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SYDNEY'S BECASSE TAKES OUT AUSTRALIAN HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY'S TOP ACCOLADE

Becasse Restaurant in **Sydney** has been named as Australia's top place to dine in the 2011 Savour Australia™ Restaurant & Catering HOST**PLUS** National Awards for Excellence. **Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre** in **South Brisbane** was named as Australia's Caterer of the Year.

The National Awards for Excellence are the culmination of 10 regional Awards events held throughout the year across Australia. Over 270 Finalists in 34 categories competed at a ceremony at Luna Park, Sydney last night (October 24) to determine the best of the best of Australia's restaurants and caterers.

Other Award recipients on the night included **Compass Group**, who received the Green Table Award for Excellence in Environmental Sustainability, and **Crown Melbourne Food & Beverage Department** who received the 2011 George Mure Memorial Professional Development Award.

Restaurant & Catering CEO John Hart commented that "the Awards for Excellence represent an important moment as the industry pauses to honour these outstanding venues who have been reviewed on the whole dining experience rather than a single dimension.

The calibre of finalists this year has been of an extremely high level and competition has been fierce. This is a definite sign that business is strengthening and that the industry is growing and developing.

We congratulate all of the finalists in the 2011 National Awards. Their achievements in providing great food and great service are themselves a wonderful contribution to our vibrant industry, let alone being a National finalist."

The regional Awards for Excellence are judged by a team of trained judges who anonymously visit the venues to determine the winners. Certain winners from each of the regional events go through to become finalists at a National level. Venues are not re-judged. National winners are determined by whichever venue achieved the highest score in that particular category.

Restaurant & Catering represents over 4000 restaurants and caterers across Australia. Each year over 900 members are reviewed nationally in the Awards for Excellence.

Please see the Winners List attached for a complete list of category winners in the 2011 Savour Australia™ Restaurant & Catering HOST**PLUS** National Awards for Excellence.

2011 Savour Australia ™ Restaurant & Catering HOST**PLUS** Awards for Excellence

National Winners & Finalists

RESTAURANT AWARDS

ASIAN RESTAURANT
Sponsored by Lifestyle Food Channel
ACT – Abell's Kopi Tiam, MANUKA
Northern NSW – Sesames on the Lake, BELMONT
Northern QLD – Café China Seafood Restaurant, CAIRNS
SA – Mapo Korean Restaurant, ADELAIDE
South East QLD – Sono Japanese Restaurant Brisbane, BRISBANE
Southern NSW – Golden Palace, BARGO
WINNER – Sydney & Surrounds – Sushi-e, SYDNEY
Tasmania – Me Wah Restaurant, SANDY BAY
Victoria Regional – Malayan Orchid Restaurant, BENDIGO
Victoria Metropolitan – Nobu, SOUTHBANK
WA Metropolitan – Satsuki, SUBIACO

BREAKFAST RESTAURANT
Sponsored by Bartercard
ACT – Ricardo's Café, MACQUARIE
Northern NSW – Delish of Erina, ERINA
Northern QLD – Aqua Restaurant, JUPITERS TOWNSVILLE
SA – Rigoni's Bistro, ADELAIDE
South East QLD – Sirocco Noosa, NOOSAVILLE
Southern NSW – The Waterfront Café, MERIMBULA
WINNER – Sydney & Surrounds – The Hub Espresso Bar and Eatery, BATHURST
Victoria Metropolitan – seven:am, PORT MELBOURNE
Victoria Regional – Two Buoys, DROMANA
WA Regional, Café Pronto, MANDURAH
WA Metropolitan – The Beaufort Street Merchant, HIGHGATE

BYO RESTAURANT
Sponsored by ALSCO
ACT – The Ridge Restaurant, FARRER
Northern NSW – Fig Tree Restaurant, BYRON BAY
WINNER – South East QLD – Mons Ban Sabai Thai Garden Restaurant, CAMP HILL
WA Regional – Newtown House, VASSE
WA Metropolitan – Nine Fine Food, PERTH

