



2019  
AWARDS  
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# 2019

## R&CA Awards for Excellence

### QUEENSLAND & NORTHERN TERRITORY WINNERS & FINALISTS

#### Region Key

- \* BDD - Brisbane Darling Downs    \* GC - Gold Coast    \* SC - Sunshine Coast  
\* NQ - Northern QLD                    \* NT - Northern Territory

#### RESTAURANT AWARDS

##### ASIAN RESTAURANT

###### *Sponsored by Prospa*

Chu The Phat, BRISBANE *BDD*

Fat Noodle - Treasury Casino, BRISBANE *BDD*

Jade Buddha, BRISBANE *BDD*

Madame Wu, BRISBANE *BDD*

Miss Songs Asian Kitchen - The Ville Resort-Casino, TOWNSVILLE *NQ*

**WINNER** - The Balfour Kitchen - Spicers Balfour Hotel, NEW FARM *BDD*

The Tamarind Restaurant - Spicers Tamarind Retreat, MALENY *SC*

##### BREAKFAST RESTAURANT – NORTH QUEENSLAND

###### *Sponsored by H&L Australia*

Harbourside Bar and Kitchen, CAIRNS NORTH *NQ*

JAM Restaurant, TOWNSVILLE *NQ*

Le Porte Rosse, EMERALD *NQ*

Tamarind @ Pullman Reef Hotel Casino, CAIRNS *NQ*

**WINNER** - The Waterline Restaurant, ROSSLYN BAY *NQ*

Water St Kitchen, WALKERVILLE *NQ*



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### BREAKFAST RESTAURANT – SOUTH EAST QUEENSLAND

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Connors Café, BURLEIGH HEADS GC  
 Cross & Feather, PARADISE POINT GC  
 Goodness Gracious Café, GRACEVILLE BDD  
 Hyde Away Café, YERONGA BDD  
 Koffee Shack, BURLEIGH HEADS GC  
 Room with Roses, BRISBANE BDD  
 Salon de Co - Ovolo Inchcolm Brisbane, SPRING HILL BDD  
 The Balfour Kitchen - Spicers Balfour Hotel, NEW FARM BDD  
**WINNER** - The Tamarind Restaurant - Spicers Tamarind Retreat, MALENY SC  
 Urban Paddock Café, DALBY BDD

### BURGER BAR

**Sponsored by OneMusic**

Betty'S Burgers & Concrete Co, BRISBANE BDD  
**WINNER** - BillyKart Bar, SOUTH BRISBANE BDD  
 Grassfed, SOUTH BRISBANE BDD  
 Hello Harry, TOOWOOMBA BDD  
 Red Hook, BRISBANE BDD

### CAFÉ DINING

**Sponsored by Deputy**

Connors Café, BURLEIGH HEADS GC  
 Cross & Feather, PARADISE POINT GC  
 Goodness Gracious Café, GRACEVILLE BDD  
 Koffee Shack, BURLEIGH HEADS GC  
 Le Porte Rosse, EMERALD NQ  
 The Waterline Restaurant, ROSSLYN BAY NQ  
**WINNER** - Urban Paddock Café, DALBY BDD

### CHINESE RESTAURANT

**Sponsored by Menulog**

Café China Seafood Restaurant, CAIRNS NQ  
 Donna Chang, BRISBANE BDD  
 Enjoy Inn Chinese Restaurant, FORTITUDE VALLEY BDD  
 Enjoy Inn Restaurant, HAMILTON BDD  
**WINNER** - Imperial at The Star - The Star Gold Coast, BROADBEACH GC  
 Little Valley, FORTITUDE VALLEY

### COFFEE SHOP/TEA HOUSE/PATISSERIE

**Sponsored by OneMusic**

Bunker Coffee, MILTON BDD  
 Flour and Chocolate Patisserie, NORTHGATE BDD  
 Hyde Away Café, YERONGA BDD  
 John Mills Himself, BRISBANE BDD  
 Room with Roses, BRISBANE BDD  
**WINNER** - Sister, HAWTHORNE BDD



