

## Food and Art- A Winning Combination

As Queen Elizabeth II visited **The Ian Potter Centre: NGV Australia** in Melbourne, **Peter Rowland Catering** at NGV International was named Australia's Best Venue Caterer at the Savour Australia Restaurant & Catering Hostplus National Awards for Excellence.

"We are absolutely thrilled with this acknowledgement", said Brian Leyden, CEO of Peter Rowland Catering. "In our 50 years of being in business we continue to raise the benchmark in food and service to exceed our customers' expectations – whether that's at public venues such as NGV International, at major sporting events, for private functions or in our commercial sites."

The Peter Rowland Catering team recently catered for The Australian Motorcycle Grand Prix in Phillip Island and its major annual event, Melbourne Cup Carnival.

Leyden said 2011 has been a milestone year for Peter Rowland Catering with its expansion into Canberra, catering at the **National Museum of Australia** and significant growth in its commercial catering division recently commencing at the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet in Canberra and Australian National Unity in Melbourne.

Peter Rowland Catering has had a long-term partnership with the **National Gallery of Victoria**, managing all dining outlets at NGV International and The Ian Potter Centre: NGV Australia. The

Great Hall at NGV International continues to be an iconic venue for functions and Persimmon Restaurant at NGV International has a rapidly growing clientele.

The award was presented to Peter Rowland Catering's Venue Manager for NGV International, Daniel Tootell, at a gala dinner held at Luna Park Sydney in late October.



One of the many venues for Peter Rowland Catering, the NGVI Great Hall.

## Industry Expert Launches Book 'Behind the Bubbles'

With the 'champagne season' just around the corner, there's a book about to hit the shelves which will help Australians hone their champagne palette in preparation for the 'fizzy time of the year' whilst at the same time delving into the many fascinating stories and legends that exist 'behind the bubbles'.

Written by well known champagne connoisseur, author and champagne educator Jayne Powell, known as **Champagne Jayne** - '*Champagnes - Behind The Bubbles*' takes the reader on an enchanting journey behind this magical wine of celebration, luxury and romance.

This lavishly illustrated 240 page coffee table guide published by Arbon as part of the Great, Grand and Famous series, explores the secrets of champagne's magnetic appeal from Roman times to today and in the process unravels champagne's unexpected links to French nationhood and its place in so many historic and well known situations.

"Champagne is a time machine in a glass," said Powell. "When you drink champagne you're literally drinking history. There would be no champagne without the Catholic Church. There would be no champagne without the French monarchy. There would be no champagne without the Industrial Revolution."

Did you know that James Bond author, Ian Fleming's favourite seduction technique was to lure the ladies with champagne and sausages? Or that many of the most successful entrepreneurs in champagne's history have been women?

Did you know that there are over 21 million bubbles in a glass of champagne? Or that the champagne drunk by Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman as the Germans marched into Paris and he uttered the infamous line "Here's looking at you kid" was Mumm Cordon Rouge?

"There's nobody more passionate about champagne than me. It's this passion that I have put into every page of this book. So, I urge anyone who wants to indulge themselves in the

delectable history of champagne, educate their minds and their palettes to read my book. That's not to mention the dinner party conversation starters that this book can offer," Champagne Jayne concluded.

Packed with useful fizz facts, hints and tips, this handy reference guide is the perfect gift for beginners, champagne aficionados and experienced hospitality professionals alike.

Spice readers can order a limited edition, specially dedicated and signed copy of '*Champagnes - Behind the Bubbles*' at [www.champagnejayne.com](http://www.champagnejayne.com) for themselves, or as a unique corporate gift.

Jayne Powell, AKA 'Champagne Jayne.'