CAFÉ RESTAURANT

Sponsored by Australian Mangoes

ACT – Beess & Co, YARRALUMLA
Northern NSW – Scribbly Gum Café, GOSFORD
Northern QLD – Gregory's Bites Café & Juice Bar, NORTH WARD
SA – The White House, HAHNDORF
South East QLD – Accents Restaurant & Café, KINGAROY
Southern NSW – Amaki Cottage Café, KIAMA
Sydney & Surrounds – Mash Café, GLENBROOK
Tasmania – The Beach Café Restaurant & Bar, BLACKMANS BAY
WINNER – Victoria Metropolitan – Café Vue at 401 St Kilda Road, MELBOURNE
Victoria Regional – Lilo Café, MORNINGTON
WA Regional – Café Pronto, MANDURAH
WA Metropolitan – Soda Café, NORTH BEACH

CHINESE RESTAURANT

Sponsored by Coca-Cola

Northern NSW – Dragon Palace Tamworth, TAMWORTH
SA – T Chow Chinese Restaurant, ADELAIDE
South East QLD – China Sea Milton Restaurant, MILTON
Southern NSW – Royal Garden, WAGGA WAGGA
WINNER – Sydney & Surrounds – Peacock Gardens Restaurant, CROWS NEST
WA Metropolitan – Aquarium Seafood Chinese Restaurant, ASCOT

COFFEE SHOP / TEA HOUSE

Sponsored by HOSTPLUS

Northern NSW – Sugar Beat Coffee Shop, MURWILLUMBAH
Northern QLD – Coffee Club Domain Townsville, TOWNSVILLE
SA – Argo on the Parade, NORWOOD
South East QLD – Two Cups, SPRING HILL
Southern NSW – Café Dolcetto , YASS
WINNER – Sydney & Surrounds – Ampersand in Paddington Café Bookstore, PADDINGTON

CONTEMPORARY AUSTRALIAN RESTAURANT

Sponsored by ALSCO

ACT – Pistachio Dining at Torrens, TORRENS
Northern NSW – Harvest Café, NEWRYBAR
Northern QLD – Zinc, PORT DOUGLAS
SA – Celsius Restaurant & Bar, ADELAIDE
SA Regional – Pipers of Penola, PENOLA
South East QLD – Chill On Tedder, MAIN BEACH
Southern NSW – Eschalot Restaurant, BERRIMA
WINNER – Sydney & Surrounds – Sepia Restaurant, SYDNEY
Tasmania – Stillwater Restaurant, LAUNCESTON
Victoria Metropolitan – Ezard, MELBOURNE
Victoria Regional – Salix Bistro, MERRICKS NORTH
WA Metropolitan – Red Cabbage Food & Wine, SOUTH PERTH
WA Regional – Wild Duck, ALBANY

ENTERTAINMENT RESTAURANT
Sponsored by APRA
WINNER – Northern NSW – Live n Cooking at Lizotte's Newcastle, LAMBTON
South East QLD – Ahmets Licensed Turkish Restaurant South Brisbane, SOUTH BRISBANE
Sydney & Surrounds – Live n Cooking at Lizotte's Sydney, DEE WHY
WA Metropolitan – Friends Restaurant, EAST PERTH

EUROPEAN RESTAURANT
Sponsored by American Express
ACT – Sage , BRADDON
Northern NSW – The Old George & Dragon Restaurant, EAST MAITLAND
Northern QLD – M Yogo, CAIRNS
SA – George's on Waymouth, ADELAIDE
South East QLD – Rococo Noosa, COOLUM BEACH
WINNER – Sydney & Surrounds – Becasse, SYDNEY
Tasmania – Brisbane Street Bistro, LAUNCESTON
Victoria Regional – Bistro Maison, MOUNT ELIZA
Victoria Metropolitan – PM24, MELBOURNE
WA Metropolitan – Bistro Felix, SUBIACO

