



MEDIA RELEASE

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WINNERS OF NEW SOUTH WALES 2018 AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE ANNOUNCED

The winners of the 2018 New South Wales Savour Australia™ Restaurant & Catering HOSTPLUS Awards for Excellence were announced last night at a gala dinner held at Luna Park. The winners across this year's major categories included:

- **CATERER OF YEAR**
 - Sydney Winner: ICC, Sydney;
 - Regional NSW Winner: Crowne Plaza Hunter Valley, Lovedale.

- **CAFÉ OF THE YEAR**
 - Sydney Winner: Café Patina, Wahroonga;
 - Regional NSW Winner: Burrawang General Store, Burrawang.

- **RESTAURANT OF THE YEAR**
 - Sydney Winner: Tetsuya's, Sydney;
 - Regional Winner: Circa 1876, Pokolbin.

- **RESTAURATEUR OF THE YEAR AWARD**
 - Nick Hildebrand and Brent Savage from Bentley, Cirrus, Yellow, Monopole

Mr Eric Wong was also announced as the recipient of the Lifetime Achievers Award for his contribution to the NSW restaurant industry. Abhi Mahadevan was announced as the recipient of the Young Achiever Award.

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 NSW hospitality industry.

“On behalf of the Association, I'd like to congratulate all the individuals and businesses who have received Awards for their exceptional contribution to the NSW hospitality sector.

A circular logo with a white border containing the text "2018 AWARDS For EXCELLENCE" in a stylized font. The background of the logo is a gradient of blue and purple.

“The quality of all entries to this year’s Awards for Excellence was outstanding and we are disappointed that we can’t acknowledge more businesses for the feats of culinary excellence that they have displayed.

“It’s fantastic to see the enormous passion of all business-owners as well as their staff whose daily hard work and dedication goes into producing an unforgettable culinary experience.

“This sense of passion and pride is what truly makes the hospitality sector in NSW stand out and makes the Awards for Excellence a special event”, Ms Payne said.

Some of the winning businesses in NSW will compete at the National Awards for Excellence also to be held at Luna Park on Monday 29 October.

A full list of NSW Award winners is attached to this media release.

