



2018

R&CA Awards for Excellence

NATIONAL WINNERS & FINALISTS LIST

RESTAURANT AWARDS

ASIAN RESTAURANT

Sponsored by H&L Australia

ACT	Abell's Kopi Tiam, MANUKA
NSW – Sydney	China Lane, SYDNEY (GOLD)
QLD	The Tamarind Restaurant - Spicers Tamarind Retreat, MALENY (BRONZE)
SA	Electra House - Level One, ADELAIDE (SILVER)
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 (GOLD)
VIC	Cru Wine Bar, KEW (BRONZE)
WA	Bistro Felix Wine Bar, SUBIACO (SILVER)



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 (GOLD)
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 (SILVER)
SA - Regional	Café Sia Gawler, EVANSTON
VIC	Entrecote, SOUTH YARRA
WA	Nic & Kolo, APPLECROSS (BRONZE)

BURGER BAR

Sponsored by Lion

NSW – Sydney	Basement Brewhouse, BANKSTOWN
QLD	The Loose Moose Tap & Grill House, BROADBEACH
VIC	Spitfire Restaurant & Grill, ROSEBUD (GOLD)

CAFÉ DINING

Sponsored by Deputy

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

CHINESE RESTAURANT

Sponsored by Menulog

NSW – Regional	New Bo Wa Restaurant, MOREE
NSW – Sydney	Golden Century Seafood Restaurant, SYDNEY
QLD	Imperial at the Star, BROADBEACH ISLAND (GOLD)
SA	Concubine, ADELAIDE (BRONZE)
TAS	Me Wah Restaurant, SANDY BAY (SILVER)

COFFEE SHOP / TEA HOUSE

Sponsored by APRA AMCOS

NSW – Regional	Coffee Niche, WAGGA WAGGA (SILVER)
NSW – Sydney	Ampersand Café & Bookstore, PADDINGTON
QLD	Room with Roses, BRISBANE
SA	Coffee Institute, WALKERVILLE (GOLD)



CONTEMPORARY AUSTRALIAN RESTAURANT – FORMAL

Sponsored by American Express

ACT	Sage Dining Rooms, BRADDON
NSW – Regional	Circa 1876, POKOLBIN (BRONZE)
NSW – Sydney	Jonah's Restaurant & Boutique Hotel, WHALE BEACH (GOLD)
QLD	Tides Waterfront, CALOUNDRA
SA	2KW Bar and Restaurant, ADELAIDE
SA - Regional	The Olfactory Inn, STRATHALBYN (SILVER)
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 (SILVER)
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 (GOLD)
TAS	Mudbar Restaurant, LAUNCESTON (BRONZE)

EUROPEAN RESTAURANT

Sponsored by Peugeot Citroën Australia

ACT	Les Bistronomes, BRADDON
NSW – Sydney	Mercado Restaurant, SYDNEY
SA	Cliché Exhibition, NORTH ADELAIDE (GOLD)
VIC	Philippe, MELBOURNE (SILVER)

FAMILY DINING RESTAURANT

Sponsored by Menulog

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

FINE DINING RESTAURANT

Sponsored by Sanpellegrino

NSW – Sydney	Tetsuya's, SYDNEY (GOLD)
QLD	ARIA, BRISBANE
SA	Magill Estate Restaurant, MAGILL (SILVER)
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 (GOLD)



INDIAN / SUB-CONTINENT RESTAURANT

Sponsored by MooV Music

ACT	DAANA, CURTIN
NSW – Regional	Kohli's Indian Restaurant, NOWRA (BRONZE)
NSW - Sydney	Delhi 'O' Delhi, NEWTOWN
QLD	Indian Empire on Runaway Bay, RUNAWAY BAY
SA	Indii of Clare, CLARE (SILVER)
VIC	Atta Restaurant, ALBERT PARK (GOLD)
WA	Punjab Indian Restaurant, INNALOO

ITALIAN RESTAURANT - FORMAL

Sponsored by Dimmi - A TripAdvisor Company

NSW – Sydney	The Restaurant Pendolino, SYDNEY (GOLD)
SA	Chianti, ADELAIDE

ITALIAN RESTAURANT - INFORMAL

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

JAPANESE RESTAURANT

Sponsored by Deputy

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

NEW RESTAURANT

Sponsored by H&L Australia

ACT	RAKU Dining, CIVIC (BRONZE)
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 (SILVER)
VIC	Matilda159 Domain, SOUTH YARRA (GOLD)



PIZZA RESTAURANT

Sponsored by Moov Music

NSW – Regional	Sam's Pizzeria, BATEMANS BAY (BRONZE)
NSW – Sydney	Arte Bianca, DOUBLE BAY (GOLD)
QLD	La Stazione Pizzeria & Bar, MILTON
SA	Pizza Meccanica, BOWDEN
VIC	400 Gradi, BRUNSWICK EAST (SILVER)
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 (GOLD)
QLD	Bistro On3 - Sofitel Gold Coast, BROADBEACH (SILVER)
SA	The Barn Steakhouse, MT GAMBIER (BRONZE)
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 (GOLD)
QLD	Lavarack Restaurant - Townsville RSL Club, HERMIT PARK (SILVER)
SA	The Queens Head Hotel Restaurant, NORTH ADELAIDE
VIC	The Grand Dining Room & Bar, RICHMOND (BRONZE)

RESTAURANT IN A WINERY

Sponsored by Destination NSW

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

SEAFOOD RESTAURANT - FORMAL

Sponsored by Entertainment Publications

NSW – Regional	Harbourfront Seafood Restaurant, WOLLONGONG (GOLD)
NSW – Sydney	Flying Fish, PYRMONT
QLD	Seascape Restaurant + Bar, SURFERS PARADISE
TAS	Mures Upper Deck, HOBART (SILVER)

