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PULLMAN REEF HOTEL CASINO

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January 2012



Welcome

I hope you all had a very enjoyable festive season and a good start to the New Year! 2011 was a fantastic year for us here at the Pullman Reef Hotel Casino, and we are looking forward to making 2012 bigger and better.

We are getting ready for two big celebrations – Chinese New Year and Australia Day, and the complex will be hosting a number of events to honour these occasions. Also, don't forget to get out and explore The Esplanade during this time – this area comes alive with parties and festivities for everyone!

We are all still very excited about our recent wins at the Tropical North Queensland Tourism Awards, where we accepted two prestigious awards in the Luxury Accommodation and Meetings & Business Tourism categories. Each year more than 500 operators from Cairns and the surrounding regions vie for honours in various categories at the event, which was established 13 years ago. With these two awards still in the back of our minds, we will aim to offer you even better quality of service and hospitality during your stay with us.

Whilst you are in the hotel I recommend a visit to Tamarind, the signature restaurant at the hotel. Tamarind is now the most awarded restaurant in Cairns, following its most recent win at the 2011 Far North Queensland *Savour Australia* Restaurant & Catering Awards for Excellence - awarded 'Restaurant of the Year' in the fine dining category.

Also, make sure you take the time to explore the whole complex, which offers everything from restaurants and live entertainment, to a boutique Casino, night club and the Cairns Wildlife Dome.

Once again, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the hotel, and I do hope that you will have the opportunity to visit us again in the coming months.

Wayne Reynolds
General Manager

Australia Day Thursday 26 January 2012

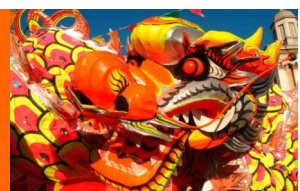
Cairns will be celebrating Australia Day with a variety of great activities in the region. Here at Pullman Reef Hotel Casino, we are also gearing up to celebrate our nation's birthday with a number of special guest performances and specials in our bars and restaurants.

There will be various performances over the whole month at our Vertigo Bar, with many special guests on Australia Day.

Make sure you visit Flinders Bar and Grill for special deals throughout the month. There will also be scratchie promotions, so make sure you visit the Casino for your chance to win (terms and conditions apply).



HAPPY NEW YEAR AND GONG XI FA CAI
from everyone here at the Pullman Reef Hotel Casino





What's on in Cairns - January



Cairns Chinese New Year Street Festival

Saturday 21 January 2012

3.00pm - 8.00pm

Fogarty Park

2012 is the "Year of the Dragon" and the Chinese New Year Street Festival is on again bigger and better than ever! Since its humble beginnings in 2004, the festival has proven to be greatly enjoyable and provides a wide variety of activities and staged performances, including market stalls, Chinese dancing and a parade featuring the dragon, lions and the 12 Zodiac Animals. It is suitable for families and all ages.



Cairns Markets

Cairns is host to many fantastic markets featuring a wide range of local produce, arts & crafts, entertainment, clothes and souvenirs.

Rusty's Market: Friday 5.00am - 6.00pm, Saturday 6.00am - 3.00pm, Sunday 6.00am - 2.00pm

Cairns Pier Markets: every Saturday & Sunday, 9.00am - 3.00pm

Cairns Night Markets: every day, 4.30pm - 11.00pm

Tanks Market (Cairns Botanical Gardens Precinct): last Sunday of each month, 9.00am - 2.00pm

Kuranda Market: every Wednesday to Sunday, 9.00am - 3.00pm

Cotters Market by the Sea Port Douglas: every Sunday, 8.00am - 1.30pm

Pullman Profile

Paul Bowell - Head Chef, Tamarind

How long have you been at Tamarind? I have worked at Tamarind for three years since November 2008. During that year I was working as Sous Chef at the Reef House at Palm Cove where we were beaten by Tamarind at the Restaurant Caterers Awards for the Restaurant of the Year. So it was a great opportunity when I was offered the position of Head Chef at Tamarind.

What made you become a chef? Cooking was something that always came easily to me, I would always help my Mum cook the weekly roast dinner. During one school holidays I did work experience at a local restaurant and loved every minute I was there. After one week back at school I left and started my apprenticeship - have never looked back.



What is your favourite dish on the menu and why? There are ever-changing answers to this question as the menu changes every four months. I am constantly working on new dishes which is what I find most enjoyable. At the moment I am favouring the dishes which will form part of the new menu for February. I like taking a simple dish or ingredient and stripping it back, and creating a new dish that is modern and inventive but is still rooted with the flavours of the original dish. A new entrée I am working on is a chicken and green onion terrine, corn puree with a quail egg and chili popcorn. The essence of this dish is the flavours of chicken and sweet corn soup, and it ticks all the boxes for me - it tastes good, it is different and fits into the Tamarind thinking.

Who are some of the inspirations in the food industry and why? I have had the chance to work with some great chefs, and have hosted a number of them including Manu Feildel, George Calombaris, Geoff Lindsay and Christine Mansfield. They are all so inspiring, but also I get inspiration from my fellow staff - my right hand man Karl Edwards and Restaurant Manager Vicki Newman, as they work as hard as I do to take Tamarind forward. It is inspiring to me to see people pull together to achieve a common goal.

To make a reservation at Tamarind, please call 07 4030 8897

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