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## GEORGE'S RESIDENT CHEF - DUNCAN WHITE-ROBERTSON



George's B&B & Culinary Retreat is proud to announce the appointment of its' resident chef – Duncan White-Robertson (pictured). Born 10<sup>th</sup> March 1971, Duncan has over 18 years of experience in the field of cooking as a chef and more recently as a teacher and public presenter. Duncan was chosen to lead the 3 day/2 night live-in Culinary Retreats each month as he has a flare not only for cooking but has combined his passion for food with his other passion for theatre and performing.

Many say kitchens are the theatre for food. And in Duncan White-Robertson's case, it is very true. Duncan grew up in one of the greatest wine regions in Australia, McLaren Vale, and with a mum who was a great cook, and surrounded by producers, vigneron and restaurateurs, food was always going to be his destiny. Except, for a slight detour in his teens, when he fell in love with the theatre.

Over the last eighteen years, Duncan has been fortunate enough to have worked alongside some amazingly talented chefs, baristas, sommeliers, and even the odd thespian such as Marina Prior and Dale Burridge. Influences come from a variety of people, having trained under Chong Liew, Russell Jeavons, Colleen McLeod, and places such as Fergusson's Winery, Cicciolina, Hilton on the Park, Melbourne Bake House, and Salopian Inn. And all these influences have given him a diverse food knowledge that he now shares with his apprentice chefs at the cookery college where he teaches, and his students at Georges B&B and Culinary Retreats.

Word is spreading about this theatrical chef, with recent appearances on Channel Ten's "Good Morning Australia", Coxies Big Break, The Vogue Entertaining Stage at the Good Food & Wine Show's Celebrity theatre with Gino D'Campo and Tyler Florence, and at the Hawkers Market Miele stage in Melbourne.

Duncan has a busy time ahead of him, training his chefs, as resident chef of Georges' monthly Culinary Retreats and cooking school, future appearances on television, coordinating the celebrity theatre at the Good Food & Wine Show in Brisbane, as the preferred chef for Meat Livestock Australia, Tasmania and Victoria and McWilliams wines. And with new and exciting projects currently in development, it's all in a day's work for this passionate Chef and teacher!

Owner Peter Schofield and resident chef Duncan White-Robertson have modeled the Culinary Retreats on the French/Italian live in model that you would find operating across Europe. Numbers will be limited to eight and

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the cost is \$1300.00 per person which includes: 2 nights luxury accommodation, all meals from Wednesday dinner through to Friday lunch, all beverages consumed whilst at George's, access to cooking equipment including knives and aprons (feel free to bring your favourite knives), worksheets and recipe cards, insurance cover, hands on cooking lessons, personal sommelier at each dinner, local producer and winery tour, 45 minute private mineral spa at Peninsula Hot Springs, marine activity (weather permitting), transfers to and from activities and gift pack.

<b>Theme</b>	<b>Date</b>
Classic French	21-23 March 2007 - booked
Classic French	18-20 April 2007
Are you GAME	23-25 May 2007
Patisserie	20-22 June 2007
Fresh Ocean Produce	18-20 July 2007
Health Conscious	22-24 August 2007
Mediterranean Escape	19-21 September 2007
The Americas - Creole, Caribbean, Mexico & Brazil	17-19 October 2007
Fresh Ocean Produce	14-16 November 2007
Flavours of South East Asia	5-7 December 2007

Further information on each retreat is available on the website [www.georgesonarthurs.com.au](http://www.georgesonarthurs.com.au).

**Georges B&B & Culinary Retreat is located at:**

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