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R&CA CELEBRATES YOUNG & LIFETIME ACHIEVERS

Restaurant & Catering Australia (R&CA) celebrates the lives and achievements of a number of well-known and loved restaurateurs at a prestigious event at Parliament House in Canberra tonight.

Seventy members of parliament and staff will attend the event to recognise the achievements of these hard-working operators and the economic benefit they bring to the nation. Key-note speaker, Colin Fassnidge, head chef from Four in Hand and 4Fourteen in Sydney and regular star of My Kitchen Rules, will speak about his successful career in hospitality, his challenges and his pathway through a traditional apprenticeship to multi-business operator.

The Lifetime Achiever award is bestowed upon restaurateurs who have contributed to the sector through mentoring others, supporting the industry and operating successful businesses over an extended period. The Young Achiever is awarded to an operator under 30 years old who is demonstrating best practice in operations and leadership in the highly competitive hospitality sector.

2018 Lifetime Achiever Recipients are

- Eric Wong, Golden Century Restaurant, New South Wales
- Tony Percuoco, Ristorante Tartufo, Queensland
- Vic Ventura, Fasta Pasta and others, South Australia
- Teresa Bruno, Zia Teresa, Victoria
- Stephen Scaffidi, Treasury State Buildings, Western Australia.

2018 Young Achiever is

- Abhi Mahadevan, Abhi's Restaurant, New South Wales.

“With more than a century in combined experience in the hospitality industry, these professionals’ experience and knowledge will contribute to the economic and social fabric of our industry’s future,” said R&CA President Con Castrisos OAM.

“We heartily congratulate these people on their significant achievement and expect that their careers will be aspirational for other operators in the industry,” said R&CA CEO Juliana Payne

Restaurant & Catering Australia is the peak industry body representing the interests of 45,000 restaurant, cafes and caterers across the country.



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