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# what's new

The latest events and foodie news around Australia.

## national

### FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

The Rocks Aroma Festival in Sydney is on again (Sunday July 6, 10am-5pm, visit: [therocks.com](http://therocks.com)), with a host of coffee, chocolate, tea and spice stalls, as well as demonstrations and tastings. Tasmanian chocolate-lovers are also in for a treat, as the Chocolate Winterfest kicks off in Latrobe (July 13, 10am-4pm, visit: [chocolatewinterfest.com.au](http://chocolatewinterfest.com.au)). Highlights include chocolate sculptures, cake competition, markets and exhibitions.

### POPULAR VOTE

Cast your vote in the Lexus Appetite for Excellence People's Choice awards for the chance to win a trip for two to Sydney for the awards night. Entries close August 1. Visit: [appetiteforexcellence.com](http://appetiteforexcellence.com).

## act

### CAPITAL ASSETS

Deluxe development New Acton is the capital's latest hotspot, drawing Grant and Spencer Kells of Sydney's former Kells Kitchen to open Flint Dining Room & Bar. Creations from the woodfired oven and grill are the focus, whether a Berkshire pork cutlet or mushroom and rosemary pizza. New Acton Pavilion, 2/15 Edinburgh Ave, Canberra (02) 6162 3350.



Eugenio Maiale

## nsw

### DUCKS IN A ROW

Berry locals can enjoy pan-Asian perks at Hungry Duck. Chef David Campbell (who now splits his time between Berry and Sydney's The Book Kitchen) uses his experience at Tetsuya's and Billy Kwong, as well as produce from an on-site garden, in dishes such as Duck Three Ways (spring roll, rare breast and crispy spiced leg). 85 Queen St, Berry, (02) 4464 2323.

### DARLO DARLINGS

Eugenio Maiale of Darlinghurst's A Tavola has teamed up with Gelato Messina's Nick Palumbo to bring a serious Italian focus to their neighbourhood food store, renamed Gastronomia Pelagio. Salumi and cheeses are among the goodies to watch for. 235 Victoria St, Darlinghurst, (02) 9360 1011.



The Italian



Flint Dining Room

## victoria

### COOL COLLINS

Melbourne seems blessed with a glut of Italian restaurants, and the relocation of The Italian from its hidden position at Malthouse Lane, to a high profile site at 101 Collins Street, proves that the city's hunger for *la bella cucina* is undiminished. The two levels include a private room and courtyard. (03) 9654 9499. *Matt Preston*

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