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R&CA Awards for Excellence

NATIONAL FINALISTS LIST

RESTAURANT AWARDS

ASIAN RESTAURANT

Sponsored by H&L Australia

ACT	Abell's Kopi Tiam, MANUKA
NSW – SYDNEY	China Lane, SYDNEY
QLD	The Tamarind Restaurant - Spicers Tamarind Retreat, MALENY
SA	Electra House - Level One, ADELAIDE
SA	Nghi Ngan Quan, WOODVILLE
VIC	Dandelion, ELWOOD

BEER CAFÉ / WINE BAR

Sponsored by Llama

NSW – REGIONAL	Lovedale Bar - Crowne Plaza Hunter Valley, LOVEDALE
NSW – SYDNEY	GPO Cheese and Wine Room, SYDNEY
SA	Lindes Lane, ADELAIDE
VIC	Cru Wine Bar, KEW
WA	Bistro Felix Wine Bar, SUBIACO



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BREAKFAST RESTAURANT

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ACT	The Promenade Cafe - Hyatt Hotel Canberra - A Park Hyatt Hotel, YARRALUMLA
NSW - REGIONAL	The River Deck, SOUTH ALBURY
NSW – SYDNEY	Sokyo, PYRMONT
QLD	Bistro On3 - Sofitel Gold Coast, BROADBEACH
QLD	Blue Moon Grill, TRINITY BEACH
QLD	The Tamarind Restaurant - Spicers Tamarind Retreat, MALENY
QLD	Urban Paddock, DALBY
SA	Luigi Delicatessen, ADELAIDE
SA	OAR Coffee House, Bar and Kitchen, WEST LAKES SHORE
SA	Pane e Latte, BROADVIEW
SA - REGIONAL	Café Sia Gawler, EVANSTON
VIC	Entrecote, SOUTH YARRA
WA	Nic & Kolo, APPLECROSS

BURGER BAR

Sponsored by Lion

NSW – SYDNEY	Basement Brewhouse, BANKSTOWN
QLD	The Loose Moose Tap & Grill House, BROADBEACH
VIC	Spitfire Restaurant & Grill, ROSEBUD

CAFÉ DINING

Sponsored by Deputy

ACT	The Tea Lounge - Hyatt Hotel Canberra - A Park Hyatt Hotel, YARRALUMLA
NSW – REGIONAL	Burrawang General Store, BURRAWANG
NSW – SYDNEY	Café Patina, WAHROONGA
QLD	Connors Café, BURLEIGH HEADS
QLD	Goodness Gracious Café, GRACEVILLE
QLD	The Waterline Restaurant, ROSSLYN BAY
SA	Café Alere, BEDFORD PARK
VIC	The Winey Cow, MORNINGTON
WA	Nic & Kolo, APPLECROSS

CHINESE RESTAURANT

Sponsored by Menulog

NSW – REGIONAL	New Bo Wa Chinese Restaurant, MOREE
NSW – SYDNEY	Golden Century Seafood Restaurant, SYDNEY
QLD	Imperial at the Star, BROADBEACH ISLAND
SA	Concubine, ADELAIDE
TAS	Me Wah Restaurant, SANDY BAY

COFFEE SHOP / TEA HOUSE

Sponsored by APRA AMCOS

NSW – REGIONAL	Coffee Niche, WAGGA WAGGA
NSW – SYDNEY	Ampersand Café & Bookstore, PADDINGTON
QLD	Room with Roses, BRISBANE
SA	Coffee Institute, WALKERVILLE



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CONTEMPORARY AUSTRALIAN RESTAURANT – FORMAL

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ACT	Sage Dining Rooms, BRADDON
NSW – Regional	Circa 1876, POKOLBIN
NSW – SYDNEY	Jonah's Restaurant & Boutique Hotel, WHALE BEACH
QLD	Tides Waterfront, CALOUNDRA
SA	2KW Bar and Restaurant, ADELAIDE
SA - REGIONAL	The Olfactory Inn, STRATHALBYN
VIC	Taxi Kitchen, MELBOURNE
WA	Rambla On Swan, SOUTH PERTH

CONTEMPORARY AUSTRALIAN RESTAURANT - INFORMAL

Sponsored by American Express

NSW – Regional	The Entrance Lake House, THE ENTRANCE
NSW – SYDNEY	One Penny Red, SUMMER HILL
QLD	Bistro C, NOOSA HEADS
QLD	e'cco Bistro, NEWSTEAD
QLD	Salsa Bar & Grill, PORT DOUGLAS
SA	Windy Point Café, BELAIR
SA – Regional	Sunset Food & Wine, KANGAROO HEAD
TAS	Mudbar Restaurant, LAUNCESTON