FAMILY RESTAURANT
Sponsored by Coca-Cola
ACT – Rendezvous, MANUKA
Northern NSW – Trackside Restaurant, WEST GOSFORD
Northern QLD – The Beach Shack Restaurant and Bar, PORT DOUGLAS
WINNER – SA – La Vita Café Restaurant, KIDMAN PARK
South East QLD – Krish Indian Cuisine Varsity Lakes, VARSITY LAKES
Southern NSW – Merimbula Aquarium and Wharf Restaurant, MERIMBULA
Sydney & Surrounds – Penshurst Cottage Italian And Seafood Restaurant, PENSHURST
Tasmania – Tall Timbers Tasmania, SMITHTON
WA Metropolitan – Hog's Breath Café - Mindarie, MINDARIE

FINE DINING RESTAURANT
Sponsored by Vittoria Coffee
ACT – The Ginger Room, PARKES
Northern NSW – Awaba House Restaurant, BOORAGUL
Northern QLD – Tamarind Restaurant, CAIRNS
SA – Penfolds Magill Estate, MAGILL
South East QLD – Spicers Peak Lodge, MARYVALE
Sydney & Surrounds – Tetsuya's Restaurant, SYDNEY
Tasmania – Saffire, COLES BAY
WINNER – Victoria Regional – Eleonore's Restaurant, YERING
Victoria Metropolitan – Jacques Reymond, PRAHRAN
WA Metropolitan – Restaurant Amuse, EAST PERTH

GREEK RESTAURANT
Sponsored by H&L
SA – Platia the Restaurant, KENT TOWN
WINNER – Sydney & Surrounds – Medusa Greek Taverna, SYDNEY
Victoria Metropolitan – Hellenic Republic, EAST BRUNSWICK

INDIAN / SUB-CONTINENT RESTAURANT

Sponsored by Lion

ACT – Chalisa Indian Restaurant, GREENWAY
Northern NSW – Kathmandu Kitchen, KINGSCLIFF
WINNER – SA – Shanker's Authentic Indian Cuisine, PROSPECT
South East QLD – Ceylon Inn Graceville, GRACEVILLE
Southern NSW – Kohli's Indian Restaurant, NOWRA
Sydney & Surrounds – AKI's Indian Restaurant, WOOLLOOMOOLOO
Victoria Metropolitan – Bhoj Docklands Indian Restaurant, DOCKLANDS
Victoria Regional – Tulsi Indian Restaurant, SOMERSVILLE
WA Metropolitan – Royal India Restaurant, WEST PERTH

INFORMAL DINING RESTAURANT

Sponsored by Lifestyle Food Channel

SA – Barendoe, ADELAIDE
WINNER – Tasmania – Meadowbank Estate, CAMBRIDGE

ITALIAN RESTAURANT

Sponsored by Vittoria Coffee

ACT – Italian and Sons Vino E Cucina, BRADDON
Northern NSW – Il Cacciatore, POKOLBIN
Northern QLD – Bucci, PORT DOUGLAS
SA – Auge Ristorante, ADELAIDE
South East QLD – Ristorante Fellini, MAIN BEACH
Southern NSW – Enzo Restaurant, CAMDEN
WINNER – Sydney & Surrounds – Ormeggio at The Spit, MOSMAN
Victoria Metropolitan – Mezzo Bar & Grill, MELBOURNE
Victoria Regional – Rinaldo's Casa Cucina, WANGARATTA
WA Metropolitan – Galileo Buona Cucina, SHENTON PARK

NEW RESTAURANT

Sponsored by VISA

ACT – Pelagic Bar & Dining, CANBERRA CITY
Northern NSW – The Cowrie Restaurant, TERRIGAL
Northern QLD – Linga Longa, EDGE HILL
SA – Grace the Establishment, NORWOOD
South East QLD – Sake Restaurant & Bar, BRISBANE
Southern NSW – Nardi's Italian Restaurant, SHELLHARBOUR
Sydney & Surrounds – Felix, SYDNEY
Tasmania – Salsa Restaurant & Tapas Bar, LAUNCESTON
WINNER – Victoria Metropolitan – Hare and Grace, MELBOURNE
Victoria Regional – Steam Asian Restaurant, RYE
WA Metropolitan – The Glasgow Curry House, CURRAMBINE

