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WINNERS OF QUEENSLAND & NORTHERN TERRITORY 2019 AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE ANNOUNCED

The winners of the 2019 Queensland and Northern Territory Savour Australia™ Restaurant & Catering Hostplus Awards for Excellence were announced last night at a gala dinner held at the Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre.

The winners across this year’s major categories included:

- CATERER OF THE YEAR – Gabbinbar Homestead, MIDDLE RIDGE;
- CAFÉ OF THE YEAR – Urban Paddock Café, DALBY; and
- RESTAURANT OF THE YEAR – Blackbird Bar & Restaurant, BRISBANE

Tina Ratanavaraha was also announced as the recipient of the Lifetime Achievers Award for her contribution to the QLD restaurant industry, with particular respect to Thai cuisine.

Restaurant & Catering Australia (R&CA) CEO Wes Lambert congratulated the hardworking individuals and businesses recognised as part of the Awards and praised their ongoing contribution to the QLD & NT hospitality industry.

"On behalf of the Association, I’d like to congratulate all of tonight’s Award winners whose determination, dedication and commitment to their industry is on full display.

All of tonight’s Awards are well earned recognition for the exceptional service and culinary excellence displayed by a number of individuals and businesses across Queensland and the Northern Territory.

For many of the Awards, this has been over the past 12 months, however, for our Lifetime Achiever Awards, this has been over the course of years and decades."

“As an organization, we are extremely proud to recognise all the stellar contributions as part of our annual Awards for Excellence”, Wes said.

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R&CA Awards for Excellence
QUEENSLAND & NORTHERN TERRITORY WINNERS

RESTAURANT AWARDS

ASIAN RESTAURANT
Sponsored by Prospa
WINNER - The Balfour Kitchen - Spicers Balfour Hotel, NEW FARM

BREAKFAST RESTAURANT – NORTH QUEENSLAND
Sponsored by H&L Australia
WINNER - The Waterline Restaurant, ROSSLYN BAY

BREAKFAST RESTAURANT – SOUTH EAST QUEENSLAND
Sponsored by H&L Australia
WINNER - The Tamarind Restaurant - Spicers Tamarind Retreat, MALENY

BURGER BAR
Sponsored by OneMusic
WINNER - BillyKart Bar, SOUTH BRISBANE

CAFÉ DINING
Sponsored by Deputy
WINNER - Urban Paddock Café, DALBY

CHINESE RESTAURANT
Sponsored by Menulog
WINNER - Imperial at The Star - The Star Gold Coast, BROADBEACH

COFFEE SHOP/TEA HOUSE/PATISSERIE
Sponsored by OneMusic
WINNER - Sister, HAWTHORNE
CONTEMPORARY AUSTRALIAN RESTAURANT – NORTH QUEENSLAND
*Sponsored by American Express*
**WINNER** - JAM Restaurant, TOWNSVILLE

CONTEMPORARY AUSTRALIAN RESTAURANT – FORMAL – SOUTH EAST QUEENSLAND
*Sponsored by American Express*
**WINNER** - Blackbird Bar & Restaurant, BRISBANE

CONTEMPORARY AUSTRALIAN RESTAURANT – INFORMAL - SOUTH EAST QUEENSLAND
*Sponsored by American Express*
**WINNER** - Pony Dining, BRISBANE

EUROPEAN RESTAURANT
*Sponsored by Alsco*
**WINNER** - Montrachet, BOWEN HILLS

FAMILY RESTAURANT
*Sponsored by Menulog*
**WINNER** - Club Croc Bistro, CANNONVALE

FINE DINING RESTAURANT
*Sponsored by Sanpellegrino*
**WINNER** - Homage Restaurant - Spicers Hiddenvale, GRANDCHESTER

GREEK RESTAURANT
*Sponsored by H&L Australia*
**WINNER** - Greca, BRISBANE

INDIAN/SUB-CONTINENT RESTAURANT
*Sponsored by Menulog*
**WINNER** - Indian Empire on Runaway Bay, RUNAWAY BAY