EUROPEAN RESTAURANT

Sponsored by Peugeot Citroën Australia

ACT	Les Bistronomes, BRADDON
NSW – SYDNEY	Mercado Restaurant, SYDNEY
SA	Cliché Exhibition, NORTH ADELAIDE
VIC	Philippe, MELBOURNE

FAMILY DINING RESTAURANT

Sponsored by Menulog

NSW – SYDNEY	Greenfield Station Bistro - Bankstown Sports Club, BANKSTOWN
QLD	Blue Moon Grill, TRINITY BEACH
SA	Anthony's Cucina & Pizzeria, PARADISE
VIC	Skyhigh Victoria, MOUNT DANDENONG

FINE DINING RESTAURANT

Sponsored by Sanpellegrino

NSW – SYDNEY	Tetsuya's, SYDNEY
QLD	ARIA, BRISBANE
SA	Magill Estate Restaurant, MAGILL
VIC	EZARD, MELBOURNE

GREEK RESTAURANT

Sponsored by ChefTV

NSW – SYDNEY	Alpha Restaurant, SYDNEY
QLD	Nostimo Restaurant & Bar - The Greek Club, SOUTH BRISBANE
VIC	Venus & Co Kitchen & Bar, ALBERT PARK



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INDIAN / SUB-CONTINENT RESTAURANT

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ACT	DAANA, CURTIN
NSW – REGIONAL	Kohli's Indian Restaurant, NOWRA
NSW - SYDNEY	Delhi O'Delhi, NEWTOWN
QLD	Indian Empire on Runaway Bay, RUNAWAY BAY
SA	Indii of Clare, CLARE
VIC	Atta Restaurant, ALBERT PARK
WA	Punjab Indian Restaurant, INNALOO

ITALIAN RESTAURANT - FORMAL

Sponsored by Dimmi - A TripAdvisor Company

NSW – SYDNEY	The Restaurant Pendolino, SYDNEY
SA	Chianti, ADELAIDE

ITALIAN RESTAURANT - INFORMAL

Sponsored by Dimmi - A TripAdvisor Company

ACT	Italian and Sons, BRADDON
NSW – Regional	Il Cacciatore Restaurant, POKOLBIN
NSW – SYDNEY	La Rosa The Strand, SYDNEY
QLD	Cucina Vivo, BROADBEACH ISLAND
SA	Ruby Red Flamingo, NORTH ADELAIDE
VIC	Pomodoro Sardo, MELBOURNE

JAPANESE RESTAURANT

Sponsored by Deputy

NSW - Regional	Nagisa Japanese Restaurant, NEWCASTLE
NSW – SYDNEY	TOKO Sydney, SURRY HILLS
QLD	Hatsuhana Restaurant, MAIN BEACH
QLD	Sono Japanese Restaurant Portside Wharf, HAMILTON
SA	Mimasu, ADELAIDE
VIC	Kumo Izakaya, BRUNSWICK EAST

NEW RESTAURANT

Sponsored by H&L Australia

ACT	RAKU Dining, CIVIC
NSW – Regional	Baumé, POKOLBIN
NSW – SYDNEY	Marta, RUSHCUTTERS BAY
QLD	Gotham Grill, RUNAWAY BAY
SA	Cinnamon Club, HYDE PARK
SA	Est Ovest, ADELAIDE
SA – Regional	The d'Arenberg Cube Restaurant, MCLAREN VALE
VIC	Matilda159 Domain, SOUTH YARRA


**PIZZA RESTAURANT*****Sponsored by Moov Music***

NSW – Regional	Sam's Pizzeria, BATEMANS BAY
NSW – SYDNEY	Arte Bianca, DOUBLE BAY
QLD	La Stazione Pizzeria & Bar, MILTON
SA	Pizza Meccanica, BOWDEN
VIC	400 Gradi, BRUNSWICK EAST
WA	Ruocco's Pizzeria E Ristorante, SOUTH FREMANTLE

RESTAURANT IN A HOTEL/MOTEL/RESORT***Sponsored by Stoddart***

ACT	Buvette Bistro & Wine Bar - Hotel Realm, BARTON
NSW – Regional	Wolgan Dining Room - Emirates One&Only, WOLGAN VALLEY
QLD	Bistro On3 - Sofitel Gold Coast, BROADBEACH
SA	The Barn Steakhouse, MT GAMBIER
VIC	Coppersmith Hotel Bistro, SOUTH MELBOURNE