PIZZA RESTAURANT

Sponsored by Lion

Northern NSW – Fire in the Belly, LISMORE
SA – Angaston Roaring 40's, ANGASTON
South East QLD – Sugo Mi, BULIMBA
WINNER – Southern NSW – Bon Aroma, BULLI
Sydney & Surrounds – Hugos Bar Pizza, KINGS CROSS
Victoria Regional – Ciao Bella Pizzeria and Wine Bar, BALNARRING

RESTAURANT IN A HOTEL / MOTEL / RESORT

Sponsored by American Express

ACT – The Haig Italian Restaurant, BRADDON
Northern NSW – Victoria's Restaurant, GRAFTON
Northern QLD – The Capricornian Restaurant, EMERALD
SA – Playford Restaurant - Sebel Playford, ADELAIDE
South East QLD – Cotton's @ Spicers Hidden Vale, GRANDCHESTER
WINNER – Southern NSW – Terrace, THREDBO VILLAGE
Sydney & Surrounds – Sphere Restaurant, SYDNEY
Victoria Regional – Tuileries Restaurant, RUTHERGLEN
WA Metropolitan – Globe Wine Bar & Restaurant, PERTH
WA Regional – Lime 303, ALBANY

RESTAURANT IN A PUB / CLUB / TAVERN

Sponsored by Lion

ACT – Column Restaurant, National Press Club Australia, BARTON
Northern NSW – Brasserie 88, NEW LAMBTON
Northern QLD – Lavarack, HERMIT PARK
SA – Treasury on King William, ADELAIDE
South East QLD – Fix Restaurant & Wine Bar, BRISBANE
Southern NSW – Emeralds Restaurant, BARRACK HEIGHTS
WINNER – Sydney & Surrounds – La Tratt, FAIRFIELD
Tasmania – Cataract Bistro - TRC Hotel, LAUNCESTON
Victoria Metropolitan – Royal Saxon, RICHMOND
WA Metropolitan – The Beaufort Street Merchant, HIGHGATE

RESTAURANT IN A WINERY

Sponsored by Goodman Fielder

WINNER – Northern NSW – Nine, POKOLBIN
SA – Upstairs at Hollick, COONAWARRA
Southern NSW – Stones Restaurant, SUTTON FOREST
Victoria Regional – Salix Restaurant, MERRICKS NORTH
WA Regional – Leeuwin Estate, MARGARET RIVER
WA Metropolitan – Millbrook Winery, JARRAHDALE

SEAFOOD RESTAURANT

Sponsored by HOSTPLUS

ACT – Peppered Prawn, PHILLIP
Northern NSW – Fins Restaurant, KINGSCLIFF
Northern QLD – Tha Fish, CAIRNS
SA – Blanc Bistro & Grill, NORTH ADELAIDE
South East QLD – Gambaro Restaurant & Function Centre, BRISBANE
Southern NSW – Rick Stein at Bannisters, MOLLYMOOK
WINNER – Sydney & Surrounds – Garfish Manly, MANLY
Tasmania – Mures Upper Deck, HOBART
WA Metropolitan – Red Herring, FREMANTLE

SPECIALTY RESTAURANT

Sponsored by Treasury Wine Estates

ACT – Turkish Grill Restaurant Eridale, WANNIASSA - ERINDALE
Northern NSW – Ritual Restaurant, NELSON BAY
Northern QLD – Bayleaf Balinese Restaurant, CAIRNS
SA – Chocolate @ No 5, HAHNDORF
South East QLD – Peasant, BRISBANE
Southern NSW – Turkoise Mediteranean Restaurant, CAMPBELLTOWN
WINNER – Sydney & Surrounds – Kazbah Balmain, BALMAIN
Victoria Metropolitan – MoVida, MELBOURNE
Victoria Regional – Red Hill Brewery, RED HILL SOUTH
WA Metropolitan – Meeka Restaurant, SUBIACO
WA Regional – Rustlers Steakhouse, ALBANY

