



Top: Ben Davies (The Langham, Melbourne) and Bella Zolis (The Meat & Wine Co.) at the Melbourne Concierge Ball, where they helped raise \$5,000 for the charity Bayley House. Bottom: Chef Robin Wickens from Melbourne restaurant The Deanery.

**IN THE LEAD UP TO** the New Year we were fortunate to have the opportunity to experience one of Melbourne's new high end bars and also one of our existing restaurants which has raised their dining menu to another level with the recent addition of a well-known chef.

Left Bank is located between Southgate and the Crown Entertainment precinct, and has swiftly gained a loyal clientele attracted by their stylish décor, exceptional cocktails and a selection of light dining based around shared dishes, including some particularly fresh and delicious oysters. Members of the Melbourne concierge community joined residents of local Southbank apartments in sampling the cocktails and canapes, and many of us enjoyed the evening so much we have since made return visits.

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by Peter McBrearty VICTORIAN STATE DELEGATE

Well-known Melbourne chef Robin Wickens has joined The Deanery, a popular bar and restaurant located in Bligh Place, and those of us who had previously experienced his repertoire at his previous restaurant, Interlude, are very happy to have him plying his trade right in the city centre. The Deanery has long been a favourite spot for city workers for a post-work glass of wine or a bite to eat, but with a chef of Robin Wickens on board it is now a serious dining venue and has the location, atmosphere and wine list to match. We enjoyed our visit immensely and have no doubt many of our guests will too. As the dining area is not enormously large, bookings are definitely advisable.

Following the departure of The Langham's Glenn Lacey, Ben Davies has drawn the curtain on his eleven years at the Sofitel Melbourne and crossed the river to join The Langham, Melbourne. As a member of Les Clefs d'Or and a well-known personality in the concierge community, we are very happy to have Ben "cross the river" - although Ben's move may possibly signal the beginning of one or two further alterations to the concierge landscape in Melbourne. Watch this space....

Finally, all of us in Les Clefs d'Or do wish all our guests, friends and associates in the hotel and tourism industry all the best for the holiday season and a happy and prosperous 2010.

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