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ACT RESTAURANT & CATERING AWARDS

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Message from R&CA CEO Wes Lambert



When I am asked by people all across the country to identify a single word that encapsulates all that our restaurant, café & catering industry is throughout this pandemic, it is resilience. Our industry has faced more hardship and challenges in the last 18 months than ever before. Businesses have been closed, staff stood down, stock rubbished, and events and forward bookings cancelled.

Even now as we return to some level of normality into 2021, the effects of COVID-19 remain. Crippling staff shortages, a widespread work from home culture and rolling restrictions and lockdowns. Our industry has been resilient though it all.

Even as our journey through the pandemic continues, and as we face the reality of pandemic life for another year, we will need to continue to showcase the resilience that has gotten all of us this far. However, there is light at the end of the tunnel as we progress through our vaccination program, steadily open up our economy to the world and start to return to a life where we learn to live with the virus.

For those of you who are finalists in our 2021 ACT Restaurant & Catering Hostplus Awards for Excellence, you typify the resilience that has defined our whole industry over the last 18 months. You have not just survived the pandemic but thrived as one of the best our industry has to offer. On behalf of R&CA, we offer a sincere congratulations to every finalist featured.

R&CA has been focused on being a fearless advocate for our sector while also being able to recognise the best of our industry across the country through the awards we run each year across the country.

Finally, I would like to give a sincere thanks to all of our partners, associates and supporters. Without your support these awards would not be what they are for our members and our industry.

Wes Lambert

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LILOTANG

ASIAN RESTAURANT

Lilotang brings a unique style of authentic Japanese cuisine to Canberra. Inspired by traditional minimalism and the eclectic visuals of urban Japan, the interior achieves drama and subtlety in equal parts for a new sensory experience.

Set in Barton's exceptional Realm Precinct, the bar's been extended both inside and out, and there's also a brand new menu featuring the inventive and fun dishes. You can wash all of that down with something fabulous off the extensive wine, Sake or Whiskey menu. And by extensive, we mean nearly 80 whiskey options alone.



Lilotang

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Burbury Hotel, 1 Burbury Cl, Barton ACT

lilotang.com.au



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BREAKFAST RESTAURANT CAFÉ DINING | PATISSERIE

Stella's by the Lake opened up in late September 2020, just after the Canberra lockdown and has deemed to be a popular spot by the lake for many. Family owned and operated, the Reid's bring love and pride to the business. The café is dog friendly with pup treats & grass mats available for our four legged friends to sit and relax on. After the family lost their beloved dogs to an accident in late 2019, they decided to incorporate the dogs into the café, with naming the business and certain dishes after them.



Stella's by the lake

6253 0370

63/1 Beissel Street, Belconnen, ACT
stellasbythelake.orderup.com.au



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BREAKFAST RESTAURANT CAFÉ DINING | PATISSERIE

Thirty 4 Café and Restaurant was named the best by a panel of independent judges who visited 26 other cafés in Canberra and rated them on a range of criteria including ambience, food and service. It's a really family-oriented café that you can walk to with a pram or a dog or a wheelchair and sit down and just have a coffee or nice meal.

Opening here was the perfect opportunity to give this beautiful town a proper, quality café that really helps me continue with my love of cooking. It's all about taking what you've learnt along the way and adapting it to where you are.



Thirty 4 Cafe & Restaurant

5105 5017

220 Crawford St, Queanbeyan ACT

www.thirty-four-34-pty-ltd.business.site



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CAFÉ DINING / PATISSERIE

Gather is a café by the best of friends, with a love for hospitality. An expression of freedom, a place of culture and a mecca for clean eating.

We exist to create a healthy experience for our customers where they feel like guests and not transactions.

We work to create a community that values relationships as the foundation of business.

We will maintain a relational, regional and local approach to our café and ensure our guests and our team feel healthy, happy and valued.



