



FEAST BLUE MOUNTAINS

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FEATURED SPEAKERS



Simon Bryant's 25 year career includes cooking in Thai, Indian and award winning fine dining restaurants, as well as a one year stretch as a butcher. He was Hilton Adelaide's Executive Chef from 2003 to 2010. Simon has cooked in Australia, Russia, USA, Japan, China and Singapore. From 2006 to 2009 he co-hosted 152 episodes of ABC's *The Cook and the Chef* with South Australian food icon Maggie Beer. He is the author of *Vegies* and the newly released *Vegetables, Grains & Other Good Stuff*, with both books including a collection of seasonal vegetarian recipes. In 2014 Simon was appointed as Co-Creative Director for *Tasting Australia* - Australia's premium Food and Wine Festival.



Indira Naidoo's television broadcast career has spanned more than two decades, including anchoring and reporting for the ABC's *Late Edition* nightly news and SBS TV's award-winning *World News Tonight*. In 2009 she was selected from 2000 applicants to be trained by former US President Al Gore as a climate change presenter. In 2013 she was appointed an ambassador for the Sydney homeless centre the Wayside Chapel and conducts weekly gardening classes in its award-winning rooftop vegetable garden. Indira's bestselling book *The Edible Balcony* documented her adventures growing fruit and vegetables on her inner-city balcony and then making them into delicious recipes. She also writes the popular food and gardening blog *Saucy Onion*.



Louise Tran is the Communications and Marketing Manager for OzHarvest, Australia's leading food rescue organisation. Part of her role is to ensure that the bright yellow organisation's brand, work and purpose is clearly visible to the public and the world.

Louise also led the Australian launch of the inaugural OzHarvest campaign partnered with the United Nations' Environment Programme - *Think.Eat.Save*, to raise awareness on global food waste, food security and food sustainability which saw the organisation invited to showcase its work at the United Nations' Climate Change Conference COP20 in Lima, Peru in 2014.



Martin Boetz has had an extensive and successful career within Australia's food scene as both a chef and now as the owner and founder of Cooks Co-op, at Sackville, on the Hawkesbury River. As Executive Chef at Longrain Sydney and Longrain Melbourne, Martin's individual take on modern Asian cuisine, driven by Chinese influences within traditional Thai food, redefined this cuisine within Australia. Two years ago Martin launched Cooks Co-op and began providing locally grown and sourced produce to some of Sydney's best restaurants. The business continues to grow as Martin's vision of chefs having influence and control over their produce from seedling right through to the diners experience comes to life.



Tawnya Bahr has worked for nearly two decades in the food industry as a chef and food consultant, while also creating her own commercial line of condiments (The Condiment Connoisseur) and establishing a national gourmet distribution company. Tawnya Bahr is founder of Straight to the Source which brings together food lovers, industry professionals and local producers to create unique food experiences that educate and promote outstanding local producers. A native of Oregon, USA, Tawnya is currently completing a Masters in Gastronomic Tourism through Le Cordon Bleu and Southern Cross University.

PROGRAM

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
8.30 - 8.35	Welcome and program overview	Jacqueline Brinkman, Blue Mountains Economic Enterprise
8.35 - 8.40	Program overview	Michael Brischetto MC
8.40 - 9.10	Setting the food scene in Australia	Simon Bryant
9.10 - 9.40	Nourishing our country	Louise Tran
9.40 - 10.10	Following food seasons, not food trends	Simon Byrant
10.10 - 10.35	Traditional smoking ceremony followed by morning tea	
10.35 - 11.05	Hot trend: urban agriculture	Indira Naidoo
11.05 - 11.35	Culinary tourism	Tawnya Bahr
11.35 - 12.05	Supporting local produce in a disappearing landscape	Martin Boetz
12.05 - 12.30	Morning session wrap up and Q&A	Michael Brischetto MC
13.00 - 15.00	Meet the producers lunch	John Rankins, TAFE
15.15 - 16.30	Food, beer and wine matching panel discussion	Michael Brischetto Tim Petersen, The Lookout Jeff Clements, Western Regional Wines Lee Kwiez, Darley's
17.00 - 19.30	Sunset drinks cocktail party	





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