



# Koto – celebration of food

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Culinary Conversation: Koto  
Reeves on Campbell  
March 2, 6pm  
Tickets \$65, available from  
Albany Town Hall, 9844 2222

REEVES on Campbell's chef Owen Cowdell will be at the centre of things during the Culinary Conversation in Albany next month.

This year's conversation involves chef Tracey Lister and her husband Andreas Pohl the authors of Koto, a book on authentic Vietnamese cuisine.

ABC south coast presenters will host an audience of 60 packed into Reeves to enjoy a tasting plate Mr Cowdell designed in conjunction with Mrs Lister.

The mouth-watering plate, made with Vietnamese-themed local produce includes: phobo (beef noodle soup), fish spring rolls, poached chicken with savoy cabbage and poached carrot, and a ginger crème brûlée with coconut and kaffir lime ice cream.

Mr Cowdell, who has been at Reeves for six months, said his involvement went back to last year's conversation, when he was head chef at the York Street Café, and he cooked a private dinner for Mrs Lister and Mr Pohl.

"They just wanted to know there was someone here they knew they could trust."

Mr Cowdell said Reeves was considering serving dinner on a permanent basis, depending on how things worked out.

"It always has that potential but we'll have to see how things go and work out if it is viable," he said.

As for the Vietnamese flavour, Mr Cowdell said it was something that had always caught his interest but a book featured in last year's culinary conversation, Red Lantern, and further discussions with its author had enhanced his fascination.

Mr Cowdell said he hoped Koto would bring Reeves more customers from the art world.

"I think it will open doorways in terms of combining dining out with arts types of events," he said

"There's always been a crossover but it has really developed even more so in recent years and it can probably go even further."



**ABOVE:** Some of the fresh local produce Owen Cowdell will be using for his Koto tasting plate at the Reeves on Campbell Culinary Conversation.

**RIGHT:** The book that will be featured in the Culinary Conversation.