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### CONTEMPORARY AUSTRALIAN RESTAURANT – NORTH QUEENSLAND

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Beach Almond, PALM COVE NQ

Harbourside Bar and Kitchen, CAIRNS NORTH NQ

**WINNER** - JAM Restaurant, TOWNSVILLE NQ

Salsa Bar & Grill, PORT DOUGLAS NQ

Water St Kitchen, WALKERVALE NQ

### CONTEMPORARY AUSTRALIAN RESTAURANT – FORMAL – SOUTH EAST QUEENSLAND

*Sponsored by American Express*

**WINNER** - Blackbird Bar & Restaurant, BRISBANE BDD

Nineteen @ The Star - The Star Gold Coast, BROADBEACH GC

The Peak Restaurant - Spicers Peak Lodge, MARYVALE BDD

### CONTEMPORARY AUSTRALIAN RESTAURANT – INFORMAL - SOUTH EAST QUEENSLAND

*Sponsored by American Express*

Carmody'S Restaurant - Southport Sharks, SOUTHPORT GC

Gauge, SOUTH BRISBANE BDD

Kin Kin General Store, KIN KIN SC

**WINNER** - Pony Dining, BRISBANE BDD

### EUROPEAN RESTAURANT

*Sponsored by AlSCO*

Little Truffle Dining Room & Bar, MERMAID BEACH GC

**WINNER** - Montrachet, BOWEN HILLS BDD

Rococo Bistro Noosa, NOOSA HEADS SC

### FAMILY RESTAURANT

*Sponsored by Menulog*

**WINNER** - Club Croc Bistro, CANNONVALE BDD

Portabella Restaurant, ALBANY CREEK BDD

Star Graze - Cowboys Leagues Club, TOWNSVILLE NQ

### FINE DINING RESTAURANT

*Sponsored by Sanpellegrino*

**WINNER** - Homage Restaurant - Spicers Hiddenvale, GRANDCHESTER BDD

The Long Apron - Spicers Clovelly Estate, MONTVILLE SC

### GREEK RESTAURANT

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**WINNER** - Greca, BRISBANE BDD

Lefkas Taverna, WEST END BDD

Nostimo Restaurant Bar - The Greek Club, SOUTH BRISBANE BDD



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### INDIAN/SUB-CONTINENT RESTAURANT

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Ceylon Inn, GRACEVILLE BDD

**WINNER** - Indian Empire on Runaway Bay, RUNAWAY BAY GC

Kaali Gourmet Indian Restaurant, NOOSA HEADS SC

Krish Indian Cuisine, ROBINA GC

The Tandoori Place on Surfers Paradise, SURFERS PARADISE GC

### ITALIAN RESTAURANT

**Sponsored by TheFork – A TripAdvisor Company**

Cloudland Restaurant, FORTITUDE VALLEY BDD

Cucina Vivo - The Star Gold Coast, BROADBEACH GC

**WINNER** - Fellini Ristorante & Bar, MAIN BEACH GC

Il Centro Restaurant, BRISBANE BDD

### JAPANESE RESTAURANT

**Sponsored by Hostplus**

Bird's Nest Yakitori & Bar, SOUTH BRISBANE BDD

**WINNER** - Kiyomi - The Star Gold Coast, BROADBEACH GC

Sono Japanese Restaurant Portside Wharf, HAMILTON BDD

### MEXICAN RESTAURANT

**Sponsored by Deputy**

Comuna Cantina, BRISBANE BDD

El Camino, BOWEN HILLS BDD

**WINNER** - Hot Tamale, DARWIN NT

### NEW RESTAURANT

**Sponsored by H&L Australia**

Barolos Ristorante Italiano, TOOWONG BDD

Bridgewater Q, TOWNSVILLE NQ

Harvest Buffet - The Star Gold Coast, BROADBEACH GC

Massimo Restaurant & Bar, BRISBANE BDD

**WINNER** - Melaleuca, PORT DOUGLAS NQ

Patina at Customs House, BRISBANE BDD

Persone Italian Restaurant, BRISBANE BDD

Snapper Rocks Bar & Kitchen, DARWIN NT

Zinc, PORT DOUGLAS NQ

### PIZZA RESTAURANT

**Sponsored by Sanpellegrino**

Corbett & Claude, BRISBANE BDD

**WINNER** - Julius Pizzeria, SOUTH BRISBANE BDD

Justin Lane, BURLEIGH HEADS GC

Salt Meats Cheese Gasworks, NEWSTEAD BDD



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### RESTAURANT IN A HOTEL/MOTEL/RESORT/CASINO

