



THE STAR

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### SEE, HEAR, TASTE AND FEEL THIS SUMMER LIVE



The Star Gold Coast and Treasury Brisbane are set to unleash a sensory overload this summer with an unprecedented line-up of major events, festive parties and culinary experiences with the This Summer Live festival.

The ultimate summertime festival, This Summer Live will have South East Queensland embracing the season with a red-hot gig guide including The Star Gold Coast Magic Millions Carnival, Summer Time Drinks pop-up parties in Queen's Park, ARIA award-winners performing in The Theatre and launch of the new-look LiveWire Sports Bar.

Guests will see summer at every turn with unforgettable festive celebrations, hear the soundtrack that sets the scene with a musical line-up including Human Nature and Havana Brown, taste the flavours of the season with new menus at Garden Kitchen & Bar and Nineteen at The Star and feel the vibes with the sensations of poolside cabana packages at The Star Grand.

Adding to the celebrations will be a sizzling This Summer Live ambassador line-up, with Channel Seven personality Abbey Gelmi and ironman Jett Kenny to host the festival at The Star Gold Coast while former Miss World Australia Erin Holland will join Rugby League legend Sam Thaiday for the carnival at Treasury Brisbane.

With an extraordinary line-up of major events, dining and entertainment experiences on offer, The Star Entertainment Group Chief Marketing Officer George Hughes said the stage was set for an unforgettable summer across both properties.

"Queensland is the perfect destination to celebrate the magic of summer and through This Summer Live we are hosting the State's biggest season-long party that will take us through the holiday period," George said.



“The festival features many big moments, including an epic 12 days on The Lawn of Garden Kitchen and Bar as we celebrate our second year as principal partner and naming rights sponsor of The Star Gold Coast Magic Millions Carnival in January.

“Treasury Brisbane will get out the deck chairs and DJs for a glamorous pop-up party in Queens Park every Friday evening in December and launch an absolutely huge Australia Day long weekend with the new-look LiveWire Sports Bar and an incredible line-up of entertainment.

“Along with big moments and sizzling entertainment is a host of award-winning dining options across both properties, including the highly anticipated new menu by Nineteen at The Star’s new Executive Chef Uday Huja.”

From the biggest musical acts to sun-soaked pool parties; mouth-watering new dishes at award-winning restaurants to champagne-filled New Year’s Eve parties; This Summer Live is shaping up as an unprecedented line-up of experiences that soak up the sun and fun of holiday season in Queensland.

SEE summer at every turn, HEAR the soundtrack that sets the scene, TASTE the flavours of the season, FEEL alive with the sensations; live This Summer Live at The Star.

## THE STAR GOLD COAST

### NEW MENU REVEAL AT GARDEN KITCHEN & BAR

Incorporating colourful new additions, Garden Kitchen & Bar is debuting a new menu, expertly crafted by its award-winning culinary team. Chef De Cuisine Chris McLeay’s sophisticated approach to using the finest local produce is aligned to the seasons and in his signature style that is ripe with elegant simplicity and perfect for sharing. Highlights from the new menu include:



#### Entrees

- Recheado style local prawns
- Borrowdale pork belly
- Heirloom beetroot salad

#### Mains

- Rotisserie Borrowdale porchetta
- Free range chicken breast

#### Dessert

- Lemon meringue tart
- Garden chocolate patch

#### Market Menu



- Cold Seafood Plate
- Indulgent Seafood Experience

<https://www.star.com.au/goldcoast/restaurants/garden-kitchen-bar>

### CHRISTMAS DAY PACKAGES

The Star Gold Coast is spreading Christmas cheer and taking care of your Christmas celebrations. Treat yourself on Christmas Day to a delicious assortment of traditional and inspired Christmas offerings developed by the talented team of chefs on property.



#### HARVEST BUFFET

Wednesday 25 December

12.00pm – 3.00pm or 6.00pm – 9.00pm, Lunch: \$236.67 (adult), Dinner: \$195.50 (adult)

- All you can buffet including seafood
- 3-hour beverage package including local beers and wines
- Visit from Santa

#### ATRIUM BAR

Wednesday 25 December

12.00pm – 3.00pm, \$194.48 (adult)

- Festive Christmas buffet
- 3-hour beverage package

#### THE IMPERIAL

Wednesday 25 December

12.00pm – 2.30pm, \$113.20 (adult)

- A beautiful set menu
- Beverages purchased on consumption

<https://www.star.com.au/goldcoast/whats-on/christmas>

### NEW YEARS EVE PACKAGES

Whether you want to Picnic on The Lawn, indulge in a special meal at one of our restaurants, watch our amazing fireworks or ring in the New Year with our iconic Balloon Drop in the Atrium Foyer, The Star will get your 2020 off to a dazzling start.



