



## MEDIA RELEASE

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# TOPS HONOURS FOR VICTORIAN AND TASMANIAN HOSPITALITY BUSINESSES ANNOUNCED

The winners of the 2018 Savour Australia™ Restaurant & Catering HOSTPLUS Awards for Excellence from Victoria and Tasmania were formally announced at a gala dinner last night held at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre (MCEC).

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.

The winners across this year's major categories included:

- **CATERER OF THE YEAR** – Atlantic Group, DOCKLANDS;
- **CAFÉ OF THE YEAR** – Spitfire Restaurant & Grill, ROSEBUD; and
- **RESTAURANT OF THE YEAR** – Taxi Kitchen, MELBOURNE.

Teresa Bruno was also announced as the winner of the Lifetime Achiever Award for her stellar contribution to the industry.

Restaurant & Catering Australia (R&CA) CEO Juliana Payne congratulated each of the winners on receiving their Awards.

“On behalf of the Association, I’d like to congratulate all the café-owners, restaurateurs and caterers on their nominations but in particular those who have received Awards across each of tonight’s categories.

“It is wonderful to see such a diverse and vibrant hospitality sector represented across both states which has truly gone from strength to strength in recent years. It is hardly surprising that interstate and international visitors flock to Victoria and Tasmania for the culinary scene alone.

“R&CA extends its thanks to all Victorian and Tasmanian businesses who participated in this year’s Awards and, as always, would strongly encourage all participants to enter again next year,” Ms Payne said.

A full list of each of the Victorian and Tasmanian winners are attached to this release.



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## R&CA Awards for Excellence

### VICTORIA & TASMANIA WINNERS

#### RESTAURANT AWARDS

##### ASIAN RESTAURANT

*Sponsored by Hostplus*

**WINNER** - Dandelion, ELWOOD

##### BEER CAFÉ/WINE BAR

*Sponsored by Prospa*

**WINNER** - Cru Wine Bar, KEW

##### BREAKFAST RESTAURANT

*Sponsored by Dimmi – A TripAdvisor Company*

**WINNER** - Entrecote, SOUTH YARRA

##### BURGER BAR

*Sponsored by Fine Foods Australia*

**WINNER** - Spitfire Restaurant & Grill, ROSEBUD

##### CAFÉ DINING

*Sponsored by Deputy*

**WINNER** - The Winey Cow, MORNINGTON

##### CHINESE RESTAURANT

*Sponsored by Gallagher*

**WINNER** - Me Wah Restaurant, SANDY BAY

##### CONTEMPORARY AUSTRALIAN RESTAURANT - FORMAL

*Sponsored by American Express*

**WINNER** - Taxi Kitchen, MELBOURNE

##### CONTEMPORARY AUSTRALIAN RESTAURANT - INFORMAL

*Sponsored by Mornington Peninsula Magazine*

**WINNER** - Mudbar Restaurant, LAUNCESTON

**FAMILY DINING RESTAURANT**

*Sponsored by Menulog*

**HONOURABLE MENTION** - Skyhigh Victoria, MOUNT DANDENONG

**FINE DINING RESTAURANT**

*Sponsored by Sanpellegrino*

**HONOURABLE MENTION** - EZARD, MELBOURNE

**FRENCH RESTAURANT**

*Sponsored by Peugeot Citroën Australia*

**WINNER** - Philippe, MELBOURNE

**GREEK RESTAURANT**

*Sponsored by APRA AMCOS*

**WINNER** - Venus & Co Kitchen & Bar, ALBERT PARK

**INDIAN/SUB-CONTINENT RESTAURANT**

*Sponsored by H&L Australia*

**WINNER** - Atta Restaurant, ALBERT PARK

**ITALIAN RESTAURANT**

*Sponsored by Dimmi – A TripAdvisor Company*

**WINNER** - Pomodoro Sardo, MELBOURNE

**JAPANESE RESTAURANT**

*Sponsored by American Express*

**WINNER** - Kumo Izakaya, BRUNSWICK EAST

**NEW RESTAURANT**

*Sponsored by H&L Australia*

**WINNER** - Matilda 159 Domain, SOUTH YARRA

**PIZZA RESTAURANT**

*Sponsored by Lion*

**WINNER** - 400 Gradi, BRUNSWICK EAST

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

*Sponsored by Stoddart*

**WINNER** - Coppersmith Hotel Bistro, SOUTH MELBOURNE

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

*Sponsored by Lion*

**WINNER** - The Grand Dining Room & Bar, RICHMOND

**RESTAURANT IN A WINERY**

*Sponsored by APRA AMCOS*

**WINNER** - Oakridge Wines Restaurant, COLDSTREAM



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### SEAFOOD RESTAURANT

*Sponsored by Entertainment Publications*

**WINNER** - Mures Upper Deck, HOBART

### SPECIALTY RESTAURANT

*Sponsored by ChefTV*

**WINNER** - Pastuso, MELBOURNE

### STEAK RESTAURANT

*Sponsored by Taylors Wines*

**WINNER** - The Woodhouse Restaurant, BENDIGO

### THAI RESTAURANT

*Sponsored by Specialty Restaurant*

**WINNER** - Lemongrass, CARLTON

### TOURISM RESTAURANT

*Sponsored by AlSCO*

**TAS WINNER** - Mures Tasmania, HOBART

**VIC WINNER** - The Q Train, DRYSDALE

## CATERING AWARDS

### CORPORATE CATERER

*Sponsored by Sanpellegrino*

**WINNER** - Sodexo - Corrs Melbourne, MELBOURNE

### EVENTS CATERER

*Sponsored by Deputy*

**WINNER** - Ed Dixon Food Design, ABBOTSFORD

### FUNCTION/CONVENTION CENTRE CATERER

*Sponsored by DNM Group*

**WINNER** - Atlantic Group, DOCKLANDS

### RESTAURANT CATERER

*Sponsored by Prospa*

**WINNER** - The Grand Dining Room & Bar, RICHMOND

### SITE/INDUSTRIAL CATERER

*Sponsored by Macpherson Kelley*

**WINNER** - Contemporary Catering - Arcare, MAIDSTONE

### VENUE CATERER

*Sponsored by Stoddart*

**WINNER** - Epicure at the MCG, EAST MELBOURNE



#### **WEDDING CATERER**

*Sponsored by AlSCO*

**WINNER** - Encore St Kilda Beach, ST KILDA

#### **HOSPITALITY AWARDS**

##### **PRODUCT SUPPLIER**

*Sponsored by Restaurant & Catering*

**WINNER** - H&L Australia

##### **CHEF OF THE YEAR**

*Sponsored by Australian Pork*

**WINNER** - Dan Hunter - Brae

##### **CONSUMER VOTE AWARD**

*Sponsored by Savour Australia*

**WINNER** - The Q Train, DRYSDALE

#### **MAJOR AWARDS**

##### **LIFETIME ACHIEVER**

**WINNER** – Teresa Bruno

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