Café Gather

0451 738 703

4/24 Mort St, Braddon ACT

www.cafegather.com.au



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CAFÉ DINING / PATISSERIE

The newly refurbished Queen's Terrace Café offers a selection of delicious a-la-carte menu options, in-house pastry, all-day breakfast and coffee from Lonsdale Street Roasters.

Come and enjoy unequalled views from the pinnacle of the Parliamentary Triangle in Canberra while you indulge in fine regionally-focused produce curated by their Executive Chef David Learmonth.

Queen's Terrace Café also has a seasonally adapted high tea service on weekends, and is available for use as a corporate function space in the evenings.



Queen's Terrace Café

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Parliament Dr, Capital Hill ACT
queenterracecafe@aph.gov.au



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CONTEMPORARY AUSTRALIAN RESTAURANT - FORMAL

OTIS Dining Hall is a multi- award winning, Chef hatted restaurant in Kingston. Owned by Chef Damian Brabender, the menu features the famous OTIS pepper steak, and classic Creme caramel finished with smoked sea salt and Japanese whiskey.

Offering both a 3 course À la carte offering and a premium Chefs Tasting menu, OTIS has become regarded as one of Canberra's best restaurants. Boasting a spectacular wine programme by Sommelier James Barker, and an expertly ran kitchen by Head Chef Adam Wilson. OTIS is a must for any diner.



OTIS

6260 6066

29 Jardine St, Kingston ACT
otisdininghall.com.au



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CONTEMPORARY AUSTRALIAN RESTAURANT - FORMAL

Ostani celebrates the good things in life - friendship, family and food. From tapas to oven-fired pizzas, the menu delivers a zesty European flair.

Ostani Bar, is a place for meeting, relaxation, for a friendly chat or business negotiations. Offering nightly meal deals, drink specials and Canberra's most popular Happy Hour, plus weekly events including pop up champagne bars, free wine tastings and featured spirit tastings.

The fully operational Garden Bar serves beers on tap and selected wines, spirits and non-alcoholic beverages.



Ostani

6163 1808

Hotel Realm, 18 National Circuit, Barton ACT

ostani.com.au



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CONTEMPORARY AUSTRALIAN RESTAURANT - FORMAL

Trevs has been serving the Canberra community for 10 strong years.

By day, Trevs offers a bustling and cosy café atmosphere with great coffee and enticing brunch and lunch options for any occasion.

The Trevs Taste Collective – a platter with your choice of 3 dishes from an 18-item menu – has become one of the most popular brunch options in Canberra.

As the sun sets, the venue transforms into a stylish restaurant offering contemporary Australian cuisine that is simply delicious.



Trevs @ Dickson

0406 369 224

20 Challis St, Dickson, ACT
trevsatdickson.com.au



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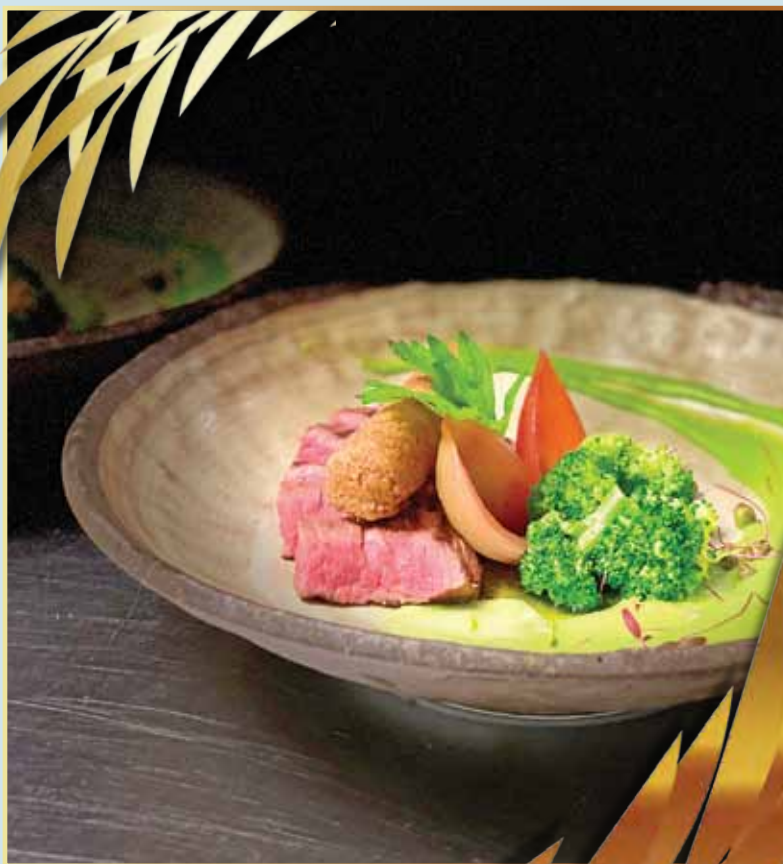
EUROPEAN RESTAURANT

