

A circular logo with a white border containing the text "2019 AWARDS For EXCELLENCE" in a serif font. The background of the logo is a gradient of blue and purple.

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MEDIA RELEASE
27 AUGUST 2019

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 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 praise 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



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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



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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



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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

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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

CATERER OF YEAR

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CAFÉ OF THE YEAR

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RESTAURANT OF THE YEAR

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