

MEDIA RELEASE
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WINNERS OF NEW SOUTH WALES 2019 AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE ANNOUNCED

The winners of the 2019 New South Wales Savour Australia™ Restaurant & Catering HOSTPLUS Awards for Excellence were announced last night at a gala dinner held at The Star, Sydney.

The winners across this year's major categories included:

For NSW Regional;

- CATERER OF THE YEAR – Crowne Plaza Hunter Valley, LOVEDALE;
- CAFÉ OF THE YEAR – The Shaggy Cow, MITTAGONG; and
- RESTAURANT OF THE YEAR – The Cottage, SCONE

For Sydney Metropolitan;

- CATERER OF THE YEAR – Australian Turf Club - Rosehill Gardens, ROSEHILL;
- CAFÉ OF THE YEAR – The Laneway Café, CAMMERAY; and
- RESTAURANT OF THE YEAR – Tetsuya's, SYDNEY

Mark Jensen is 2019's Restaurateur of the Year. Mark has been working in kitchens for 27 years and is the Executive Chef and owner of Red Lantern. Mark's focus and support in the industry particularly around a sustainable future is a focus for all.

Joshua Niland, chef/owner of Saint Peter and The Fish Butchery in Paddington was awarded the 2019 Young Achiever. Josh is one of the most talented, creative, innovative and brightest young chefs that the industry has seen.

Mr Sam Christie was also announced as the recipient of the Lifetime Achievers Award for his contribution to the NSW restaurant industry.

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 NSW 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 New South Wales.

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."

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“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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NEW SOUTH WALES WINNERS LIST

SYDNEY RESTAURANT AWARDS

ASIAN RESTAURANT

Sponsored by Prospa

WINNER - China Doll Restaurant, WOOLLOOMOOLOO

BEER CAFÉ/WINE BAR

Sponsored by OneMusic

WINNER - 10 William St, PADDINGTON

BREAKFAST RESTAURANT

Sponsored by H&L Australia

WINNER - Sokyo, PYRMONT

BURGER BAR

Sponsored by OneMusic

WINNER - Down N' Out, SYDNEY

CAFÉ DINING

Sponsored by Deputy

WINNER - The Laneway Café, CAMMERAY

CHINESE RESTAURANT

Sponsored by Menulog

WINNER - China Diner, DOUBLE BAY

COFFEE SHOP/TEA HOUSE

Sponsored by Deputy

WINNER - Mecca Coffee, ALEXANDRIA

CONTEMPORARY AUSTRALIAN RESTAURANT

Sponsored by American Express

WINNER - Automata, CHIPPENDALE



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EUROPEAN RESTAURANT

Sponsored by AlSCO

WINNER - Restaurant Hubert, SYDNEY

FAMILY DINING RESTAURANT

Sponsored by Menulog

WINNER - Firestone Kitchen and Bar, REVESBY

FINE DINING RESTAURANT

Sponsored by Sanpellegrino

WINNER - Tetsuya's, SYDNEY

INDIAN/SUB-CONTINENT RESTAURANT

Sponsored by Menulog

WINNER - Delhi 'O' Delhi, NEWTOWN

ITALIAN RESTAURANT - FORMAL

Sponsored by TheFork - A TripAdvisor Company

WINNER - Ormeggio at the Spit, MOSMAN

ITALIAN RESTAURANT - INFORMAL

Sponsored by TheFork - A TripAdvisor Company

WINNER - I Maccheroni, WOOLLAHRA

JAPANESE RESTAURANT

Sponsored by American Express

WINNER - Azuma, SYDNEY

NEW RESTAURANT

Sponsored by H&L Australia

WINNER - 6HEAD, THE ROCKS

PIZZA RESTAURANT

Sponsored by Sanpellegrino

WINNER - Rosso Antico, NEWTOWN

RESTAURANT IN A PUB/CLUB/TAVERN

Sponsored by Malt Shovel

WINNER - Kyubi Modern Asian Dining - Campbelltown Catholic Club, CAMPBELLTOWN

SEAFOOD RESTAURANT - FORMAL

Sponsored by Entertainment Publications

WINNER - Omeros on the Beach, RAMSGATE

SEAFOOD RESTAURANT - INFORMAL

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WINNER - Sealevel Restaurant, CRONULLA



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SMALL BAR

Sponsored by OneMusic

WINNER - Vernon's Bar, SUMMER HILL

SPECIALTY RESTAURANT

Sponsored by Entertainment Publications

WINNER - Mjølnir, REDFERN

STEAK RESTAURANT

Sponsored by H&L Australia

WINNER - Black Bar and Grill, PYRMONT

SUSHI BAR

Sponsored by Prospa

WINNER - Makoto, CHATSWOOD

TAPAS RESTAURANT

Sponsored by H&L Australia

WINNER - Mercado, SYDNEY

THAI RESTAURANT

Sponsored by Entertainment Publications

WINNER - Joe's Table, DARLINGHURST

TOURISM RESTAURANT

Sponsored by Malt Shovel

WINNER - Jonah's Restaurant & Boutique Hotel, WHALE BEACH

TURKISH RESTAURANT

Sponsored by TheFork – A TripAdvisor Company

WINNER - Efendy, BALMAIN

NSW REGIONAL RESTAURANT AWARDS**ASIAN RESTAURANT**

Sponsored by Prospa

WINNER - Nagisa Japanese Restaurant, NEWCASTLE

BEER CAFÉ/WINE BAR

Sponsored by OneMusic

WINNER - Grain Store Newcastle, NEWCASTLE EAST

BREAKFAST RESTAURANT

Sponsored by H&L Australia

WINNER - The Shaggy Cow, MITTAGONG

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SEAFOOD RESTAURANT

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WINNER - The Wild Herring at The Anchorage Hotel & Spa Port Stephens, CORLETTE

