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EAT DRINK DESIGN AWARDS 2023

THE MOST DARING, INTELLIGENT AND BEAUTIFUL NEW HOSPITALITY VENUES IN AUSTRALIA

Today, the shortlisted hospitality venues in the 2023 Eat Drink Design Awards have been revealed, providing a window into the prevailing forces that shape the contemporary hospitality sector and highlighting the best new restaurants, cafés, bars, hotels and retail spaces in the continent. The Awards are the prism through which hospitality-aficionados can examine the spaces on the cutting edge of hospitality design and also survey the broader dining, tourism and cultural influences that shape the places where we eat, drink and convene as a community. The full shortlist of venues can be viewed [here](#) and the subsequent pages of this media release.

With strong representation from a diverse range of communities across Australia, the awards are a roadmap for the must-visit venues with standout design. Projects are not limited to the areas that might be expected, with several of 2023's shortlisted spaces found in the regions and suburbs as well as in the more traditional metropolitan areas.

Eat Drink Design Awards jury chair, Amy Woodroffe, explained *"the 2023 shortlist demonstrated the willingness of venue owners to trust their design firms and execute ambitious visions. Given current economic and construction challenges, these projects represent acts of defiance and optimism that will positively impact the industry, the guests and ultimately the economy as people are inspired to invest in great experiences."*

"The Eat Drink Design Awards jury observed a diverse offering of aesthetics this year. The most successful hospitality venues managed to balance personality with approachability while pleasing all the senses. The jury were impressed by interiors that responded to their contexts through vernacular design elements and local collaborations. Equal praise was given to conceptual spaces with strong narratives that will transport guests to another realm, even for ten minutes while their ice cream gets scooped," says Woodroffe.

"The jury noted several maximal spaces that were layered with rich materials and bold features, leaning confidently into hedonism. Conversely, there were a number of quieter spaces whose restraint belied rigorous technical skill and championed timelessness in an industry notorious for frequent change. It is encouraging to see businesses and designers approaching hospitality design with a more sustainable mindset."

Woodroffe explains: *"The jury also praised a high level of attention to detail, craft and functionality this year, where equal value was placed on aesthetics and ease of service. You can feel when the team behind a venue built it joyfully and carefully. You note the design details that'll evoke a smile, a sense of comfort or of wonder. It's those spaces that will delight customers for years to come."*

Recognising excellence and innovation in the design of restaurants, bars, cafés, hotels and retail spaces across the country, the shortlisted projects represent the best hospitality venues from Australia's sharpest and most innovative design minds.

The Award categories for 2023 include:

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

In addition, each year one landmark venue is honoured with induction into the Eat Drink Design Awards [Hall of Fame](#). The accolade recognises enduring excellence in the design of a hospitality venue of more than ten years standing. Last year, Melbourne icon Pellegrini's Espresso Bar (Smith, Tracey, Lyon and Brock, 1954) joined Bill's Darlinghurst, Cafe Di Stasio, Cumulus Inc, Cookie, Icebergs and [other beloved venues](#) in the Hall of Fame.

Entries are carefully considered, shortlisted and eventually awarded by a jury of venerable industry leaders from the hospitality and design sectors. The 2023 jury consists of Emma Breheny (food journalist, Good Food), Kevin Ho (director, Akin Atelier), Di Ritter (associate, Hassell), Brent Savage (chef and owner, The Bentley Restaurant Group) and Amy Woodroffe (acting editor, Artichoke). The awards encompass all new projects completed between 1 July 2021 and 30 June 2023.

The Awards will be announced on 29 November 2023 along with a report published in the December issue of Artichoke. Details will also be published online in the Eat Drink Design Awards Gallery and within other Architecture Media titles, both print and online.

**For more information visit Eat Drink Design Awards, visit eat-drink-design.com. For further media information please contact Senior Publicist, Adam Valentine
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The Eat Drink Design Awards jury, 2023. Image credit: Joseph Feil, Blue Tree Studios

