

News Release

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AND THE WINNERS ARE.... Southern Highlands Shines At The 2009 Restaurant & Catering NSW Awards

The Southern Highlands has excelled at the 2009 Restaurant & Catering NSW Awards held last night, Monday 13 July at the Novotel Northbeach in Wollongong, with three local restaurants walking away WINNERS!

Winning awards were:

- ❖ **Stones Restaurant, Eling Forest Winery, Sutton Forest** – winner Restaurant In A Winery Category
- ❖ **Eschalot Restaurant, Berrima** – winner Regional Wine List Category, and
- ❖ **Josh's Café, Berrima** – winner BYO Restaurant Category

Chief executive of Restaurant & Catering NSW, Robert Goldman said "more than 30 restaurants and caterers whose businesses were located in the region were recognised at last night's ceremony, and included several of the State's tourism and dining treasures". He added "that the restaurants and caterers reflect the rich use of regional produce, making the region unique in comparison to other regions".

Mark Stone, who operates Stones Restaurant at the Eling Forest Winery in Sutton Forest was thrilled with his prize and acknowledged its recognition of all the hard work which has gone into creating, what is a first class restaurant. Located in the picturesque Eling Forest Winery at Sutton Forest, Stones Restaurant offers diners a seasonally revised menu prepared with most of its produce sourced locally and an award winning wine list including wines which are made on site and those sourced from surrounding wineries.

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