

Five Years of Impact, One Night Above the City

Location

Cliftons Wellington
28/100 Willis Street, Wellington, NZ

Event

Dinner in the Sky

Everybody Eats 5-Year Anniversary Fundraising Dinner,
Thursday 27 November 2025

The Opportunity

Everybody Eats is a social enterprise dedicated to providing warm, welcoming spaces and nutritious meals served with dignity. As the organisation approached its five-year milestone, the team sought to create a one-night-only fundraising event that would:

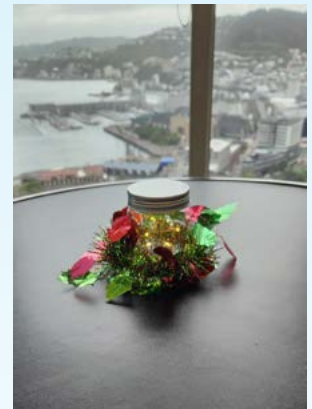
- Celebrate five years of community impact
- Engage a new audience of supporters and advocates
- Raise meaningful funds to sustain operations
- Deliver a premium experience aligned with the organisation's values

The event required more than a venue – it needed a partner that could elevate the experience, support the cause, and help amplify Everybody Eats' mission.

The Partnership

Cliftons Wellington partnered with Everybody Eats to host Dinner in the Sky, an immersive, elevated dining experience high above the city skyline.

Together, we created an evening that blended impact with excellence, proving that premium experiences can be a powerful force for social good. Guests were welcomed into a thoughtfully curated event environment designed to encourage connection, conversation, and contribution, all while showcasing Cliftons' hospitality expertise.



“Working with Justin at Cliftons was so easy and generous. We felt at home immediately, and the space throughout the night worked perfectly for what we were looking to host. From AV, kitchen & bar to the ambience and views from being so high up, the event felt special, unique and memorable.” – Operations Manager, Everybody Eats



The Experience

From arrival to final farewells, Dinner in the Sky was designed to feel special, generous, and memorable. Guests enjoyed:

- A live band on arrival, setting the tone for the evening
- Canapés and drinks as guests mingled and took in the panoramic city views
- A three-course elevated dining experience crafted by chefs Koji & Rosella Johnson MacDonald and Harri Fletcher
- Panoramic views overlooking Wellington from Cliftons
- A paired wine selection, with additional beverages available from the bar
- Access to an experiences raffle, with tickets from \$20
- An atmosphere reflecting Everybody Eats' mission of dignity, generosity, and community

An official photographer captured the evening, supporting ongoing storytelling and post-event advocacy.



The Outcomes

The event exceeded expectations across every measure.

Impact highlights:

100+

attendees joined the celebration

\$12,000

raised in a single evening to support Everybody Eats

Over 100

new advocates introduced to both Everybody Eats and Cliftons

Strong engagement from Everybody Eats' Executive team, with discussions underway for **future collaborations**

Due to strong participation, the raffle prize value threshold was reached early, prompting a pivot to further post-event visibility for Cliftons via Everybody Eats' follow-up communications to attendees.

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