ITALIAN RESTAURANT
*Sponsored by TheFork – A TripAdvisor Company*
**WINNER** - Fellini Ristorante & Bar, MAIN BEACH

JAPANESE RESTAURANT
*Sponsored by Hostplus*
**WINNER** - Kiyomi - The Star Gold Coast, BROADBEACH

MEXICAN RESTAURANT
*Sponsored by Deputy*
**WINNER** – Hot Tamale, DARWIN
NEW RESTAURANT
_Sponsored by H&L Australia_
WINNER - Melaleuca, PORT DOUGLAS

PIZZA RESTAURANT
_Sponsored by Sanpellegrino_
WINNER - Julius Pizzeria, SOUTH BRISBANE

RESTAURANT IN A HOTEL/MOTEL/RESORT/CASINO
_Sponsored by Malt Shovel_
WINNER - Garden Kitchen & Bar - The Star Gold Coast, BROADBEACH

RESTAURANT IN A PUB/CLUB/TAVERN
_Sponsored by Malt Shovel_
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

SEAFOOD RESTAURANT - FORMAL
_Sponsored by Entertainment Publications_
WINNER - Wilsons Boathouse, MANLY

SEAFOOD RESTAURANT - INFORMAL
_Sponsored by Entertainment Publications_
WINNER - Shuck Restaurant, MAIN BEACH

SMALL BAR
_Sponsored by OneMusic_
WINNER - Chapter & Verse Bar and Lounge, SURFERS PARADISE

SPECIALTY RESTAURANT
_Sponsored by Entertainment Publications_
WINNER - Sofra Turkish Cuisine, TOOWOOMBA

STEAK RESTAURANT
_Sponsored by TheFork – A TripAdvisor Company_
WINNER - Black Hide by Gambaro at Treasury, BRISBANE

THAI RESTAURANT
_Sponsored by Prospa_
WINNER - Thai Royal Restaurant, TOOWOOMBA
TOURISM RESTAURANT – NORTHERN TERRITORY
Sponsored by Malt Shovel
WINNER - Snapper Rocks Bar & Kitchen, DARWIN

TOURISM RESTAURANT - QUEENSLAND
Sponsored by Malt Shovel
WINNER - Jellyfish Restaurant, BRISBANE

CATERING AWARDS

CORPORATE CATERER
Sponsored by Prospa
WINNER - Wine & Dine’m Catering, WOOLLOONGABBA

EVENTS CATERER
Sponsored by Deputy
WINNER - Wine & Dine’m Catering, WOOLLOONGABBA

FUNCTION/CONVENTION CENTRE CATERER
Sponsored by AlSCO
WINNER - Howard Smith Wharves, BRISBANE

RESTAURANT CATERER
Sponsored by Sanpellegrino
HONOURABLE MENTION - Salsa Bar & Grill, PORT DOUGLAS

SITE/INDUSTRIAL CATERER
Sponsored by Hostplus
WINNER - Compass Group - University of QLD Dining Hall, GATTON

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

WEDDING CATERER
Sponsored by AlSCO
WINNER - Gabbinbar Homestead, MIDDLE RIDGE
HOSPITALITY AWARDS

APPRENTICE CHEF OF THE YEAR
_Sponsored by Hostplus_
HONOURABLE MENTION - Beau Love - The American Bourbon Bar & Grill

CHEF OF THE YEAR
_Sponsored by Hostplus_
WINNER - David Finlayson - Howard Smith Wharves

PRODUCT SUPPLIER
_Sponsored by Restaurant & Catering_
WINNER - H&L Australia NT

CONSUMER VOTE AWARD
_Sponsored by Savour Australia_
WINNER - Match Restaurant & Grill - Cowboys Leagues Club, TOWNSVILLE

MAJOR AWARDS

LIFETIME ACHIEVER
WINNER - Tina Ratanavaraha - The Thai Orchid, SPRINGWOOD

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