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## EAT DRINK DESIGN AWARDS SHORTLIST REVEALED THE MOST BEAUTIFUL & INNOVATIVE NEW HOSPITALITY VENUES OF 2024

Today, the shortlisted hospitality venues in the 2024 [Eat Drink Design Awards](#) have been named, revealing Australasia's best, newly-designed restaurants, cafés, bars, hotels and retail spaces. The 62 shortlisted venues are a roadmap for the must-visit venues across Australia and New Zealand; notably with strong representation from Australia's regions.

Eat Drink Design Awards jury convenor and editor, Cassie Hansen explained that the Awards are a prism through which the latest hospitality design innovations can be examined, along with the broader cultural and economic influences impacting the places we eat and drink.

*"In a time of extreme economic uncertainty for the industry, celebrating the places where we break bread and convene as a community has never been more important. These shortlisted venues represent the very best newly designed venues in the country and many have common threads that unite them,"* said Hansen.

*"This year the jury applauded the many restaurants, bars and cafes looking far from the traditional and making a big impact with almost an otherworldly design. Patrons can be transported to fantastical destinations when they visit these venues, whether it's a slightly alien landscape or a new country."*

*"Equally transformative were the heritage buildings that had been expertly updated, or had found new purpose through adaptive reuse, re-envisioned as hospitality venues. Restoring and rejuvenating heritage buildings is not an easy task with many challenges and this year we saw many designers doing it superbly."*

*"The jury observed a move towards dark, moody and intimate interiors in many venues, with low, discreet lighting that makes your dining experience feel very intimate, secret and perhaps a little risqué. In a similar vein of intimacy: sometimes we just want to feel like we're dining at a very exclusive spot, whether it be your friend's cool house or a private art gallery. We noted many hospitality interiors this year that feel like this kind of private arena, often helped along by an incredible art collection."*

*"Proving good design extends beyond our capital cities, the jury observed strong representation from regional venues in 2024. These spaces are not just tourism drawcards, they importantly provide a sense of place for the local community."*

Recognising excellence and innovation in the design of restaurants, bars, cafés, hotels and retail spaces across the country, the shortlisted projects in the Eat Drink Design Awards represent the best hospitality venues from Australia's sharpest and most innovative design minds. **The full shortlist of venues can be viewed [here](#) and on the second page of this media release.**

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From hundreds of entries, the Eat Drink Design Awards are shortlisted and eventually awarded by a jury of industry leaders from the hospitality and design sectors. The 2024 jury consists of:

- Di Ritter, jury chair and former Eat Drink Design Awards winner
- Greg Lamb, co-founder, Hogg and Lamb
- Matiya Marovich, principal, Sans-Arc Studio
- Pat Nourse, creative director, Melbourne Food and Wine Festival
- Rebecca Yazbek, co-founder, Nomad Group

**The Award categories for the 2024 Eat Drink Design Awards include:**

- Best Bar Design
- Best Restaurant Design
- Best Café Design
- Best Hotel Design
- Best Retail Design
- Best Identity Design

In addition, each year one longstanding venue is honoured with induction into the Eat Drink Design Awards [Hall of Fame](#). This special award recognises enduring excellence in the design of a hospitality venue open for more than ten years. Last year, Sydney icon Bistro Moncur by Tzannes joined Pellegrini's Espresso Bar, Bill's Darlinghurst, Cafe Di Stasio, Cumulus Inc, Cookie, Icebergs and [other beloved venues](#) in the Hall of Fame.

The winners of the Eat Drink Design Awards will be revealed at 10:00 am, Friday 1 November 2024 in the Eat Drink Design Awards gallery. An official awards report will also appear in the InteriorsAu eNewsletter and ArchitectureAU.com.

## **EAT DRINK DESIGN AWARDS 2024 SHORTLIST:**

### **Best Bar Design**

Bar Besuto - Tom Mark Henry (Sydney, NSW)

Earlwood Hotel - Five Foot One Design (Earlwood, NSW)

The Beach Hotel - EJE (Merewether, NSW)

The Captain's Balcony Crows Nest - Qaiser (Crows Nest, NSW)

The Barrel Room, Ayrburn - Alexander and Co (Arrowtown, NZ)

The Manure Room, Ayrburn - Alexander and Co (Arrowtown, NZ)

The Nightcar - Ctrl Space (Auckland, NZ)

Latteria - Studio Gram (Adelaide, SA)

