



MEDIA RELEASE

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WINNERS OF THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY 2018 AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE ANNOUNCED

The winners of the 2018 Australian Capital Territory (ACT) Savour Australia™ Restaurant & Catering HOSTPLUS Awards for Excellence were announced last night at a gala dinner held at the Hotel Realm in Canberra.

The winners across this year's major categories included:

- **CATERER OF THE YEAR** – National Press Club of Australia, BARTON;
- **CAFÉ OF THE YEAR** – The Tea Lounge - Hyatt Hotel Canberra - A Park Hyatt Hotel, YARRALUMLA; and
- **RESTAURANT OF THE YEAR** – Les Bistronomes, BRADDON.

Restaurant & Catering Australia (R&CA) CEO Juliana Payne congratulated the individuals and businesses recognised as part of the Awards and praised their contribution to the ACT's hospitality industry.

“On behalf of the Association, I'd like to congratulate all of tonight's winners and thank them for their participation in this year's Awards for Excellence.

“The ACT's hospitality sector has some magnificent offers and we are delighted to acknowledge a few of them of this year's ACT Awards for Excellence.

“I'd urge everyone not just to take our word for it but to go out and experience the divine culinary experience on offer throughout the ACT,” Ms Payne said.

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R&CA Awards for Excellence

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY WINNERS

RESTAURANT AWARDS

BREAKFAST RESTAURANT

Sponsored by Hostplus

WINNER - The Promenade Café - Hyatt Hotel Canberra - A Park Hyatt Hotel, YARRALUMLA

CAFÉ DINING

Sponsored by Deputy

WINNER - The Tea Lounge - Hyatt Hotel Canberra - A Park Hyatt Hotel, YARRALUMLA

CONTEMPORARY AUSTRALIAN RESTAURANT - FORMAL

Sponsored by American Express

HONOURABLE MENTION - Sage Dining Rooms, BRADDON

EUROPEAN RESTAURANT

Sponsored by Peugeot Citroën Australia

WINNER - Les Bistronomes, BRADDON

INDIAN / SUB-CONTINENT RESTAURANT

Sponsored by Menulog

WINNER - DAANA, CURTIN

ITALIAN RESTAURANT

Sponsored by Dimmi - A TripAdvisor Company

WINNER - Italian and Sons, BRADDON

MALAYSIAN RESTAURANT

Sponsored by Prospa

HONOURABLE MENTION - Abell's Kopi Tiam, MANUKA



NEW RESTAURANT

Sponsored by H&L Australia

HONOURABLE MENTION - RAKU Dining, CIVIC

RESTAURANT IN A CASINO / CLUB / HOTEL

Sponsored by Stoddart

WINNER - Buvette Bistro & Wine Bar - Hotel Realm, BARTON

RESTAURANT IN A WINERY

Sponsored by Entertainment Publications

HONOURABLE MENTION - Café Lerida - Lerida Estate, LAKE GEORGE

SPECIALTY RESTAURANT

Sponsored by ChefTV

WINNER - Topsy Bull, BRADDON

TOURISM RESTAURANT

Sponsored by Lion

WINNER - Black Fire Restaurant, BRADDON

CATERING AWARDS

FUNCTION / CONVENTION CENTRE CATERER

Sponsored by Templar Employment & Training

WINNER - Hyatt Hotel Canberra - A Park Hyatt Hotel, YARRALUMLA

SITE / INDUSTRIAL CATERER

Sponsored by Gallagher

WINNER - Trippas White Group - Australian Institute of Sport, BRUCE

VENUE CATERER

Sponsored by Taylors Wines

WINNER - Ginger Catering - National Arboretum Canberra, WESTON CREEK

WEDDING CATERER

Sponsored by APRA AMCOS

WINNER - National Press Club of Australia, BARTON

HOSPITALITY AWARDS

CHEF

Sponsored by Australian Pork

WINNER - Damian Brabender - Otis Dining



PRODUCT SUPPLY

Sponsored by Restaurant & Catering

WINNER - Templar Employment & Training

CONSUMER VOTE

Sponsored by Sanpellegrino

WINNER - Topsy Bull, BRADDON

MAJOR AWARDS

CAFÉ OF THE YEAR

Sponsored by AlSCO

WINNER - The Tea Lounge - Hyatt Hotel Canberra - A Park Hyatt Hotel, YARRALUMLA

CATERER OF THE YEAR

Sponsored by Gallagher

WINNER - National Press Club of Australia, BARTON

RESTAURANT OF THE YEAR

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