

Local Produce and People Shine at Gold Plates Industry Awards Night

Over the past couple of months, local restaurants, bars, clubs and hotels opened their doors to a legion of anonymous judges who have been quietly out and about enjoying the culinary best of what the Territory has to offer.

Welcome and venue presentation, customer service, quality and variety of food and drinks, and the farewell from staff, have all been meticulously logged and scored to determine this year's Gold Plate Award winners.

For the second year in a row, the overall Gold Plate **2019 Restaurant of the Year** was won by **Tali Wiru** at Voyages Ayers Rock Resort, who recorded the highest overall score by the Gold Plate judges.

In congratulating this year's winners and finalists Hospitality NT CEO Des Crowe said Tali Wiru was once again leading the way with their focus on local produce, a great kitchen team, exemplary customer service, and one of the best backdrops in the world.

"Congratulations also to the team at **Snapper Rocks**, for winning the 'Best New Establishment' and 'Best Select Wine List' and 'Best Stand-Alone Restaurant'. It's great to see new investment being made into the NT's dining and bar scene," Mr Crowe said.

"'Best Club Restaurant' and arguably one of the best places to watch Darwin's famous sunset, went to **Darwin Trailer Boat Club**.

"One of the NT's most well-known restaurateur, Jimmy Shu picked up another 'Best Asian Restaurant' for **Hanuman Alice Springs**.

"The **Mindil Beach Casino Resort** took home an amazing four Gold Plates, winning, 'Best Specialty Cuisine', 'Best Steak Restaurant', 'Best Function/Event Caterer', and 'Best Cocktail List.'

"The Gold Plates Awards are a true representation of the diverse nature of the NT's culinary offering and we have some local living legends who put their heart and soul into delivering high quality hospitality and service.

"Our industry is also backed by a strong and growing local producers and farmers, which are often featured in dishes and drinks throughout the NT," Mr Crowe said.

At the Awards night, this year's '50 Featured Signature Series' was promoted, with dishes and drinks from restaurants located all throughout the NT highlighted. The Signature Series aims to promote the NT's food tourism industry, linking local NT produce with NT restaurants and this year was expanded to include the work of talented NT bartenders. <https://northernterritory.com/articles/signature-dish-series>

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Category	Sponsor	Winner
Best Breakfast Restaurant	<i>Dreamedia</i>	Cicada Lodge
Best Club Restaurant	<i>Clubs NT</i>	Darwin Trailer Boat Club
Best Public Hotel Dining	<i>Carlton & United Breweries</i>	Dollys Bar @ Hibiscus Tavern
Best New Establishment	<i>Arafura Catering Equipment</i>	Snapper Rocks
Best Casual Dining	<i>Coopers Brewery</i>	Katherine Club
Best Informal Dining / Cafe Restaurant	<i>Imparja Television</i>	Moorish Cafe
Best Family Restaurant	<i>10 Darwin</i>	Parap Village Tavern
Best Wayside Inn Dining	<i>Tourism Top End</i>	Devils Marbles Hotel
Best Asian Restaurant	<i>Dynamic Catering Solutions</i>	Hanuman Alice Springs
Best Specialty Cuisine Restaurant	<i>Samuel Smith & Son</i>	il Piatto at Mindil Beach Casino Resort
Best Hotel Restaurant	<i>Lion</i>	Arnguli Grill – Desert Gardens Hotel

Best Steak Restaurant	<i>Holco Fine Meat Suppliers</i>	Cove at Mindil Beach Casino Resort
Best Tourism/Themed Restaurant	<i>Tourism NT</i>	Tali Wiru
Best Function/Event Caterer	<i>HOSTPLUS</i>	Mindil Beach Casino Resort
Best Select Wine List	<i>Treasury Wine Estates</i>	Snapper Rocks
Best Cocktail List	<i>Coca-Cola Amatil</i>	Sandbar at Mindil Beach Casino Resort
Best Stand Alone Restaurant	<i>H & L Australia</i>	Snapper Rocks
Minister for Business & Innovation Encouragement Award	<i>Department of Trade, Business & Innovation</i>	Coolalinga Tavern
Restaurant of the Year	<i>Australian Liquor Marketers</i>	Tali Wiru