Amphora - Hachem Architecture (Melbourne, VIC)

Johnny's Green Room - Dion Hall (Carlton, VIC)

Purple Pit - Studio Massive with Latitude Group (Melbourne, VIC)

The Sporting Club Hotel - Studio Co and Co (Brunswick, VIC)

Busselton Pavilion - MJA Studio (Busselton, WA)

## **Best Restaurant Design**

Med - Luchetti Krelle (Barton, ACT)  
Alfie's - Tom Mark Henry (Sydney, NSW)  
Comedor - Welsh and Major Architects (Newtown, NSW)  
Genzo - Cox Architecture with H and E Architects (North Sydney, NSW)  
King Clarence - Pascale Gomes-McNabb Design and Jasmx (Sydney, NSW)  
Longshore - Like Minds Studio (Chippendale, NSW)  
Morena, Sydney - Ewert Leaf (Sydney, NSW)  
Poetica Bar and Grill - Cox Architecture (North Sydney, NSW)  
The Sanderson - Studio Y (Sydney, NSW)  
White Horse - Farago Han Studio (Surry Hills, NSW)  
Como Restaurant - CG Design Studio (Brisbane, QLD)  
Emme - Alkot Studio (Fortitude Valley, QLD)  
Gerard's - J.AR Office (Fortitude Valley, QLD)  
LVN Restaurant at Bird in Hand Winery - Georgie Shepherd Interior Design (Woodside, SA)  
Antara 128 - Kerstin Thompson Architects (Melbourne, VIC)  
Atria at The Ritz-Carlton, Melbourne - Layan (Melbourne, VIC)  
Hopper Joint - Brahman Perera (Pahran, VIC)  
Orlo - McCluskey Studio and James Klapanis (Collingwood, VIC)  
Pincho Disco - Studio Tate (Collingwood, VIC)  
Saint Hotel - Telha Clarke (St Kilda, VIC)  
Studio Amaro - Bergman and Co (Windsor, VIC)  
Canteen Pizza - Studio Gram (Applecross, WA)  
Gibney - Rezen Studio (Cottesloe, WA)

## **Best Café Design**

Blak Cede Gonyah - Papesch Architecture (Nowra, NSW)  
Flour Coffee and Doughroom - Five Foot One Design (Caringbah South, NSW)  
Sol Bread and Wine - Cox Architecture with H and E Architects (North Sydney, NSW)  
Toby's Estate - Russell and George (Chippendale, NSW)  
Code Black Morning Bar - We are Humble (Melbourne, VIC)  
Emil's - We are Humble (Pascoe Vale South, VIC)  
Klim Coffee Roasting Co - Suil (Mount Waverley, VIC)  
Lovey Patisserie Cafe featuring Xplayground - Axe Architects (Melbourne, VIC)  
Market Lane, Prahran - Studio Goss (South Yarra, VIC)  
St. Ali Kiosk, Melbourne Airport - Jackson Clements Burrows Architects (Tullamarine, VIC)  
Top Tea, Clayton - Wall Architects (Clayton, VIC)

### **Best Hotel Design**

Rydges, Melbourne - Luchetti Krelle (Melbourne, VIC)

The Lyall - DKO (South Yarra, VIC)

The Ritz-Carlton, Melbourne - BAR Studio (Melbourne, VIC)

### **Best Retail Design**

LeTao, Sydney - K. Holland Architectural Interiors (Sydney, NSW)

Vic's Meat, Chatswood Chase - Platform by Design Office (Chatswood, NSW)

Winning Appliances, Redfern - Cera Stribley (Waterloo, NSW)

Tim Adams Speciality Coffee and Pedro and Grizz Roasters – Espresso Bar - Studio Shibui with H and G Designs (Warana, QLD)

G McBean Family Butcher - Bergman and Co (South Yarra, VIC)

Giant Steps - Fiona Lynch Office (Healesville, VIC)

Chicho Gelateria and Production Lab - Bosske (Mount Lawley, WA)

### **Best Identity Design**

Ohno! - Inklab (Griffith, ACT)

Como Restaurant - Pisito Studio and CG Design Studio (Brisbane, QLD)

Emil's - We are Humble (Pascoe Vale South, VIC)

Hopper Joint - Projects of Imagination (Prahran, VIC)

Lumen People - Susu Studio (North Melbourne, VIC)

Madeleine de Proust - Principle Design (Carlton, VIC)

Prince Dining Room - Susu Studio (St Kilda, VIC)

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