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**WINNER** - Garden Kitchen & Bar - The Star Gold Coast, BROADBEACH GC  
Rivers Restaurant - Riverland Motor Inn, ST GEORGE BDD  
Salon de Co - Ovolo Inchcolm Brisbane, SPRING HILL BDD  
Tamarind @ Pullman Reef Hotel Casino, CAIRNS NQ

### RESTAURANT IN A PUB/CLUB/TAVERN

*Sponsored by Malt Shovel*

Buffet World - Redlands Sporting Club, WELLINGTON POINT BDD  
Frenzy Food Court - Southport Sharks, SOUTHPORT GC  
**WINNER** – Match Restaurant & Grill - Cowboys Leagues Club, TOWNSVILLE NQ

### RESTAURANT IN A WINERY

*Sponsored by TheFork – A TripAdvisor Company*

**HONOURABLE MENTION** - Varias Restaurant and Banca Ridge Winery, STANTHORPE BDD

### SEAFOOD RESTAURANT - FORMAL

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Gambaro Seafood Restaurant, PETRIE TERRACE BDD  
Seascape Restaurant & Bar, SURFERS PARADISE GC  
**WINNER** - Wilsons Boathouse, MANLY BDD

### SEAFOOD RESTAURANT - INFORMAL

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2 Fish Restaurant, PORT DOUGLAS NQ  
George's Paragon Seafood Restaurant, BRISBANE BDD  
Jellyfish Restaurant, BRISBANE BDD  
Neptune's on the Cove, PALM COVE NQ  
**WINNER** - Shuck Restaurant, MAIN BEACH GC  
The Lighthouse Restaurant, CLEVELAND POINT BDD

### SMALL BAR

*Sponsored by OneMusic*

**WINNER** - Chapter & Verse Bar and Lounge, SURFERS PARADISE GC  
Gotham Rooftop Bar, RUNAWAY BAY GC  
Mr & Mrs G Riverbar, BRISBANE BDD  
Mr Percival's, BRISBANE BDD  
The Boom Boom Room, BRISBANE BDD



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### SPECIALTY RESTAURANT

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Bayleaf Balinese Restaurant, CAIRNS NQ  
Big Roddy's Rippin Rib Shack, SOUTH BRISBANE BDD  
Mado Café & Restaurant, SOUTH BRISBANE BDD  
Public, BRISBANE BDD

**WINNER** - Sofra Turkish Cuisine, TOOWOOMBA BDD  
The American Bourbon Bar & Grill, SPRINGWOOD BDD

### STEAK RESTAURANT

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**WINNER** - Black Hide by Gambaro at Treasury, BRISBANE BDD  
Black Hide Steakhouse by Gambaro, PETRIE TERRACE BDD  
Cha Cha Char Wine Bar & Grill, BRISBANE BDD  
Char Restaurant 'Old Admiralty House', DARWIN NT  
Gotham Grill, RUNAWAY BAY GC  
Walter's Steakhouse and Bar, BRISBANE BDD

### THAI RESTAURANT

**Sponsored by Prospa**

LONGTIME, FORTITUDE VALLEY BDD  
Modern Thai Restaurant, MT GRAVATT BDD  
Siam Pagoda Thai Garden Restaurant, CLAYFIELD BDD  
**WINNER** - Thai Royal Restaurant, TOOWOOMBA BDD

### TOURISM RESTAURANT – NORTHERN TERRITORY

**Sponsored by Malt Shovel**

Char Restaurant 'Old Admiralty House', DARWIN NT  
Hot Tamale, DARWIN NT  
**WINNER** - Snapper Rocks Bar & Kitchen, DARWIN NT

