

Paper Crane launches seasonal menu with new Executive Chef

Cairns, Queensland – 14 November 2022: Paper Crane by Crystalbrook launches a new seasonal South-East Asian inspired menu.

Bringing the bustling streets, tastes and scents from South-East Asia to life, Paper Crane's new menu brings an unexpected zing to the Cairns Esplanade dining precinct. Highlighting a fusion of Japanese, Chinese, Korean, Thai and Vietnamese cuisines, the new seasonal menu features local produce from Tropical North Queensland, taking advantage of the abundance of fresh options from the region.

Menu highlights include Mareeba coffee 12-hour short ribs and the sizzler of local Atherton Tableland red claw, complete with *Climate Calories*, a Crystalbrook Collection initiative launched earlier this year to allow diners to see where ingredients come from; whether they're locally sourced, sustainably grown or caught, have an indigenous connection, consciously reduce waste and were delivered to the restaurant in eco-friendly packaging.

Sanjesh Shankar, recently appointed as Executive Chef of Crystalbrook Riley, explains his vision behind the new menu. "I wanted to incorporate the rich flavours of certain Asian cuisines with a focus on sourcing ingredients from the rich agricultural bowl of Cairns". Sanjesh brings 30 years of experience to Paper Crane and welcomes the opportunity to put his own unique spin on the restaurant concept.

A new menu isn't the only thing unveiling at Paper Crane this month, introducing changes to the unique cocktail list, installing neon pink lights and introducing 'liquid desserts' – think a Vietnamese espresso martini shaken at the table. The theatre and fun behind the bustling restaurant concept continues to breath life into the dining scene in Cairns and across Crystalbrook Collection's eight bars and restaurants, creating a unique banqueting experience for locals and travelers alike.

The new menu launches Tuesday 15 November just in time for the festive season. As part of the Crystalbrook Crowd enjoy an instant 10% off your stays when you book direct, as well as 10% off at our restaurants and bars when you sign up.

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- Crystalbrook Bailey, Cairns, Queensland
- Crystalbrook Flynn, Cairns, Queensland
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- Crystalbrook Vincent, Brisbane, Queensland

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