

Media Release

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CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF MELBOURNE FOOD AND WINE FESTIVAL

Victoria's finest young chefs will come together for a *30 Under 30 Gala Dinner* showcasing the depth of talent that makes Melbourne Australia's culinary capital.

Minister for Tourism, Sport and Major Events Martin Pakula today announced the *30 Under 30 Gala Dinner* would take place at the Plaza Ballroom on Thursday, 28 July with a menu of 30 dishes prepared by 30 talented chefs under 30 years of age.

The event – part of the Melbourne Food and Wine Festival's 30th anniversary celebrations – will showcase the up-and-coming talent shaping the future of Victoria's hospitality industry. It will feature chefs from renowned restaurants such as Attica, Vue de Monde, Gimlet, Igni, Aru, Etta, Provenance and many more.

The event aims to promote Melbourne as a culinary destination and celebrate our city's creativity while providing a platform for young chefs to showcase their skills.

Festivities will continue into August with a series of more intimate events with the 30 chefs cooking together in small groups at Cutler & Co, Matilda 159 Domain, Stokehouse, Society and Embla.

The 30th anniversary celebrations follow on from the successful festival in March, which attracted more than 54,000 people to 56 events.

Later in the year, the Melbourne Food and Wine Festival will head to regional Victoria to continue the celebrations and spread the economic benefits across the state.

The Melbourne Food and Wine Festival has been a mainstay of our major events calendar for three decades, strengthening Victoria's reputation as a premier food and wine destination.

For more information, visit melbournefoodandwine.com.au.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Tourism, Sport and Major Events Martin Pakula

"Melbourne is famous the world over for its food and wine scene and we should celebrate our city's talented young chefs."

"We're proud to support the Melbourne Food and Wine Festival because it showcases the best our city has to offer for dining and drinking, which brings more people to our hospitality businesses and supports local jobs."

Quotes attributable to Food and Drink Victoria CEO Anthea Loucas Boshu

"We're thrilled to be celebrating our 30th anniversary by shining a light on 30 of Victoria's most promising young chefs. We have the most dynamic young talent in the world, and we can't wait to put them front and centre at 30 Under 30."

"Melbourne is the capital of creativity and innovation in Australia, and our restaurants, bars, cafés, bakeries and patisseries are an inspiration for travellers and locals, professionals and diners alike."

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