Les Bistronomes is a French restaurant which prides itself on delivering high quality produce, service and wine in a relaxed and homely atmosphere.

Discover how Chef Clément Chauvin modernises classic French cuisine.

With fresh and seasonal produce, we offer you several menu options: A 3-course 'à la carte', a 6-course dégustation menu and for Saturday lunch, a special 5-course menu.

Discover the food of France, right here in Canberra!



Les Bistronomes

6248 8119

18 Blamey Pl, Campbell ACT 2612

lesbistronomes.net



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INDIAN RESTAURANT

Blu Ginger makes a big impression with its contemporary feel and its refined take on authentic cuisine. This polished restaurant has gained a solid following amongst lovers of quality Indian food since opening its doors five years ago. The sibling of long established Blu Ginger at McMahon's Point in Sydney, this restaurant certainly has more of a big city feel, with a cavernous yet well-appointed dining room enhanced by polished floors, dark timber furnishings and towering polished concrete Y frames that attract the eye upwards and give a feeling of openness.



Blu Ginger

6247 2228

5 Genge St, Canberra City, ACT

www.bluginger.com.au



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RESTAURANT IN A CLUB FUNCTION / CONVENTION CENTRE CATERER

Federal Golf Club's restaurant overlooks the 18th green with access to an outdoor balcony area and offers a diverse culinary experience. The restaurant is open from 8:00 am from Monday to Sunday with an all-day menu that offers a selection of breakfast, lunch, snacks and a healthier alternative for those looking to keep things light. We thank Restaurant & Catering for nominating us as a finalist for this prestigious award and for more information, please visit www.federalgolfclub.com.au or contact 02 6281 1888.



Federal Golf Club

6281 1888

Gowrie Dr, Red Hill ACT 2603

federalgolf.com.au



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HOTEL
REALM

RESTAURANT IN A HOTEL / RESORT FUNCTION / CONVENTION CENTRE CATERER WEDDING CATERER

Hotel Realm is Canberra's only officially rated 5 Star property. Part of the multi award winning Realm Precinct, you will find fine dining restaurants, a casual lounge bar, wholefoods café, health club, hair salon, day spa, and indoor heated pool. The impressive function and conferencing facilities at Hotel Realm have been awarded by the Australian Hotels Association the Best Meetings and Event Venue in the ACT for 2012, 2013, 2014, 2016, 2017, 2019 and 2021 and was the first Hotel to be entered into the Hall of Fame for this award!

Boasting world class, highly adaptable, sophisticated function rooms, complemented by proficient and courteous staff.



Hotel Realm

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18 National Circuit, Canberra ACT

hotelrealm.com.au



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M O N S T E R

RESTAURANT IN A HOTEL / RESORT

Cosy and compact, with artistic vibes, Ovolo Nishi luxury boutique hotel is the perfect base to begin exploring the sights of this creative city. Monster Kitchen and Bar is a premium food and beverage outlet for the Hotel. Quality focused and technique driven, Monster showcases hyper local and seasonal produce, in a eclectic, modern industrial setting. Guests can experience, cutting edge vegetarian cuisine, a great selection of local wine and spirits, handcrafted and unique seasonal cocktails in a lively and bustling, boutique hotel setting.

