



*Taste Our Passion*

## HUNTER CHEFS MEET THOMSEN & THOMPSON

On Monday July 4<sup>th</sup> Hunter Chefs & Co will welcome not one but 2 guest speakers to their Winter Luncheon being held at Hatted restaurant MUSE in the Hunter Valley

The 120 guests lucky enough to have secured a ticket will be delighted that Simon Thomsen ex editor of the Sydney Morning Herald's Good Food Guide and Glenn Thompson of Zest restaurant in Nelson Bay will both be engaging guests with a wealth of industry know-how & knowledge.

Simon Thomsen will be delivering a speech entitled "Looking for love in all the wrong places.." highlighting why it is so important to please customers over critics. Simon's passion for good food is no secret. In a past life, he wandered the world, working as a chef and waiter before deciding he wields a pen better than a knife. Simon is The Daily Telegraphs Restaurant Critic, a columnist on thepunch.com.au, Australian Iron Chef TV series judge and was editor of the Good Food Guide for six years.

Chef Glen Thompson's career has seen him work with some of the worlds most accomplished chefs including Maurice Guillouet, Denis Dupont & Jeremiah Tower. In 2008 he was awarded the winner of Mid North Coast Signature Dish. Glen Thompson will be conducting a MEMBERS ONLY workshop on New Food Technology from 10.30-11.30am

In addition to the guest speakers, Hunter Chefs & Co will be announcing the 2 teams who will be going head to head at this year's Annual Food Fight being held on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2011 in The Barrel Room at Tempus Two Winery.

This year the rivalry will be strong with 3 Newcastle Chefs taking on 3 Hunter Valley Chefs duelling in a battle of the region! Peter Everett, ex compare of ready, steady, cook will be hosting this year's event with live video from the kitchen being streamed to 200 hungry guests

Hunter Chefs & Co is a not-for-profit association and the luncheon series was developed to build on the education and training for new and established Hunter Chefs and the use of the best produce available from Hunter Region providores. Formed in 2006 by a group of Hunter Executive Chefs who were driven to promote the Hunter Regions culinary excellence, these lunches are now becoming a sell-out event.

Ben Neil, Chairman of Hunter Chefs & Co, says over the last 2 years the association has grown to encompass the entire Hunter Region expanding into Newcastle and Port Stephens and all hospitality professionals' are invited to get on board, "Everyone who attends our lunches gets a great deal out of them, from culinary mentorship, to inspiration and great networking. We are all a friendly group of people who share one passion and that is the love of great food. Our association is all about the exchange of information on techniques, products and getting the very best out of your ingredients."

This year's "Food Fight" luncheon costs \$75 for Hunter Chefs & Co members and \$110 for guests with the luncheon, beer and wine provided. RSVP essential by 1<sup>st</sup> September 2011 to [mail@hunterchefs.com.au](mailto:mail@hunterchefs.com.au) or 0402 693 360. This event will sell out.

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