

IGA Perth Royal Show

1st October to 8th October 2011



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High stakes baking

Judges sampled nearly 1000 entries in this year's IGA Perth Royal Show cookery competition.

WA's best cake decorators and makers of jams, chutneys, cakes, puddings and chocolates were declared after two days of judging at the Claremont Showground.

Highlights of this year include:

Veteran exhibitor Rosanna Scurria, of **Morley**, was the exhibitor gaining most points in the cookery classes and afternoon tea section, with her scones, muffins, cream puffs, slices, favourite cake, and dark fruitcake all finding favour.

New blood dominated the decorated cakes section. Rosemary McKay of **Helena Valley** gained firsts for her wedding cake and 'decorated cake for the man in your life'. Her imaginative entry featured a tool box and its contents.

"I was in shock when I saw the ribbons over my entries. Basically for me cake decorating is a hobby that's got out of control," she says.

Julie White of **Aubin Grove** was also thrilled her circus themed cake gained the highest points in the amateur section.

"I have never even seen the cakes at the Royal Show before. I was so nervous when the time came to bring my entry in.

"I have made cakes for my kids in the past and this year I signed up for some lessons because I wanted to know how to make flowers."

Elsewhere in the amateur cake section, Virginia Larsen of **Applecross** was first in the novelty cake section and second in the celebration cake.

Pat Connelly of **Swan View** gained most points in the decorated cakes open section, winning first place for her decorated Christmas cake and her celebration cake, while Melissa Woodward of **Baldivis** had the highest points in the open section thanks to her wedding cakes and celebration cake.

Mother and son cookery competitors Lindsay and Noreen Jamieson scored first and second place for their meringues. Noreen, of **Bentley**, and Lindsay, of **Waterford**, have been competing together for the past 10 years.

Pauline Vukojevic of **Balcatta** had the best exhibit in the cookery section with her chocolate cake.

Malcolm Eves of **Hamersley** gained a first for his un-iced cornflour sponge cake, second for his sponge cake and was highly commended for his chocolate cake.

Patricia Butler of **Balcatta** gained most points in the fruit cakes and puddings section.

Kim Robinson of **Ocean Reef** gained most points in the chocolate and confectionary classes with her moulded chocolates, rum balls, presentation sweets, after dinner confectionary and free expression chocolate creation all finding favour with the judges.

Marie Bunce of **Beaconsfield** was the exhibitor gaining most points in the jams and preserves by the home cook section.

In the small business section, Bumbak's of **Carnarvon** took out the honours.

In the junior section, Benjamin Stoner of **South Perth** won first place in decorated biscuits, Chelsea Lawrence of **Atwell** won first place in scones, Courtney McVeigh of **Floreat** won first place in biscuits, Hamish Free of **Meadow Springs** won first place in a slice, and Laura McKenna of **Joondalup** won first place in decorated biscuits.

From favourite cakes, scones, pikelets and jams, pesto, pickled onions to biscuits, chocolate and confectionary, all the cookery entries – and the winners – are on display in the Cookery Pavilion during the IGA Perth Royal Show from October 1 to October 8

Thanks to the State Government's support of CHOGM 2011, all children aged 12 years and under will receive FREE entry to this year's IGA Perth Royal Show when accompanied by an adult.