### TOURISM RESTAURANT - QUEENSLAND

**Sponsored by Malt Shovel**

Cha Cha Char Wine Bar & Grill, BRISBANE BDD  
Harbourside Bar and Kitchen, CAIRNS NORTH NQ  
Il Centro Restaurant, BRISBANE BDD  
**WINNER** - Jellyfish Restaurant, BRISBANE BDD  
The Lighthouse Restaurant, CLEVELAND POINT BDD

## CATERING AWARDS

### CORPORATE CATERER

**Sponsored by Prospa**

Australian Catering Services, WINDSOR  
Compass Group - Flight Centre, SOUTH BRISBANE  
**WINNER** - Wine & Dine'm Catering, WOOLLOONGABBA





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**EVENTS CATERER***Sponsored by Deputy*

Australian Catering Services, WINDSOR

**WINNER** - Wine & Dine'm Catering, WOOLLOONGABBA**FUNCTION/CONVENTION CENTRE CATERER***Sponsored by AlSCO*

Customs House, BRISBANE

Gabbabar Homestead, MIDDLE RIDGE

Gambaro Function Centre, PETRIE TERRACE

**WINNER** - Howard Smith Wharves, BRISBANE

Southport Sharks Events Centre, SOUTHPORT

The Events Centre - The Star Gold Coast, BROADBEACH

**RESTAURANT CATERER***Sponsored by Sanpellegrino***HONOURABLE MENTION** - Salsa Bar & Grill, PORT DOUGLAS**SITE/INDUSTRIAL CATERER***Sponsored by Hostplus*

Compass Group - Flight Centre, SOUTH BRISBANE

Compass Group - James Cook University Hall, DOUGLAS

**WINNER** - Compass Group - University of QLD Dining Hall, GATTON

Contemporary Catering - Arcare Slacks Creek, EIGHT MILE PLAINS

**SMALL CATERER***Sponsored by Sanpellegrino***HONOURABLE MENTION** - Black Ant Gourmet, KIN KIN**WEDDING CATERER***Sponsored by AlSCO*

Customs House, BRISBANE

**WINNER** - Gabbabar Homestead, MIDDLE RIDGE**HOSPITALITY AWARDS****APPRENTICE CHEF OF THE YEAR***Sponsored by Hostplus***HONOURABLE MENTION** - Beau Love - The American Bourbon Bar & Grill



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**CHEF OF THE YEAR***Sponsored by Hostplus*

**WINNER** - David Finlayson - Howard Smith Wharves  
Jane Hodder - Contemporary Catering  
Marcelo Flores - Contemporary Catering  
Nicholas Stapleton - Spicers Retreats  
Steven Holbert - The American Bourbon Bar & Grill

**PRODUCT SUPPLIER***Sponsored by Restaurant & Catering*

**WINNER** - H&L Australia NT  
Hospitality Staff Solutions  
Merlo Coffee  
Xact Accounting  
Zenith Hospitality Staffing Solutions

**CONSUMER VOTE AWARD***Sponsored by Savour Australia*

Cactus Jacks, TOWNSVILLE NQ  
Circa 20 - Brothers Leagues Club, TOWNSVILLE NQ  
Comuna Cantina, BRISBANE BDD  
Corbett & Claude, BRISBANE BDD  
**WINNER** - Match Restaurant & Grill - Cowboys Leagues Club, TOWNSVILLE NQ  
Quarterdeck - The Ville Casino, TOWNSVILLE NQ

**MAJOR AWARDS****LIFETIME ACHIEVER****WINNER** - Tina Ratanavaraha - The Thai Orchid, SPRINGWOOD**CATERER OF YEAR***Sponsored by Malt Shovel***WINNER** - Gabbinbar Homestead, MIDDLE RIDGE**CAFÉ OF THE YEAR***Sponsored by AlSCO***WINNER** - Urban Paddock Café, DALBY BDD**RESTAURANT OF THE YEAR***Sponsored by Hostplus***WINNER** - Blackbird Bar & Restaurant, BRISBANE BDD