

## 'TEN OUT OF TEN' FOR DARWIN'S MENU LAUNCH

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Over 100 invited guests sampled the taste sensations at the recent launch of the Darwin Convention Centre's (DCC) latest menus.

On welcoming the guests, DCC's General Manager, Malu Barrios said visitors to the Top End require an experience that is different from anywhere else in the world and here in Darwin, the Centre's Catering Team can certainly deliver on that.

The Northern Territory is renowned in the export market for its produce and the Centre's menu captures and presents the best of the Top End's produce in a modern Australian style partnered with personable service.

"The region's reputation is outstanding when it comes to wild Barramundi, Coral prawns and mud crabs; fresh market grown Asian vegetables and delicious tropical fruit," added Barrios.

A series of food stations were positioned to showcase the variety of styles and flavours to reflect Darwin's multi-cultural heritage. The stations included all sections of the menus from breakfast, coffee breaks, entrees, main courses, desserts and even the wine chosen to complement the exquisite dishes.

To create an interactive environment, scorecards were given to gain valuable clients feedback on appearance, taste and creativity. This information is being collated by the Centre's team to assist with quality assurance and consistency of presentation for all future events.

NT Regional Manager for Independent Grocers, Raelene Kearns said their annual 'Festival of Food' trade exhibition was the first ever event to be held at the Darwin Convention Centre and have developed a strong bond with the Darwin Convention Centre team.

"I have never been to a menu launch in Darwin. It was a novel idea, sensational food, spectacular presentation and wonderful to see such a strong turn out to support the event. We really do feel like we have been part of the Centre's evolution and are so fortunate to have such a magnificent venue in our city," stated Ms Kearns.

Since opening in June 2008, the Darwin Convention Centre has quickly established itself as Darwin's premier convention venue hosting many international, national and local conventions, banquets and events with their own special tropical flavour and style.

"Our menus have been compiled and carefully selected after 12 months experience and valuable client feedback, such as Raelene's. We are very proud for the local community to be the first to sample the new tastes of the Darwin Convention Centre," Ms Barrios added.

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