STEAK RESTAURANT

Sponsored by Meat & Livestock Australia

ACT – Kingsleys Steak & Crabhouse, CIVIC
Northern NSW – SSS BBQ Barns Cessnock, CESSNOCK
Northern QLD – Waterbar & Grill Steakhouse, CAIRNS
SA – The Barn Steakhouse, MOUNT GAMBIER
South East QLD – Moo Moo Wine Bar & Grill Broadbeach, BROADBEACH
Southern NSW – Outback Steakhouse Wollongong, FAIRY MEADOW
Sydney & Surrounds – Prime Restaurant, SYDNEY
Victoria Regional – The New Spanish Bar and Grilll, MILDURA
WINNER – Victoria Metropolitan – The Point Albert Park, ALBERT PARK
WA Metropolitan – The Old Brewery, PERTH FORESHORE

THAI RESTAURANT

Sponsored by Treasury Wine Estates

ACT – Thai Basil Restaurant, WANNIASSA
Northern NSW – Larnna Thai, NEWCASTLE
SA – Regent Thai, NORTH ADELAIDE
South East QLD – Chiangmai Thai Surfers Paradise Restaurant, SURFERS PARADISE
Southern NSW – Classical Thai Cravings, MITTAGONG
Sydney & Surrounds – Rambutan Restaurant, DARLINGHURST
WINNER – Victoria Metropolitan – Paladarr Thai Issan, ALPHINGTON
WA Metropolitan – Nahm Thai, PERTH

TOURISM RESTAURANT

Sponsored by American Express

Northern NSW – Ritual Restaurant, NELSON BAY
Northern QLD – Hamilton Island Wildlife Park, HAMILTON ISLAND
SA – Jacobs Restaurant - Jacobs Creek Visitors Centre, ROWLAND FLAT
WINNER – South East QLD – Room 81 @ The Sofitel, BROADBEACH
Southern NSW – Rick Stein at Bannisters, MOLLYMOOK
Sydney & Surrounds – Sydney Tower Buffet, SYDNEY
Victoria Regional – Chris's Beacon Point Restaurant, APOLLO BAY
WA Metropolitan – Matilda Bay Restaurant, CRAWLEY

CATERING AWARDS

CORPORATE CATERER
Sponsored by ALSCO
ACT – Tosolinis Food To Go, CANBERRA CITY
Northern NSW – The Glades Wedding and Conference Centre, WARNERS BAY
South East QLD – Wine & Dine'm Catering, WOOLLOONGABBA
Sydney & Surrounds – Eurest (Australia) Pty Ltd - Westpac, SYDNEY
Victoria Metropolitan – EPICURE @ NAB Docklands, DOCKLANDS
WINNER – WA Metropolitan – Beaumonde Catering, BASSENDEAN

EVENTS CATERER
Sponsored by Australian Mangoes
ACT – Ten & Half Catering, PARKES
Northern NSW – Bonville Golf Resort, BONVILLE
Northern QLD – Ochre Restaurant & Catering, CAIRNS
SA – The Food Business, HAZELWOOD PARK
South East QLD – Moda Events Portside, HAMILTON
WINNER – Sydney & Surrounds – Freshcatering, REDFERN
Victoria Metropolitan – Crown Melbourne, SOUTHBANK
WA Metropolitan – Mustard Catering, SUBIACO

FUNCTION / CONVENTION CENTRE CATERER
Sponsored by AON
Northern NSW – Best Western Sanctuary Inn, TAMWORTH
Northern QLD – Townsville RSL, HERMIT PARK
SA – Level One @ Hilton Adelaide, ADELAIDE
WINNER – South East QLD – Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre, SOUTH BRISBANE
Southern NSW – Novotel Wollongong Northbeach, NORTH WOLLONGONG
Sydney & Surrounds – Doltone House - Darling Island Wharf, PYRMONT
Victoria Metropolitan – Atlantic Group [V], DOCKLANDS
WA Metropolitan – Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre, PERTH

