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VISITOR SURVEY WELCOME NEWS FOR RESTAURANTS, CAFES AND CATERERS

Restaurant & Catering Australia (R&CA) CEO Wes Lambert has today welcomed the release of new International and National Visitor Survey Results for the year ending June 2019 which shows international visitors to Australia reached 8.6 million with a spend of \$44.6 billion and National overnight trips reached 113.3 million with a spend of \$77.5 billion.

R&CA is the peak industry association representing the over 47,000 restaurants, cafes and caterers across Australia.

Mr Lambert said the continued growth of tourism spend in Australia should be welcome news to restaurants, cafes and caterers across the country.

‘At a time when restaurants, cafes and caterers are under pressure with high cost of wages, energy and food products, these numbers are good news for our industry’, Mr Lambert said.

‘Every state and territory across the country reported double digit increases in spend, with Western Australia (25%), South Australia (21%) and Tasmania (21%) leading the nation.

‘The figures also showed increases in visitor numbers across every state and territory with only the ACT recording less than double digit growth’.

Jeremy Cariss, Owner of Bistro Felix in Perth said WA businesses owners were looking forward to another strong year of tourism growth in 2019-2020.

‘The more visitors WA can attract, the better it is for the restaurant and café sector’, Mr Cariss said.

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