

News Release

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SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS RESTAURANTS
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Good Food Guide Awards
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Two Southern Highlands' restaurants received a prestigious **Chefs Hat Award** in the latest edition of the **Good Food Guide** which was launched in a gala ceremony at the Carriage Works Art Centre in Sydney.

This was the 25th anniversary edition of **The Guide**, which is widely recognised by the hospitality industry as the most important and most critical set of restaurant awards in New South Wales.

Chef Francois Razavet accepted his award on behalf of **Katers Restaurant at Peppers Manor House**, Sutton Forest, and Chef Tim Pratt and Sommelier Deb Pearce accepted theirs on behalf of **The Journeyman Restaurant and Bar** in Bowral.

Of the 71 NSW restaurants to receive **Hats**, only 25 are outside Sydney and two of these are in the Southern Highlands. (The ACT and Illawarra only have one each.) The reviewers say "From hatted fine diners to cosy cafes, the Highlands ticks all the boxes".

To be awarded a **Hat**, a restaurant must be 'reliably good' in food, service and ambience. **The Guide** also rates restaurants' wine lists. Both **Journeyman** and **Katers** were awarded a **Glass** for their wine lists, as was **Eschalot** at Berrima.

It is the second successive year that **Katers** has earned a Hat. It is **Journeyman's** third, having been awarded Hats in its last two years at Berrima before the restaurant moved to Bowral.



A total of 13 Highlands restaurants and cafes were reviewed and awarded points on **The Good Food Guide** scale of 12 to 20. They were:

- 15** **Katers** (Sutton Forest) and **Journeyman** (Bowral)
- 14½** **Eschalot** (Berrima)
- 13½** **Black Swan** (Berrima) and Onesta Cucina (Bowral)
- 13** **Centennial Vineyards** (Bowral), Esco Pazzo (Mittagong), Josh's Café (Berrima), Post Café & Bar (Moss Vale), **Stones Restaurant At Eling Forest** (Sutton Forest), **vida** (Bowral), and Willow Vale Mill
- 12½** **The Red Olive** (Mittagong)

Also receiving a worthy mention in the *Guide* were:

- Burrawang General Store Café** (Burrawang)
- Magpie Café** (Berrima)
- Milk Factory Gallery Café** (Bowral)
- Robertson Cheese Factory** (Robertson), and Cafe Bella (Kangaroo Valley), Exeter General Store (Exeter), Gastronome (Bowral), Paragon (Goulburn), Pizzas In The Mist (Robertson), and the Royal Brasserie & Steakhouse (Bowral)>

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