RESTAURANT IN A PUB/CLUB/TAVERN***Sponsored by Lion***

NSW – Regional	ZIVA - Club Toukley RSL, TOUKLEY
NSW – SYDNEY	Bel Cibo - Revesby Workers Club, REVESBY
QLD	Lavarack Restaurant - Townsville RSL Club, HERMIT PARK
SA	The Queens Head Hotel Restaurant, NORTH ADELAIDE
VIC	The Grand Dining Room & Bar, RICHMOND

RESTAURANT IN A WINERY***Sponsored by Destination NSW***

ACT	Café Lerida - Lerida Estate, LAKE GEORGE
NSW – Regional	Esca Bimbadgen Restaurant, POKOLBIN
QLD	Varias Restaurant - Banca Ridge Winery & Cellar Door, STANTHORPE
SA	Hentley Farm Restaurant, SEPPELTSFIELD
VIC	Oakridge Wines Restaurant, COLDSTREAM
WA	Sandalford Wines Restaurant, CAVERSHAM

SEAFOOD RESTAURANT - FORMAL***Sponsored by Entertainment Publications***

NSW – Regional	Harbourfront Seafood Restaurant, WOLLONGONG
NSW – SYDNEY	Flying Fish, PYRMONT
QLD	Seascape Restaurant + Bar, SURFERS PARADISE
TAS	Mures Upper Deck, HOBART

SEAFOOD RESTAURANT - INFORMAL***Sponsored by Entertainment Publications***

NSW – SYDNEY	Garfish at Manly, MANLY
QLD	Jellyfish Restaurant, BRISBANE
SA	Hortas, PORT NOARLUNGA



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**SMALL BAR*****Sponsored by APRA AMCOS***

NSW – Regional	Bannisters by the Sea Pool Bar, MOLLYMOOK
NSW – SYDNEY	Vernon's Bar, SUMMER HILL
QLD	Roosevelt Lounge, BROADBEACH
SA	Bar Torino, ADELAIDE

SPECIALTY RESTAURANT***Sponsored by ChefTV***

ACT	Tipsy Bull, BRADDON
NSW – Regional	Barcito, HAMILTON
NSW – SYDNEY	Anason, BARANGAROO
NT	Hot Tamale, DARWIN
QLD	Orleans Restaurant & Bar, MAROOCHYDORE
SA	Mexican Society, ADELAIDE
SA	Red Ochre Grill, NORTH ADELAIDE
VIC	Pastuso, MELBOURNE

STEAK RESTAURANT***Sponsored by Taylors Wines***

NSW – Regional	The Cottage, SCONE
NSW – SYDNEY	Prime Restaurant, SYDNEY
NT	Char Restaurant 'Old Admiralty House', DARWIN
QLD	Black Hide Steakhouse, PETRIE TERRACE
SA	Mayura Stations The Tasting Room, MILLICENT
VIC	The Woodhouse Restaurant, BENDIGO

SUSHI BAR***Sponsored by Prospa***

NSW – SYDNEY	Raw Bar, BONDI BEACH
SA	Sushi Train Central Market Station, ADELAIDE

THAI RESTAURANT***Sponsored by Prospa***

QLD	Modern Thai Restaurant, MOUNT GRAVATT
SA	Golden Boy, ADELAIDE
VIC	Lemongrass, CARLTON
WA	Dusit Dheva, NORTHBRIDGE




TOURISM RESTAURANT

Sponsored by Tourism Australia

ACT	Black Fire Restaurant, BRADDON
NSW – Regional	Esca Bimbadgen Restaurant, POKOLBIN
NSW – SYDNEY	Jonah's Restaurant & Boutique Hotel, WHALE BEACH
QLD	Jellyfish Restaurant, BRISBANE
SA	Mitolo Wines, McLAREN VALE
TAS	Mures Tasmania, HOBART
VIC	The Q Train, DRYSDALE
WA	Sandalford Wines Restaurant, CAVERSHAM

CATERING AWARDS

CORPORATE CATERER

Sponsored by Sanpellegrino

NSW - SYDNEY	Blond Catering, MARRICKVILLE
QLD	Wine & Dine'm Catering, WOLLOONGABBA
VIC	Sodexo - Corrs Melbourne, MELBOURNE
WA	Spices Group, WEMBLEY DOWNS