INDUSTRIAL / INSTITUTIONAL CATERER
Sponsored by BUNZL Catering Supplies
Northern NSW – Medirest (Australia) Pty Ltd - Newcastle Mater Hospital, WARATAH
WINNER – SA – Scolarest - Flinders Hall of Residence, BEDFORD PARK
South East QLD – Queensland Rail, BRISBANE
Sydney & Surrounds – Lansdowne Gardens, NEUTRAL BAY
Victoria Metropolitan – ISS Catering Services at Victorian University, FOOTSCRAY
WA Metropolitan – Alliance Catering - City of Bayswater, BAYSWATER

RESTAURANT CATERER
Sponsored by Bidvest
WINNER – Northern NSW – Reef Restaurant, TERRIGAL
Northern QLD – Salsa Bar & Grill, PORT DOUGLAS
South East QLD – Port Office Hotel, BRISBANE
Southern NSW – Centennial Vineyards Restaurant, BOWRAL
Sydney & Surrounds – Aqua Dining, MILSONS POINT
Victoria Metropolitan – The Boulevard Restaurant & Functions, KEW

SITE-CONTRACT CATERER
Sponsored by Bidvest
Northern QLD – ESS Support Services Worldwide - Eureka Accommodation Village, MORANBAH
WINNER – SA – Eurest - Hewlett Packard, LOCKLEYS
South East QLD – Eurest (Australia) Pty Ltd - Powerlink, VIRGINIA
Sydney & Surrounds – Toast Food, SYDNEY
Victoria Metropolitan – Eurest (Australia) Pty Ltd - Air Services, TULLAMARINE
WA Metropolitan – ESS Support Services Worldwide - Port Haven, SOUTH HEDLAND

SMALL CATERER
Sponsored by AON
ACT – Coyote Catering Pty Ltd, FYSHWICK
SA – Kristians Kater, GLENELG
Southern NSW – M&B Food and Catering, MOSS VALE
WINNER – Sydney & Surrounds – Hugos Catering by Pete Evans, KINGS CROSS
Victoria Metropolitan – Ed Dixon Food Design, MELBOURNE
WA Metropolitan – Chica Catering, INNALOO
WA Regional – The Singing Chef, BUNBURY

VENUE CATERER
Sponsored by AON
ACT – Ginger Catering, PARKES
SA – Sanctuary Adelaide Zoo, KENT TOWN
Sydney & Surrounds – Sydney Entertainment Centre, DARLING HARBOUR
WINNER – Victoria Metropolitan – Peter Rowland Catering, ALBERT PARK
WA Metropolitan – Mustard Catering, SUBIACO

WEDDING CATERER
Sponsored by Bidvest
ACT – 2617 Group Pty Ltd, NICHOLLS
Northern NSW – Bonville Golf Resort, BONVILLE
WINNER – Northern QLD – Roux Blond, SOUTH TOWNSVILLE
SA – Encore Group - Adelaide Town Hall, ADELAIDE
South East QLD – Brisbane Customs House, BRISBANE
Southern NSW – City Beach Function Centre, WOLLONGONG
Sydney & Surrounds – Freshcatering - Vaucluse House Tearooms, REDFERN
Victoria Metropolitan – Atlantic Group [V], DOCKLANDS
WA Metropolitan – The Breakwater - AKOYA Suite, HILLARYS

GREEN TABLE AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY
WINNER – Compass Group

GEORGE MURE MEMORIAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AWARD
SA – Intercontinental Adelaide, ADELAIDE
WINNER - VIC – Crown Melbourne Food & Beverage Training, SOUTHBANK
QLD – Caloundra RSL, CALOUNDRA

MAJOR AWARDS

RESTAURANT OF THE YEAR
Sponsored by HOSTPLUS
WINNER – Becasse, SYDNEY

CATERER OF THE YEAR
Sponsored by Bidvest
WINNER – Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre, BRISBANE

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