

CHEF PROFILE – David Porter

At 31, David Porter, has spent almost half his life in commercial kitchens. Few have the endurance to last in the typical restaurant game, but an absolute passion for food is David's catalyst.

David's latest venture is as Head Chef at Cruise Restaurant, West Circular Quay. His focus is a simple food philosophy and comfortable environment for guests to enjoy his creations. Individual service and simple flavours, with the freshest quality produce are the basic ingredients that keep clients returning.

Steering Cruise Restaurant in a new direction has been a challenge, but well worth the effort. Gone are the days of the tiny morsel on an expanse of white plate, instead the fare is generous in size, and bursting with flavour.

The small seasonal menu at Cruise offers the right balance of variety and opens the way for flavours to take centre stage.

Prior to Cruise, David ran a number of successful operations in both Sydney and Queensland. Sole Seafood Restaurant North Sydney, a relaxed corporate dining experience in the cbd. On the Sunshine Coast David established Sandbar Brasserie, the only restaurant located on the beachfront of Coolum Beach & Thalassa Café, a business district espresso bar and catering service operating at the southern end of the Kawana Waters Technology Park.

Other notable achievements include the establishment of "C-Change Hospitality Consultants" servicing Enigma Restaurant Brighton Le Sands, Republic Bar and Restaurant O'Connell Street Sydney and the design, concept and tender of SeaSalt at Clovelly Beach.

The passion to drive his own businesses were fuelled by successful positions across Sydney as Group Executive Chef for Simply Food Group, Executive Chef at Lugarno Seafood Restaurant, Head Chef at Morgans, and Sous Chef for the Ivanhoe Hotel Manly opening.

David's career began with training and apprenticeship at Pegrums and Christies French Restaurant, giving him excellent grounding for blending traditional methods with his own influences.

For further media information or images of Cruise Restaurant please contact Vivienne Sykes, Cruise Marketing on vsykes@c-inc.com.au.