



**WOODLAND**  
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## **WOODLAND KITCHEN RECEIVES TOP GONG AT RESTAURANT INDUSTRY AWARDS**

Woodland Kitchen in Neutral Bay has won the Best Contemporary Restaurant - Informal category at the 2017 NSW Savour Australia Restaurant & Catering Hostplus Awards for Excellence.

Business owner and Restaurant & Catering Australia (R&CA) member Damian and Jenni Heads are delighted to have been bestowed this honour. 'We are just delighted to be recognised in this fair, unbiased system of judging, which is comprehensive across the whole dining experience, from booking until departure, we are super proud of our Team'

Jenni says the staff are very excited to have won - To go up against other highly respected restaurants across the Sydney region and come out on top is just exceptional.

Around 600 restaurants, cafes and catering businesses from across NSW gathered to celebrate the achievements of their peers who were judged over 20 categories, with the winners announced at the Awards for Excellence ceremony held at Luna Park, Sydney.

The Awards for Excellence is a nationally recognised, independently judged awards program that celebrates exceptional service and culinary talent across the state. The Awards for Excellence is the only program in Australia where the judging criteria is determined by consumers who rank what is important to them in the dining experience.

The Awards are judged by an independent team of trained judges who anonymously visit the venues to determine the winners. The scores are based on the entire dining experience from food to the customer service experienced when the judges anonymously dine.

R&CA CEO Juliana Payne says, "Woodland Kitchen should be proud of their achievements. Running a hospitality business isn't easy – there's a lot of blood, sweat and tears that goes into to making it work. But when you get the right mix of staff, produce and service, the results can be extraordinary."

Woodland Kitchen will be competing with other region finalists at the National Savour Australia Restaurant & Catering Hostplus Awards for Excellence to be held at Peninsula, Docklands in Melbourne on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2017.

R&CA is the industry association representing thousands of restaurant and catering businesses across Australia. To view the full list of category winners in the 2017 Savour Australia Restaurant & Catering Hostplus Awards for Excellence, visit the R&CA website at [www.restaurantcater.asn.au](http://www.restaurantcater.asn.au).

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