SMALL BAR

Sponsored by OneMusic

WINNER - Battlesticks Bar, NEWCASTLE

STEAK RESTAURANT

Sponsored by H&L Australia

WINNER - The Cottage, SCONE

TOURISM RESTAURANT

Sponsored by Malt Shovel

WINNER - Rick Stein at Bannisters, MOLLYMOOK BEACH

SYDNEY CATERING AWARDS

CORPORATE CATERER

Sponsored by American Express

WINNER - European Catering Services Pty Ltd, ALEXANDRIA

EVENTS CATERER

Sponsored by Prospa

WINNER - Australian Turf Club - Royal Randwick, RANDWICK

FUNCTION/CONVENTION CENTRE CATERER

Sponsored by AlSCO

WINNER - Australian Turf Club - Rosehill Gardens, ROSEHILL

RESTAURANT CATERER

Sponsored by Sanpellegrino

HONOURABLE MENTION - Aqua Dining, MILSONS POINT

SITE/INDUSTRIAL CATERER

Sponsored by Hostplus

WINNER - Trippas White Group - The Scots College, BELLEVUE HILL

SMALL CATERER

Sponsored by Prospa

HONOURABLE MENTION - Rustic Kitchen, WOOLLAHRA

VENUE CATERER

Sponsored by Deputy

WINNER - Blond Catering - Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, DARLING POINT



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WEDDING CATERER

Sponsored by AlSCO

WINNER - Doltone House - Hyde Park, SYDNEY

NSW REGIONAL CATERING AWARDS

FUNCTION/CONVENTION CENTRE CATERER

Sponsored by AlSCO

WINNER - Crowne Plaza Hunter Valley, LOVEDALE

RESTAURANT CATERER

Sponsored by Sanpellegrino

WINNER - The Convent - Circa 1876, POKOLBIN

SITE/INDUSTRIAL CATERER

Sponsored by Hostplus

WINNER - Eurest - BAE Flying School, TAMWORTH

VENUE CATERER

Sponsored by Deputy

WINNER - Peterson House, POKOLBIN

WEDDING CATERER

Sponsored by AlSCO

WINNER - Sprout Catering, BROADMEADOW

HOSPITALITY AWARDS

GEORGE MURE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AWARD

Sponsored by Restaurant & Catering Australia

HONOURABLE MENTION – The Star Entertainment Group

APPRENTICE CHEF OF THE YEAR

Sponsored by Hostplus

HONOURABLE MENTION – Cris Matkowski - The Star Entertainment Group - Flying Fish

CHEF OF THE YEAR

Sponsored by Hostplus

WINNER – Claire Von Vuuren - Bloodwood

PRODUCT SUPPLIER

Sponsored by Restaurant & Catering Australia

WINNER – H&L Australia

CONSUMER VOTE - SYDNEY

Sponsored by Tulloch Wines

WINNER – Red Lantern, DARLINGHURST



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CONSUMER VOTE - NSW REGIONAL*Sponsored by Tulloch Wines***WINNER** – The Cottage, SCONE**FOOD SAVER AWARD***Sponsored by NSW Government's Love Food Hate Waste program***WINNER** – The Hotel Steyne, MANLY**MAJOR AWARDS****RESTAURATEUR OF THE YEAR****WINNER** – Mark Jensen - Red Lantern**YOUNG ACHIEVER****WINNER** – Josh Niland - St Peter**LIFETIME ACHIEVER****WINNER** – Sam Christie - Longrain**CATERER OF THE YEAR - REGIONAL***Sponsored by Malt Shovel***WINNER** - Crowne Plaza Hunter Valley, LOVEDALE**CATERER OF THE YEAR - SYDNEY***Sponsored by Malt Shovel***WINNER** - Australian Turf Club - Rosehill Gardens, ROSEHILL**CAFÉ OF THE YEAR - REGIONAL***Sponsored by AlSCO***WINNER** - The Shaggy Cow, MITTAGONG**CAFÉ OF THE YEAR - SYDNEY***Sponsored by AlSCO***WINNER** - The Laneway Café, CAMMERAY**RESTAURANT OF THE YEAR - REGIONAL***Sponsored by Hostplus***WINNER** - The Cottage, SCONE**RESTAURANT OF THE YEAR - SYDNEY***Sponsored by Hostplus***WINNER** - Tetsuya's, SYDNEY