

# Life



## LUXURY ACCOMMODATION TO A TEA

Rave reviews keep rolling in for the world's first tea bungalow resort, Tea Trails, situated in Dickoya, the heart of Sri Lanka's tea country. Four colonial tea planters' bungalows, set among lush Ceylon tea estates, and infused with a new and decidedly gourmet vibe. The Tea Trails resort teaches guests about the perfect brew as they are absorbed into life on a working tea estate, whilst revelling in five-star luxury. For more details visit [www.teatrails.com](http://www.teatrails.com)



## NEW LOOK CLAUDE'S

Legendary Sydney restaurant Claude's has had a recent make-over with chef Chui Lee Luk redecorating the dining room with sensational new prints and a new menu. The new Claude's reflects Chui's love of texture and colour, featuring reflective surfaces, florals and filigree. Chui's Degustation Menu, has been designed to incorporate locally grown truffles. For details and bookings phone 02 9331 2325.

## TASTE PROVINCIAL VICTORIA

Prahran Markets has opened the 'Taste Provincial Victoria' stall to showcase the products of small Victorian food producers. The stall will be open every Market day and is located in the fruit and vegetable hall.



## NO SMOKE BBQ

The new Ascona gas kettle barbecue has a unique funnel system that eliminates flare-ups and smoke. Placed inside the barbecue, the funnel directs the heat along the inside walls of the kettle to produce a slow even heat. RRP \$498 from Bunning's.

## COMPELLING VIEWING

There is no doubt about it – television is going crazy for food and lifestyle shows. The Lifestyle Channel's *Party Garden* has been a big success. But if you missed the shows or simply don't have pay-TV then go to [www.lifestylechannel.com.au](http://www.lifestylechannel.com.au) to download all the episodes. Meanwhile, free-to-air network SBS has beefed up its food programming. Shows like *My Family Feast* starring Sean Connolly have joined favourites like *Food Safari*, *Food Lovers Guide to Australia* and *Food Investigators*. Visit [www.sbs.com.au/food](http://www.sbs.com.au/food) for details on all their foodie shows.



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## FRENCH HONOUR STUDD

Master of Cheese, Will Studd, has been awarded the distinguished rank of Officier of the L'Ordre du Mérite Agricole by the French government in recognition for his services and support of traditional 'lait cru' cheese. Will is the only Australian to be decorated with the rank of 'officer'. For more info on Will visit [www.cheeseslices.com](http://www.cheeseslices.com).



## GE-FREE GUIDE

Australia has limited labelling laws for genetically engineered (GE) foods. The Truefood Guide rates food and beverage products as Green (GE-free) and Red (may contain GE ingredients). Order a convenient wallet-sized copy or download a copy from [www.truefood.org.au](http://www.truefood.org.au)

