SOMERVILLE

#### ITALIAN RESTAURANT

Bar Carolina, SOUTH YARRA  
La Camera, SOUTHBANK  
Pomodoro Sardo, MELBOURNE  
Rinaldo's Casa Cucina, WANGARATTA  
Tutto Bene, SOUTHBANK  
Zia Teresa, BRUNSWICK EAST

#### JAPANESE RESTAURANT

Kumo Izakaya, BRUNSWICK EAST  
Ocha Eatery, HAWTHORN



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#### **NEW RESTAURANT**

Cape - RACV Cape Schanck Resort, CAPE SCHANCK  
 Hawker Chan, MELBOURNE  
 Matilda 159 Domain, SOUTH YARRA  
 Palermo, MELBOURNE  
 Ube Bar and Eatery, BEACONSFIELD  
 Yagiz, SOUTH YARRA

#### **PIZZA RESTAURANT**

400 Gradi, BRUNSWICK EAST  
 A25 Pizzeria, SOUTH YARRA  
 Ciao Bella Pizzeria Restaurant & Wine Bar, BACNARRING  
 Cucina & Co, BRIGHTON

#### **RESTAURANT IN A HOTEL/MOTEL/RESORT**

Coppersmith Hotel Bistro, SOUTH MELBOURNE  
 Woodman Estate Brasserie, MOOROODIC

#### **RESTAURANT IN A PUB/CLUB/TAVERN**

Lamaro's Hotel Restaurant, SOUTH MELBOURNE  
 The Grand Dining Room & Bar, RICHMOND  
 The Lincoln Restaurant, CARLTON

#### **RESTAURANT IN A WINERY**

Barn & Co - Mrs Nick's Vineyard, BALNARRING  
 Cannibal Creek Vineyard Restaurant & Cellar Door, TYNONG NORTH  
 Jack Rabbit Vineyard Restaurant, BELLARINE  
 Locale at De Bortoli Yarra Valley Estate, DIXONS CREEK  
 Oakridge Wines Restaurant, COLDSTREAM

#### **SEAFOOD RESTAURANT**

Mures Lower Deck, HOBART  
 Mures Upper Deck, HOBART  
 Richmond Oysters, RICHMOND  
 The Rocks Restaurant, MORNINGTON

#### **SPECIALTY RESTAURANT**

Pastuso, MELBOURNE  
 The Milbri, ROSEBUD  
 Two Buoys, DROMANA

#### **STEAK RESTAURANT**

A Hereford Beefstouw, MELBOURNE  
 San Telmo, MELBOURNE  
 The Woodhouse Restaurant, BENDIGO



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### THAI RESTAURANT

Ghin Khao, MELBOURNE  
Lemongrass, CARLTON

### TOURISM RESTAURANT

Locale at De Bortoli Yarra Valley Estate, DIXONS CREEK  
Mures Tasmania, HOBART  
Oakridge Wines Restaurant, COLDSTREAM  
The Cape Kitchen, NEWHAVEN  
The Q Train, QUEENSCLIFF  
Zia Teresa, BRUNSWICK EAST

## CATERING AWARDS

### CORPORATE CATERER

Sodexo - Corrs Melbourne, MELBOURNE  
Your Private Chef, PRAHRAN

### EVENTS CATERER

Ed Dixon Food Design, ABBOTSFORD  
Essential Catering & Events, BAYSWATER NORTH  
Tommy Collins by Atlantic Group, DOCKLANDS  
Your Private Chef, PRAHRAN

### FUNCTION/CONVENTION CENTRE CATERER

Atlantic Group, DOCKLANDS  
Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre, SOUTH WHARF  
ZINC at Federation Square, MELBOURNE

### RESTAURANT CATERER

The Baths Middle Brighton, BRIGHTON  
The Grand Dining Room & Bar, RICHMOND

### SITE/INDUSTRIAL CATERER

Cater Care Australia - International House University of Melbourne, PARKVILLE  
Chartwells - La Trobe University, BUNDOORA  
Chartwells - Melbourne Business School, CARLTON  
Compass Group - Makers Workshop, PARKLANDS  
Compass Group - UTAS Launceston, NEWMAN  
Contemporary Catering - Arcare, MAIDSTONE  
Contemporary Catering - Benetas St Pauls Terrace, FRANKSTON SOUTH  
Sodexo Australia - Haileybury City, WEST MELBOURNE

### VENUE CATERER

Compass Group - Melbourne Zoo, PARKVILLE  
Epicure at the MCG, EAST MELBOURNE



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### WEDDING CATERER

Ascot House Receptions, ASCOT VALE  
Compass Group - Melbourne Zoo, PARKVILLE  
Encore St Kilda Beach, ST KILDA  
Fenix Events, RICHMOND  
Showtime Event Group, SOUTH WHARF  
The Point, ALBERT PARK

*\*For a catering entry to remain in the awards, the event must be judged during the judging period.*

## HOSPITALITY AWARDS

### PRODUCT SUPPLIER

BookBook  
Core Hospitality Furniture  
DNM Group  
H&L Australia  
University Meat

### CHEF OF THE YEAR

Adam D'Sylva - Coda  
Andrew McConnell - Cutler & Co  
Dan Hunter - Brae  
Greg Hampton - Charcoal Lane  
Jo Barrett - Oakridge Wines Restaurant  
Matt Stone - Oakridge Wines Restaurant  
Scott Pickett - Estelle by Scott Pickett

### CONSUMER VOTE AWARD

Collins Quarter, MELBOURNE  
Lake House, DAYLESFORD  
Rich Glen Olive Estate, YARRAWONGA  
Richmond Oysters, GLEN WAVERLEY  
The Q Train, DRYSDALE  
Zia Teresa Restaurant, EAST BRUNSWICK