EVENTS CATERER

Sponsored by Peugeot Citroën Australia

NSW - SYDNEY	Gastronomy, The Art and Science of Food, ALEXANDRIA
QLD	Wine & Dine'm Catering, WOLLOONGABBA
SA	Blanco Catering, TRINITY GARDENS
VIC	Ed Dixon Food Design, ABBOTSFORD
WA	Beaumonde Catering, BASSENDEAN

FUNCTION / CONVENTION CENTRE CATERER

Sponsored by Llama

ACT	Hyatt Hotel Canberra - A Park Hyatt Hotel, YARRALUMLA
NSW - REGIONAL	Crowne Plaza Hunter Valley, LOVEDALE
NSW - SYDNEY	ICC, SYDNEY
QLD	Gabbinbar Homestead, MIDDLE RIDGE
SA	The National Wine Centre of Australia, ADELAIDE
VIC	Atlantic Group, DOCKLANDS
WA	Rambla on Swan, SOUTH PERTH

NEW CATERER

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SA	The Manager SA, ADELAIDE
WA	Optus Stadium, BURSWOOD



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RESTAURANT CATERER

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NSW - REGIONAL	The River Deck, SOUTH ALBANY
NSW - SYDNEY	Aqua Dining, MILSONS POINT
QLD	Salsa Bar & Grill, PORT DOUGLAS
SA	Windy Point Café, BELAIR
VIC	The Grand Dining Room & Bar, RICHMOND

SITE / INDUSTRIAL CATERER

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ACT	Trippas White Group - Australian Institute of Sport, BRUCE
NSW - REGIONAL	Compass Group - B&I Hospitality Services, TAMWORTH
NSW - SYDNEY	Catering Project – UNSW, SYDNEY
QLD	Chartwells - Gatton College - University of QLD, GATTON
SA	Oil Industry Catering & Services, HILTON
VIC	Contemporary Catering – Arcare, MAIDSTONE
WA	Compass Group - Plantation ECU, JOONDALUP
WA	ESS Support Services Worldwide - Port Haven Village, PORT HEDLAND

SMALL CATERER

Sponsored by Stoddart

NSW - REGIONAL	Caterforce, SANDGATE
NSW - SYDNEY	Bold Food Pty Ltd, ROSEBERY
SA	Owen Andrews Barossa Catering, SEPPELTSFIELD
WA	Supper Road, VASSE

VENUE CATERER

Sponsored by Taylors Wines

ACT	Ginger Catering - National Arboretum Canberra, WESTON CREEK
NSW - REGIONAL	H&H Catering - Japanese Gardens, GOSFORD
NSW - SYDNEY	Together with Solotel - Art Gallery of NSW, SYDNEY
SA	The Catering Haus, HAHNDORF
VIC	Epicure at the MCG, EAST MELBOURNE
WA	AEG Ogden - Perth Arena, PERTH

WEDDING CATERER

Sponsored by AlSCO

ACT	National Press Club of Australia, BARTON
NSW - REGIONAL	H&H Catering, WYONG
NSW - SYDNEY	Doltone House - Jones Bay Wharf, PYRMONT
QLD	Gabbinbar Homestead, MIDDLE RIDGE
SA	The National Wine Centre of Australia, ADELAIDE
VIC	Encore St Kilda Beach, ST KILDA
WA	Supper Road, VASSE



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HOSPITALITY AWARDS

GEORGE MURE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AWARD

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NSW The Star Culinary Institute, PYRMONT

CHEF OF THE YEAR

Sponsored by Australian Pork

ACT	Damian Brabender - Otis Dining
NSW	Joel Bickford - Aria
QLD	Jake Nicolson - Blackbird Bar and Grill
SA	Tom Jack - Mitolo Wines
VIC	Dan Hunter - Brae
WA	Jed Gerrard - State Buildings Wildflower

MAJOR AWARDS

CAFÉ OF THE YEAR

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ACT	The Tea Lounge - Hyatt Hotel Canberra - A Park Hyatt Hotel, YARRALUMLA
NSW – REGIONAL	Burrawang General Store, BURRAWANG
NSW – Sydney	Café Patina, WAHROONGA
QLD	Room with Roses, BRISBANE
SA	Café Alere, BEDFORD PARK
VIC	Spitfire Restaurant & Grill, ROSEBUD
WA	Nic & Kolo, APPLECROSS

CATERER OF THE YEAR

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NSW – SYDNEY	Tetsuya's, SYDNEY
QLD	ARIA, BRISBANE
SA	Magill Estate Restaurant, MAGILL
VIC	Taxi Kitchen, MELBOURNE
WA	Rambla On Swan, SOUTH PERTH