#### GARDEN KITCHEN & BAR

Tuesday 31 December

5.00pm – 7.00pm, \$180.00



- Set menu
- 4-hour beverage package
- Entertainment

### **HARVEST BUFFET**

Tuesday 31 December

First seating 5.30pm, second seating 7.30pm, \$101.87 (adults)

- All you can eat buffet including seafood
- Glass of sparkling on arrival

### **NINETEEN AT THE STAR**

Tuesday 31 December

Sunset Menu, \$160.00 (adults)

5.30pm – 8.00pm

5 course menu

Moonlight Menu, \$220.00

8.30pm onwards

7 course menu

### **KIYOMI**

Tuesday 31 December

First seating 5.30pm, second seating 8.30pm, \$149.20

- Set Menu shared for 2
- Glass of champagne on arrival

<https://www.star.com.au/goldcoast/whats-on/new-years-eve>

### **THE STAR GOLD COAST MAGIC MILLIONS CARNIVAL 2020**

The Star Gold Coast is proud to return once more as be principal partner and naming rights sponsor of The Star Gold Coast Magic Millions Carnival.

The Star Gold Coast is THE destination for all off-track entertainment this Magic Millions Carnival, with The Lawn at Garden Kitchen & Bar the official venue to continue celebrations following the Pacific Fair Polo (January 5) and The Star Gold Coast Magic Millions Raceday (January 11) and offering the perfect wind-down to a day at the Sales.



Having recently unveiled a fresh new menu and revitalised dining space just in time for Magic Millions 2020 – Garden Kitchen & Bar is the quintessential Queensland dining experience. As part of The Star's Summer Live entertainment program, the venue will be activated all Carnival long, with live entertainment, al fresco dining and summer-inspired cocktails.





Magic Millions 2020 will also see the introduction of a range of new on-property events across the Carnival calendar, including The Star Gold Coast's first Magic Millions charity poker tournament. To be held on Friday January 10, The Star Gold Coast Magic Millions Charity Poker Event will see ambassadors, celebrities and special guests come together to raise funds for local charity The Gold Coast Community Fund. The inaugural event will give players the opportunity to play against a celebrity at each of the Tournament tables, with all funds raised going to a good cause.

Don't miss all the off-track action and excitement of the 2020 Carnival – for more information, visit [www.star.com.au/goldcoast](http://www.star.com.au/goldcoast)

### AUSTRALIA DAY LONG WEEKEND

Garden Kitchen & Bar will be the place to be this Australia Day long weekend, with live music, sunshine and good vibes galore.

Australians love a good reason to celebrate in the sunshine and 2020 will see Australia Day celebrations extended all weekend, with live entertainment and Aussie food and beverage offers available from Saturday 25 to Monday 27 January. For more information on live music acts, visit [www.star.com.au/goldcoast](http://www.star.com.au/goldcoast)



### HOLIDAY FOR A DAY - CELEBRATE SUMMER POOLSIDE WITH MEXICAN FIESTA & CABANA PACKAGES

Take a 'daycation' at The Star this summer and experience a taste of Mexico poolside at The Star Grand.

Now available to day visitors, poolside Cabana Packages can be booked from 9am to 5pm and come with a reserved cabana, fruit salad, premium bottled water on arrival and unlimited swims and sunshine fun. Starting from \$95 for up to two people, it's the best way to indulge in the summer vibes at The Star.



Adding to the vacation vibes, The Star Grand Pool Bar will also be dishing up a new pop-up Mexican cantina, with a special summertime menu from December 28 to January 27, complete with frozen margaritas and taco favourites along with separate kids menu served between 11.30am and 3.30pm.