Located in Canberra CBD near Commonwealth Park.



Monster Kitchen and Bar

6287 6287

NewActon Precinct, 25 Edinburgh Ave, Canberra
ACT



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RESTAURANT IN A HOTEL / RESORT

We welcome you for wine swirling and a taste of modern Canberra dining with slight Italian accents. Take a front row seat for wood-fired theatrics, elaborate antipasto grazing and out of this world cocktails – while we serve the best in Italian confidence with big dish energy at Capitol Bar & Grill.

Come for the finest local produce from as close as the QT Canberra rooftop garden, prepared by our Executive Chef, Josh Smith-Thirkell, and Chef de Cuisine, Mel Hobby, stay for moody vibes and even better company.

Set along the London Circuit road, QT Canberra is 1.6 km from the shores of Lake Burley Griffin.



QT Canberra

6247 6244

1 London Circuit, Canberra ACT

www.qthotels.com/canberra



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ASIAN RESTAURANT

Lilotang, BARTON
Raku Dining, CANBERRA CITY

BREAKFAST RESTAURANT

Ricardo's Café, MACQUARIE
Space Kitchen, PHILIP
Stella's by the Lake, BELCONNEN
Thirty Four Café, QUEANBEYAN

CAFÉ DINING / PATISSERIE

Café Gather, BRADDON
Queen's Terrace Café, CANBERRA
Ricardo's Café, MACQUARIE
Space Kitchen, PHILIP
Stella's by the Lake, BELCONNEN
Thirty Four Café, QUEANBEYAN

CONTEMPORARY AUSTRALIAN RESTAURANT - FORMAL

Otis Dining Hall, KINGSTON
The Boat House, BARTON

CONTEMPORARY AUSTRALIAN RESTAURANT - INFORMAL

Ginger at the Arboretum, MOLONGLO VALLEY
Ostani, BARTON
Topsy Bull, BRADDON
Trev's at Dickson, DICKSON
Westering, LAKE GEORGE

EUROPEAN RESTAURANT

Black Fire Restaurant, BRADDON
Les Bistronomes, CAMPBELL

INDIAN RESTAURANT

Blu Ginger Indian Restaurant, CANBERRA
Chalisa Indian Restaurant, GREENWAY
Daana, CURTIN

ITALIAN RESTAURANT

Italian & Sons, BRADDON
Mezzalira on London, CANBERRA CITY
Molto Italian, KINGSTON
The Italian Place, BRADDON

RESTAURANT IN A HOTEL / RESORT

Buvette Bistro - Hotel Realm, BARTON
Capitol Bar and Grill - QT Canberra, CANBERRA
Monster Kitchen and Bar - Ovolo Nishi, CANBERRA

RESTAURANT IN A CLUB

Chatham House Restaurant - National Press Club of Australia, BARTON
Federal Golf Club Restaurant, RED HILL

RESTAURANT IN A WINERY

Café Lerida - Lerida Estate, LAKE GEORGE
Olleyville Restaurant - Shaw Vineyard Estate, MURRAMBATEMAN
Pavilion Dining - Pialligo Estate, PIALLIGO

TOURISM RESTAURANT

Black Fire Restaurant, BRADDON
Daana, CURTIN

CATERING AWARDS

FUNCTION / CONVENTION CENTRE CATERER

Federal Golf Club, RED HILL
Hotel Realm, BARTON
National Press Club of Australia, BARTON

VENUE CATERER

APH Catering - Australian Parliament House, CANBERRA
Ginger Catering - National Arboretum of Canberra, MOLONGLO VALLEY

WEDDING CATERER

Ginger Catering, MOLONGLO VALLEY
Hotel Realm, BARTON

CONSUMER VOTE AWARD

Daana, CURTIN
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The Italian Place, BRADDON
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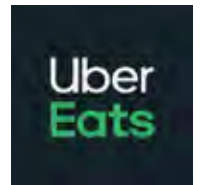


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