SEAFOOD RESTAURANT - INFORMAL

Sponsored by Entertainment Publications

NSW – Sydney	Garfish at Manly, MANLY
QLD	Jellyfish Restaurant, BRISBANE (GOLD)
SA	Hortas, PORT NOARLUNGA



SMALL BAR

Sponsored by APRA AMCOS

NSW – Regional	Bannisters by the Sea Pool Bar, MOLLYMOOK
NSW – Sydney	Vernon's Bar, SUMMER HILL (SILVER)
QLD	Roosevelt Lounge, BROADBEACH
SA	Bar Torino, ADELAIDE (GOLD)

SPECIALTY RESTAURANT

Sponsored by ChefTV

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

STEAK RESTAURANT

Sponsored by Taylors Wines

NSW – Regional	The Cottage, SCONE (BRONZE)
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 (GOLD)
VIC	The Woodhouse Restaurant, BENDIGO (SILVER)

SUSHI BAR

Sponsored by Prospa

NSW – Sydney	Raw Bar, BONDI BEACH (GOLD)
SA	Sushi Train Central Market Station, ADELAIDE

THAI RESTAURANT

Sponsored by Prospa

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



TOURISM RESTAURANT

Sponsored by Tourism Australia

ACT	Black Fire Restaurant, BRADDON
NSW – Regional	Esca Bimbadgen Restaurant, POKOLBIN (GOLD)
NSW – Sydney	Jonah's Restaurant & Boutique Hotel, WHALE BEACH (BRONZE)
QLD	Jellyfish Restaurant, BRISBANE
SA	Mitolo Wines, McLAREN VALE (SILVER)
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 (GOLD)
QLD	Wine & Dine'm Catering, WOLLOONGABBA
VIC	Sodexo - Corrs Melbourne, MELBOURNE
WA	Spices Group, WEMBLEY DOWNS (SILVER)

EVENTS CATERER

Sponsored by Peugeot Citroën Australia

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

FUNCTION / CONVENTION CENTRE CATERER

Sponsored by Llama

ACT	Hyatt Hotel Canberra - A Park Hyatt Hotel, YARRALUMLA
NSW - Regional	Crowne Plaza Hunter Valley, LOVEDALE (GOLD)
NSW - Sydney	ICC, SYDNEY
QLD	Gabbinbar Homestead, TOOWOOMBA
SA	The National Wine Centre of Australia, ADELAIDE (BRONZE)
VIC	Atlantic Group, DOCKLANDS (SILVER)
WA	Rambla on Swan, SOUTH PERTH

NEW CATERER

Sponsored by Hostplus

SA	The Manager SA, ADELAIDE
WA	Optus Stadium, BURSWOOD (GOLD)



RESTAURANT CATERER

Sponsored by Australian Pork

NSW - Regional	The River Deck, SOUTH ALBURY (BRONZE)
NSW - Sydney	Aqua Dining, MILSONS POINT
QLD	Salsa Bar & Grill, PORT DOUGLAS (GOLD)
SA	Windy Point Café, BELAIR
VIC	The Grand Dining Room & Bar, RICHMOND (SILVER)

SITE / INDUSTRIAL CATERER

Sponsored by Gallagher

ACT	Trippas White Group - Australian Institute of Sport, BRUCE
NSW - Regional	BAE Tamworth Compass Group B&I, TAMWORTH (BRONZE)
NSW - Sydney	Catering Project – UNSW, SYDNEY (GOLD)
QLD	Chartwells - Gatton College - University of QLD, GATTON
SA	Oil Industry Catering & Services, HILTON
VIC	Contemporary Catering – Arcare, MAIDSTONE (SILVER)
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 (GOLD)
SA	Owen Andrews Barossa Catering, SEPPELTSFIELD (SILVER)
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 (BRONZE)
NSW - Sydney	Together with Solotel - Art Gallery of NSW, SYDNEY (GOLD)
SA	The Catering Haus, HAHNDORF
VIC	Epicure at the MCG, EAST MELBOURNE
WA	AEG Ogden - Perth Arena, PERTH (SILVER)

WEDDING CATERER

Sponsored by AlSCO

ACT	National Press Club of Australia, BARTON (GOLD)
NSW - Regional	H&H Catering, WYONG
NSW - Sydney	Doltone House - Jones Bay Wharf, PYRMONT
QLD	Gabbinbar Homestead, TOOWOOMBA (BRONZE)
SA	The National Wine Centre of Australia, ADELAIDE (SILVER)
VIC	Encore St Kilda Beach, ST KILDA
WA	Supper Road, VASSE



HOSPITALITY AWARDS

GEORGE MURE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AWARD

Sponsored by Restaurant & Catering

NSW **The Star Culinary Institute, PYRMONT (WINNER)**

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 (WINNER)
 WA Jed Gerrard - State Buildings Wildflower

MAJOR AWARDS

CAFÉ OF THE YEAR

Sponsored by AlSCO

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

Sponsored by Gallagher

ACT National Press Club of Australia, BARTON (WINNER)
 NSW - Regional Crowne Plaza Hunter Valley, LOVEDALE
 NSW - Sydney ICC, SYDNEY
 QLD Gabbinbar Homestead, TOOWOOMBA
 SA The National Wine Centre of Australia, ADELAIDE
 VIC Atlantic Group, DOCKLANDS
 WA Beaumonde Catering, BASSENDEAN



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ACT	Les Bistronomes, BRADDON
NSW – Regional	Circa 1876, POKOLBIN
NSW – Sydney	Tetsuya's, SYDNEY (WINNER)
QLD	ARIA, BRISBANE
SA	Magill Estate Restaurant, MAGILL
VIC	Taxi Kitchen, MELBOURNE
WA	Rambla On Swan, SOUTH PERTH