#### MEXICAN MENU HIGHLIGHTS:

Mi Casa Tacos 2 Each \$13

Homestyle hard shell taco with minced beef, grated cheese, diced tomato, lettuce, red tomato salsa (GF, VO)



### Corn Tacos 2 Each (Spicy) \$13

Warm soft corn tortillas with diced white onion, green tomato salsa, cilantro (GF, VO)  
Choice of marinated chicken thigh, diced beef brisket, pulled pork shoulder or vegetarian

### Burrito bowl \$18

Fried corn chips and flour tortilla with grated cheese, braised black bean, Mexican rice, red tomato salsa, guacamole (GFO, VO)  
Choice of marinated chicken thigh, diced beef brisket, pulled pork shoulder or vegetarian

### Nachos \$18

Fried corn chips with braised black bean, grated cheese, fresh tomato salsa, guacamole, cilantro (GF, VO)  
Choice of marinated chicken thigh, diced beef brisket, pulled pork shoulder or vegetarian

### Carnitas Burger (Spicy) \$18

Pulled pork shoulder carnitas, red slaw, green tomato salsa, chipotle sauce, cilantro, served with fries (GFO)

### Ranchero Burger \$21

Angus beef pattie, chipotle mayonnaise, cheddar cheese, lettuce, tomato, onion, served with fries (GFO)

### Tajin Hot Chips \$8

Basket of Mexican seasoned chips with aioli (GF)

### Churros \$10

Fresh vanilla ice cream, milk chocolate sauce, cinnamon sugar, fresh strawberry

### Condiments \$2 Each

Jalapenos, grated cheese, fresh tomato salsa, guacamole, sour cream, chipotle sauce or shaved pineapple

## TREASURY BRISBANE

### SUMMER TIME DRINKS

*Friday 29 November and 6, 13, 20 December  
2019, 4.30pm - 7.30pm  
(Entertainment from 5.00pm – 7.00pm)  
Free entry*

It's Summer Time Drinks, deck chairs and DJs at sunset in Queen's Park every Friday evening through to Christmas at Treasury Brisbane.



The Brisbane icon's outdoor pop-up party returns this silly season to kickstart your weekends in iconic Queensland style with live entertainment,



refreshing beers from Byron Bay Brewing as well as delicious cocktails all set within the tranquillity of Queen's Park.

Bask in the magic of a Brisbane summer sunset at the hot spot for Friday after-work drinks this holiday season!

<https://www.treasurybrisbane.com.au/whats-on/events/summer-time-drinks>

### **SHOP 'TILL YOU DROP! TREASURY HOTEL CHRISTMAS SHOPPING SURVIVAL PACKAGE**

*Offer valid for bookings between Friday 29 November through to Tuesday 24 December 2019*

As you brave the shopping crowds this Christmas, reward yourself with a little celebration of your own at the 5-star Treasury Hotel.



This December, Treasury Brisbane is offering the ultimate CBD Christmas shopping survival package. Available now through 24 December 2019, the Shop 'till you drop package offers a complimentary bottle of Chandon sparkling wine upon check-in, valet parking for one vehicle and late check-out while you experience the very best of Brisbane's premier Queen Street shopping district.

With the iconic luxury Hotel positioned perfectly within a stone's throw from all major CBD shopping precincts, this is the perfect silly season gift to yourself.

<https://www.treasurybrisbane.com.au/hotel/packages/shopping-package>

### **CHRISTMAS DAY BUFFET**

*25 December 2019, First seating: 12.00pm - 3.00pm Second seating: 1.00pm - 4.00pm  
\$279\* (adult), \$195\* (13 - 17 years old), \$135\* (5 - 12 years old), Children under the age of four free*

Remove the stress this holiday season and let Treasury Brisbane's award-winning culinary team do the hard work for your family this Christmas.

Our world class Chefs have crafted an exquisite range of meals from international cuisines to quintessential Australian BBQ meats and the freshest locally-sourced seafood. Come and feast at Treasury Brisbane's coveted and hugely popular Christmas Day Buffet.



<https://www.treasurybrisbane.com.au/whats-on/events/christmas-buffet-lunch>





### **GLITZ & GLAM NEW YEAR'S EVE PACKAGE**

31 December 2019, 8:00pm – 12:30am

\$159pp

Live out 2019 in a world of glitz and glamour as the entire ground floor of the stunning Treasury Hotel is brought to life across five spectacularly themed rooms. Dress to the nines and indulge in our four-and-a-half hour NYE package with premium cocktails, alluring wine offering and vast array of craft beers and spirits.



As you sip your celebratory drink, enjoy a world of culinary delights with sweet and savoury grazing stations across each room. With live DJ and musical entertainment adding to the spectacle, Treasury Brisbane's Glitz & Glam New Year's Eve event will be the ultimate way to bring in the New Year.

