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CALEB RESTAURANT AND BAR RECEIVES TOP GONGS AT RESTAURANT INDUSTRY AWARDS

Caleb Restaurant and Bar, Subiaco, has won the Best Italian Restaurant in WA category at the 2021 WA Australia Restaurant & Catering Hostplus Awards for Excellence.

Chef Caleb Azuka has won the Best Chef of the Year at the 2021 WA Australia Restaurant & Catering Hostplus Awards for Excellence.

Business owner Chef Caleb Azuka says, "I am proud and honoured to receive these awards. I love working with Western Australian produce and am thrilled to be accepted by the wonderful people of Western Australia".

The staff were thrilled with the recognition and said it inspired them to do even better. The restaurant has a small group of dedicated staff who work very hard and have coped well with the difficulties of the last nine months. These awards reward all of their hard work and commitment..

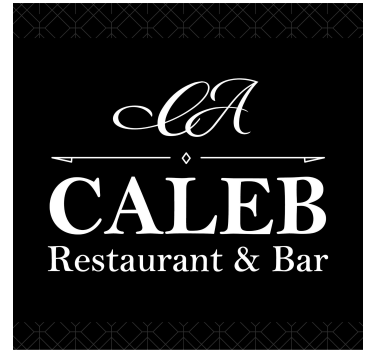
More than 50 local restaurants, cafes and catering businesses gathered to celebrate the achievements of their peers who were judged in over 20 categories, with the winners announced at the Awards for Excellence ceremony held at Optus Stadium.

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 restaurant/café winners. The scores are based on the entire dining experience from food to the customer service experienced when the judges anonymously dine.

Caterers are assessed on all aspects of their catering business including operations, food, service, staffing and event/site outcomes to determine the catering category winners.

R&CA CEO Wes Lambert says Caleb Restaurant and Bar should be proud of their achievements. Running a hospitality business isn't easy, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic – there's a lot of effort and energy that goes into making it work through a crisis. But when you get the right mix of staff, products, produce and service, the results can be extraordinary."



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R&CA is the industry association representing tens of thousands of restaurant and catering businesses across Australia. To view the full list of category winners in the 2021 Australia Restaurant & Catering Hostplus Awards for Excellence, visit the R&CA website at www.rca.asn.au.

ITALIAN RESTAURANT

Sponsored by Salena Estate

WINNER - CALEB Restaurant & Bar, SUBIACO

Gioia on the River, EAST PERTH

Nicolas Ristorante, BUNBURY

Nunzio's Restaurant, FREMANTLE

Trattoria Ilaria, NORTH PERTH

CHEF OF THE YEAR

Sponsored by PorkStar

WINNER – Caleb Azuka - CALEB Restaurant & Bar

Chris Lane - Beaumonde Hospitality Jesse Partlon -

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Leigh Power - The Old Synagogue

Maverick Cuthbert - South of Perth Yacht Club

Taweepong Sangsuriyaporn - Dusit Dheva by the Sea

Tristan Cotgrove - RAC Arena



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