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R&CA Awards for Excellence

NEW SOUTH WALES WINNERS LIST

SYDNEY METROPOLITAN RESTAURANT AWARDS

ASIAN RESTAURANT

Sponsored by Prospa

WINNER - China Lane, SYDNEY

BEER CAFÉ / WINE BAR

Sponsored by Yardy Legal

WINNER - GPO Cheese and Wine Room, SYDNEY

BREAKFAST RESTAURANT

Sponsored by H&L Australia

WINNER - Sokyo, PYRMONT

BURGER BAR

Sponsored by PFD Food Services

HONOURABLE MENTION - Basement Brewhouse, BANKSTOWN

CAFÉ DINING

Sponsored by Deputy

WINNER - Café Patina, WAHROONGA

CHINESE RESTAURANT

Sponsored by Menulog

WINNER - Golden Century Seafood Restaurant, SYDNEY

COFFEE SHOP / TEA HOUSE

Sponsored by Gallagher

WINNER - Ampersand Café & Bookstore, PADDINGTON

CONTEMPORARY AUSTRALIAN RESTAURANT - FORMAL

Sponsored by American Express

WINNER - Jonah's Restaurant & Boutique Hotel, WHALE BEACH



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CONTEMPORARY AUSTRALIAN RESTAURANT - INFORMAL

Sponsored by American Express

WINNER - One Penny Red, SUMMER HILL

EUROPEAN RESTAURANT

Sponsored by Peugeot Citroën Australia

WINNER - Mercado Restaurant, SYDNEY

FAMILY DINING RESTAURANT

Sponsored by Menulog

WINNER - Greenfield Station Bistro - Bankstown Sports Club, BANKSTOWN

FINE DINING RESTAURANT

Sponsored by Sanpellegrino

WINNER - Tetsuya's, SYDNEY

GREEK RESTAURANT

Sponsored by APRA AMCOS

WINNER - Alpha Restaurant, SYDNEY

INDIAN / SUB-CONTINENT RESTAURANT

Sponsored by Hostplus

WINNER - Delhi O'Delhi, NEWTOWN

ITALIAN RESTAURANT - FORMAL

Sponsored by Dimmi - A TripAdvisor Company

WINNER - The Restaurant Pendolino, SYDNEY

ITALIAN RESTAURANT - INFORMAL

Sponsored by Dimmi - A TripAdvisor Company

WINNER - La Rosa The Strand, SYDNEY

JAPANESE RESTAURANT

Sponsored by Lion

WINNER - TOKO Sydney, SURRY HILLS

NEW RESTAURANT

Sponsored by H&L Australia

WINNER - Marta, RUSHCUTTERS BAY

PIZZA RESTAURANT

Sponsored by Sanpellegrino

WINNER - Arte Bianca, DOUBLE BAY

RESTAURANT IN A PUB/CLUB/TAVERN

Sponsored by Lion

WINNER - Bel Cibo - Revesby Workers Club, REVESBY



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SEAFOOD RESTAURANT - FORMAL*Sponsored by Entertainment Publications***WINNER** - Flying Fish, PYRMONT**SEAFOOD RESTAURANT - INFORMAL***Sponsored by Entertainment Publications***WINNER** - Garfish at Manly, MANLY**SMALL BAR***Sponsored by APRA AMCOS***WINNER** - Vernon's Bar, SUMMER HILL**SPECIALTY RESTAURANT***Sponsored by ChefTV***WINNER** - Anason, BARANGAROO**STEAK RESTAURANT***Sponsored by Taylors Wines***WINNER** - Prime Restaurant, SYDNEY**SUSHI BAR***Sponsored by Prospa***WINNER** - Raw Bar, BONDI BEACH**TOURISM RESTAURANT***Sponsored by Destination NSW***WINNER** - Jonah's Restaurant & Boutique Hotel, WHALE BEACH**NSW REGIONAL RESTAURANT AWARDS****ASIAN RESTAURANT***Sponsored by Prospa***WINNER** - Nagisa Japanese Restaurant, NEWCASTLE**BEER CAFÉ/WINE BAR***Sponsored by Yardy Legal***HONOURABLE MENTION** - Lovedale Bar - Crowne Plaza Hunter Valley, LOVEDALE**BREAKFAST RESTAURANT***Sponsored by H&L Australia***WINNER** - The River Deck, SOUTH ALBURY**CAFÉ DINING***Sponsored by Deputy***WINNER** - Burrawang General Store, BURRAWANG