EAT DRINK DESIGN AWARDS 2023 SHORTLIST

Best Restaurant Design

Such and Such - MyMyMy Architecture (Canberra, ACT)
Beau and Dough - Smart Design Studio (Surry Hills, NSW)
Gildas - Atoma Design (Surry Hills, NSW)
Hurricane's Grill and Bar - Luchetti Krelle (Cronulla, NSW)
Kiln, Ace Hotel Sydney - Fiona Lynch Interior Design (Sydney, NSW)
Light Years Asian Diner - Studio Plenty (Byron Bay, NSW)
Lulu's Restaurant and Garden, The Lodge Jamberoo - Studio Barbara (Jamberoo, NSW)
Oborozuki - Giant Design Consultants (Sydney, NSW)
Rafi - Luchetti Krelle (North Sydney, NSW)
Redbird - Luchetti Krelle (Redfern, NSW)
Rekōdo Restaurant and Vinyl Bar - H and E Architects (Barangaroo, NSW)
The Charles Grand Brasserie and Bar - Cox Architecture in collaboration with H and E Architects (Sydney, NSW)
Babylon Brisbane - Hogg and Lamb (Brisbane, QLD)
Komeyui Brisbane - Baenziger Coles (Spring Hill, QLD)
The Wolf - Melissa Collison Design (Brisbane, QLD)
Fugazzi Private Dining Room and Bar - Studio Gram (Adelaide, SA)
HNLY - Genesin Studio (Henley Beach, SA)
Luma Bar and Restaurant - Hachem (Adelaide, SA)
Sth - Adrian Condina (Unley, SA)
The Light Room - Georgie Shepherd Interior Design (Adelaide, SA)
Figlia - Ewert Leaf (Brunswick East, VIC)
Five Vineyard - Ewert Leaf (Mernda, VIC)
Grazia Restaurant - Richard Hall and Son (Glen Iris, VIC)
Yūgen - Architects EAT (South Yarra, VIC)
Vin Populi - Rezen Studio (Fremantle, WA)
Bossi - CTRL Space (Auckland CBD, New Zealand)

Best Café Design

Intra Lnsd - McShane Studio (Braddon, ACT)
Glory Days Bondi - Cox Architecture (Bondi Beach, NSW)
Home Croissanterie - Guru Projects (Balmain, NSW)

Best Café Design (cont.)

S'wich Bondi - Studio Shand (Bondi Beach, NSW)
The Commons Cafe, Surry Hills - Design Office (Surry Hills, NSW)
Convoy - Studio Esteta (Moonee Ponds, VIC)
Laurent Bakery, Ivanhoe - Golden (Ivanhoe, VIC)
Manta Ray Coffee Roastery - We are Humble (Nunawading, VIC)
Nimbo - Elvin Tan Design (Melbourne, VIC)
St Ali and The Queen - Fiona Lynch Interior Design (Melbourne, VIC)
Ula Cafe - Sui L (Collingwood, VIC)

Best Bar Design

Bar Heather - Miles / Thorp Architects (Byron Bay, NSW)
Bar Morris - Tom Mark Henry (Sydney, NSW)
L'Uva - Guru Projects (Sydney, NSW)
The Treasury - InterContinental Hotel Sydney - Woods Bagot (Sydney, NSW)
Tiva - Cox Architecture in collaboration with H and E Architects (Sydney, NSW)
Butler - Hogg and Lamb (Brisbane, QLD)
Jubilee Hotel - Blight Rayner Architecture (Fortitude Valley, QLD)
Dolly - Genesin Studio (Unley, SA)
Bassendean Hotel - Woods Bagot (Bassendean, WA)

Best Hotel Design

Capella Sydney - Bar Studio (Sydney, NSW)
Hotel Morris - Tom Mark Henry (Sydney, NSW)
The Playford Hotel - Hachem (Adelaide, SA)
Lancemore Milawa - The Stella Collective (Milawa, VIC)

Best Retail Design

Gabriel Coffee - Guru Projects (Chatswood, NSW)
Super Egg - Genesin Studio (Adelaide, SA)
Delatite Cellar Door - Lucy Clemenger Architects (Mansfield, VIC)
Grana - Ewert Leaf (Brunswick East, VIC)
Kōri Ice Cream - Architects EAT (Hawthorn, VIC)
Kudo - Kitayama K Architects (Melbourne, VIC)
Le Tao - K.Holland Architectural Interiors (Melbourne, VIC)

Best Retail Design (cont.)

Pidapipó Laboratorio - Dion Hall (Fitzroy, VIC)

Best Identity Design

El Primo Sanchez - The Bar Brand People (Paddington, NSW)

Mittagong Hotel - Inklab (Mittagong, NSW)

Kin Seafood - Studio Band (Glenside, SA)

Our Boy Roy - The Colour Club (Clarence Park, SA)

Kōri Ice Cream - Principle Design (Hawthorn, VIC)

Music Room - The Company You Keep (TCYK) (Melbourne, VIC)

Pidapipó Laboratorio - Studio Ongarato (Fitzroy, VIC)