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Catch at Shoal Bay – where it's always a good time to celebrate

With summer just around the corner, Catch at Shoal Bay is the ultimate beachfront dining experience to celebrate life's simple pleasures. The award winning premier seafood restaurant is the perfect venue for family, friends and colleagues to be spoilt in a stunning location and relaxed ambiance. Situated in the heart of scenic Shoal Bay, guests can take in the sweeping views across the crystal clear water of the bay to the Tomaree headlands - the panoramic scenery is a treat in itself.

Relax with pre dinner drinks on the balcony and enjoy some of the finest Hunter Valley cellar door selections before indulging in the freshest local seafood and produce that Port Stephens has to offer. Catch at Shoal Bay is renowned for its fresh and original menu, exclusively chosen and perfectly prepared by Executive Chef, Patrick Power and Executive Sous Chef, Chris Curtis. The seasonal menu is inspired from the growing trend to appreciate good food and wine, taking time to savour and discover new flavours, food origins and preparations.

This is a return to Australia for Executive Chef, Patrick Power, who has an impressive history in award winning boutique European restaurants and an international background in fine dining restaurants. Patrick's extensive experience following catering college included further training in leading restaurants throughout Ireland and Germany.

Relocating to Australia, Patrick joined top hotels such as Sheraton Mirage Resort, Sydney Marriott Hotel and Sheraton Brisbane Hotel & Towers. Prior to leading the team at Shoal Bay Resort & Spa, Patrick was Executive Chef at Athenaeum House Hotel in Ireland and achieved a Rosette (AA Award for culinary excellence) in 2005 within the first 18 months of opening. He also achieved the Red Star Award from Leading Restaurants for culinary excellence.

Executive Sous Chef, Chris Curtis understands the Port Stephens and Hunter regions well, having begun and continued his career locally. Chris commenced his apprenticeship with a local restaurant in Nelson Bay before expanding his skills in Newcastle – most

notably at award winning Lime restaurant. Chris' efforts have been rewarded with many accolades in both the Hunter and Port Stephens regions.

Catch at Shoal Bay's reputation as the ultimate dining experience in Port Stephens is gaining momentum with food and wine enthusiasts throughout the state and was named the 2007 winner of the prestigious NSW/ACT Restaurant and Catering Awards for Excellence in the Hunter region – Restaurant in a Resort. Bi-monthly "Tastes of the Hunter" winemaker evenings have become a popular event for wine aficionados, showcasing the very best of Hunter produce and providing an educational and intimate evening with winemakers from the world famous Hunter Valley region.

Shoal Bay Resort & Spa's award winning restaurant is fast becoming one of the most sought after dining experience on the Mid North Coast with a genuine focus on delivering friendly yet sophisticated service and taking advantage of the abundance of fresh local produce to support local suppliers and to also promote Port Stephens as a leading tourism destination.

The current Spring menu features oven roasted garlic king prawns, crispy skinned duck, hiramassa kingfish, Broughton Island lobster, black Angus beef fillet, butternut pumpkin tart tartin and the decadent seafood platter. Dessert lovers will not be disappointed with a mouth watering menu including passionfruit and white chocolate soufflé with double cream and brandy snap crisps as well as vanilla bean crème brulee tartlet macadamia nut biscotti with raspberry gelato.

Catch at Shoal Bay has also become one of the leading wedding reception venues following an increasing growing trend of intimate beach weddings within Port Stephens. Featuring the legendary seafood buffet, it has also become the place to be for events such as Melbourne Cup luncheons and exclusive corporate Christmas parties.

Entrees are served from \$14 and succulent mains start from just \$28, making it an affordable night out as well as an unforgettable experience in a magical setting. Group menus are also available. Bookings can be made by calling 1800 18 18 10.

Catch at Shoal Bay....naturally.

About Shoal Bay Resort & Spa

Shoal Bay Resort & Spa is the ultimate beachfront resort for couples and families alike. Including 200 luxury self contained apartments, 4 restaurants, 5 bars, the iconic Country Club Hotel and the exclusive Aqua Spa.

Shoal Bay Resort & Spa overlooks the pristine white sandy beaches to Port Stephens volcanic Tomaree headland. Shoal Bay boasts walking and cycling tracks, flat water beaches perfect for families as well as three pristine unspoilt National Park surf beaches. For the more energetic a paved pathway to the top of Tomaree affords unparalleled views of Port Stephens, all within sight and a 10 minute stroll of the resort. Port Stephens is the largest Marine Park in NSW with over 160 resident dolphins and 7000 Humpback Whales passing within sight on migration each year.

Dining options range from the award winning Catch at Shoal Bay, the casual alfresco dining of Sandyfoot Café, the iconic Promenade Dining Room and the family friendly Mermaids Bar & Grill. The legendary Country Club Hotel still remains one of the most popular watering holes on the East Coast of Australia.

Aqua Spa includes the unique thalassotherapy mineral spas, twelve treatments rooms, group room and an extensive menu of treatments from hydrotherapy to massage.

For further information please call T: 1800 18 18 10 or visit www.shoalbayresort.com

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