CHINESE RESTAURANT

Sponsored by Menulog

WINNER - New Bo Wa Chinese Restaurant, MOREE

COFFEE SHOP/ TEA HOUSE

Sponsored by Gallagher

WINNER - Coffee Niche, WAGGA WAGGA

CONTEMPORARY AUSTRALIAN RESTAURANT - FORMAL

Sponsored by American Express

WINNER - Circa 1876, POKOLBIN

CONTEMPORARY AUSTRALIAN RESTAURANT - INFORMAL

Sponsored by American Express

WINNER - The Entrance Lake House, THE ENTRANCE

INDIAN / SUB-CONTINENT RESTAURANT

Sponsored by Hostplus

WINNER - Kohli's Indian Restaurant, NOWRA

ITALIAN RESTAURANT

Sponsored by Dimmi - A TripAdvisor Company

WINNER - Il Cacciatore Restaurant, POKOLBIN

NEW RESTAURANT

Sponsored by H&L Australia

WINNER - Baumé, POKOLBIN

PIZZA RESTAURANT

Sponsored by Sanpellegrino

WINNER - Sam's Pizzeria, BATEMANS BAY

RESTAURANT IN A HOTEL/RESORT

Sponsored by Stoddart

WINNER - Wolgan Dining Room - Emirates One&Only, WOLGAN VALLEY

RESTAURANT IN A PUB/CLUB/TAVERN

Sponsored by Lion

WINNER - ZIVA - Club Toukley RSL, TOUKLEY

RESTAURANT IN A WINERY

Sponsored by Peugeot Citroën Australia

WINNER - Esca Bimbadgen Restaurant, POKOLBIN

SEAFOOD RESTAURANT

Sponsored by Entertainment Publications

WINNER - Harbourfront Seafood Restaurant, WOLLONGONG



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SMALL BAR*Sponsored by APRA AMCOS***WINNER** - Bannisters by the Sea Pool Bar, MOLLYMOOK**SPECIALTY RESTAURANT***Sponsored by ChefTV***WINNER** - Barcito, HAMILTON**STEAK RESTAURANT***Sponsored by Taylors Wines***WINNER** - The Cottage, SCONE**TOURISM RESTAURANT***Sponsored by Destination NSW***WINNER** - Esca Bimbadgen Restaurant, POKOLBIN**SYDNEY METROPOLITAN CATERING AWARDS****CORPORATE CATERER***Sponsored by Hostplus***WINNER** - Blond Catering, MARRICKVILLE**EVENTS CATERER***Sponsored by PFD Food Services***WINNER** - Gastronomy, The Art and Science of Food, ALEXANDRIA**FUNCTION / CONVENTION CENTRE CATERER***Sponsored by Stoddart***WINNER** - ICC, Sydney**RESTAURANT CATERER***Sponsored by ChefTV***WINNER** - Aqua Dining, MILSONS POINT**SITE & INDUSTRIAL CATERER***Sponsored by Deputy***WINNER** - Catering Project - UNSW, SYDNEY**SMALL CATERER***Sponsored by Australian Pork***HONOURABLE MENTION** - Bold Food Pty Ltd, ROSEBERY**VENUE CATERER***Sponsored by Alseasons***WINNER** - Together with Solotel - Art Gallery of NSW, SYDNEY



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WEDDING CATERER

Sponsored by AlSCO

WINNER - Doltone House - Jones Bay Wharf, PYRMONT

NSW REGIONAL CATERING AWARDS

FUNCTION / CONVENTION CENTRE CATERER

Sponsored by Stoddart

WINNER - Crowne Plaza Hunter Valley, LOVEDALE

RESTAURANT CATERER

Sponsored by ChefTV

WINNER - The River Deck, SOUTH ALBURY

SITE & INDUSTRIAL CATERER

Sponsored by Deputy

WINNER - Compass Group - B&I Hospitality Services, TAMWORTH

SMALL CATERER

Sponsored by Australian Pork

HONOURABLE MENTION - Caterforce, SANDGATE

VENUE CATERER

Sponsored by Alseasons

HONOURABLE MENTION - H&H Catering - Japanese Gardens, GOSFORD

WEDDING CATERER

Sponsored by AlSCO

WINNER - H&H Catering, WYONG

HOSPITALITY AWARDS

GEORGE MURE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AWARD

Sponsored by Restaurant & Catering

HONOURABLE MENTION - The Star Culinary Institute

APPRENTICE CHEF

Sponsored by Industry Specific Mentoring for Australian Apprentices

HONOURABLE MENTION - Samantha Levett - The Star

CHEF OF THE YEAR

Sponsored by Australian Pork

WINNER - Joel Bickford - Aria



PRODUCT SUPPLIER

Sponsored by Restaurant & Catering

WINNER - PFD Foods

CONSUMER VOTE - SYDNEY

Sponsored by Savour Australia

WINNER - The Pantry, MANLY

CONSUMER VOTE - NSW REGIONAL

Sponsored by Savour Australia

WINNER - Table 1 Espresso, MEREWETHER

MAJOR AWARDS

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LIFETIME ACHIEVER AWARD

Sponsored by Taylors Wines

WINNER - Eric Wong

YOUNG ACHIEVER AWARD

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WINNER - Abhi Mahadevan