<https://www.treasurybrisbane.com.au/whats-on/events/new-years-eve/new-years-package>

### **NEW YEAR'S EVE AT LIVEWIRE BAR**

31 December 2019, 11.00pm - 12.30am

Free

Bring in the New Year with a spectacular performance from world-renowned DJ duo, The Potbelleez. With a number of ARIA smash hits to their name, including 'Don't Hold Back' and 'Are You With Me', you know it's going to be a New Year's Eve to remember when The Potbelleez take to the stage at LiveWire Bar.



<https://www.treasurybrisbane.com.au/whats-on/events/new-years-eve/new-years-eve-entertainment>

### **AUSTRALIA DAY LONG WEEKEND AT THE NEW LOOK LIVEWIRE SPORTS BAR**

Friday 24 January – Monday 27 January 2020

Free entry

Just in time for the Australia Day long weekend, Treasury Brisbane's LiveWire Sports Bar will reveal its new colours for the 2020 sporting season with an explosion of live entertainment and local legends.



An entirely new fit-out will take to the field, including new booths and seating, sporting memorabilia and a game-changing new giant screen to place guests live on the field of the biggest moments in 2020.

To celebrate LiveWire Sports Bar's refurbished new kit, festivities will kick-off Friday 24 January with a thundering musical line-up including DJ Havana Brown, while ARIA Hall of Fame inductee Daryl Braithwaite will take to the stage for an unbelievable set live and loud on Australia Day.





A mouth-watering new bar menu and drink options will cap a storming debut Australia Day long-weekend for the new look LiveWire Sports Bar.

<https://www.treasurybrisbane.com.au/bars/livewire-sports-bar>

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## CHEF BIO

**Chris Mcleay**  
**Chef de Cuisine**  
**Garden Kitchen & Bar**

Since starting his career 20-years ago with an apprenticeship at the Gold Coast's Hyatt Sanctuary Cove, Chris Mcleay has found himself situated across the world learning from the best in the business. Now returning to where it all began, he has taken up Chef de Cuisine at The Star's Garden Kitchen & Bar.

Chris has led kitchens across the world in countries such as England, Switzerland, Dubai and Canada, where he mastered an array of cuisines and culinary techniques.

With more highlights than he can count, Chris recalls two career milestones that will stay with him forever, one - cooking for Queen Elizabeth as an apprentice and two – cooking for the head of states for the Commonwealth.

Throughout his time in Switzerland, Chris worked at a prestigious hotel in Gstaad, catering to famous clientele – with the hotel tipped as the place to be seen for movie and sports stars alike. To ensure only the best food was served to guest, Chris set the standard for all meals prepared.

Heading back to where it all began 5 years ago, Chris joined The Star, Gold Coast, and has held the roles of Sous chef and Chef de Cuisine at Cucina Vivo. For the last two years he has headed up the kitchen and set the menu at Garden Kitchen & Bar.

Since opening their doors in 2016, Garden Kitchen & Bar has received multiple awards for its offering, including the best restaurant in a hotel / resort/ casino nationally at the 2019 Savour Australia Restaurant and Catering awards.

Launching a new menu in time for Summer, Chris gives a sneak peek at his favourite dishes.

### **1. *Hand Crafter Burrata***

The burrata is a cow's milk soft cheese made in a similar fashion to mozzarella. The creaminess texture once it is cracked with a spoon is divine. The savoury granola adds a salty, crunchy component to the dish, and is a play on cheese and biscuits. The granola has around 10 components including panko bread crumbs, kale, celeriac, fried onion, raisins, turnip, almonds, parsley, salt and oats. These are all fried or roasted, and together make the perfect grazing snack!

### **2. *Mary Hill Lamb Shoulder Croquettes***

Mary Hill is a local lamb producer based in Northern NSW, that we have had a great relationship with since the inception of Garden Kitchen and Bar. The owner, Peter Strelitz has some of the best lamb products in Australia, and we use his lamb shoulder on rotisserie also. The croquettes form apart of the new bar menu offering and consist of the slow cooked lamb shoulder, that we pull apart and set with lamb jus. We then cut into cubes, crumb and lightly fry. What you end up with is a beautiful little parcel of pure rich lamb – self saucing – and paired with our roma tomato relish which is slightly sweet and offers the perfect balance to the lamb.