

MEDIA RELEASE

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Home cooks have reason to celebrate

Entries in the Smoke Free Perth Royal Show Cookery Competition were up almost 50 per cent this year, with judges kept busier than ever setting up and sampling almost 1000 entries.

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.

ABC 720 ABC drive presenter Russell Woolf bounced back from rejection in 2008 to win the rum balls category this year ahead of award-winning Yanchep chocolate maker Bernadette Puls.

CAKES, BISCUITS, SLICES

Rosanna Scurria of Morley was the exhibitor gaining most points in the biscuits, scones and slices categories and won first place in scones (own recipe) and sweet muffins. She also won first in afternoon tea slices and my favourite cake and second in afternoon tea plate to be named exhibitor gaining most points in the afternoon tea classes – this year's feature section.

Patricia Butler of Balcatta won best exhibit in the cookery section and was the exhibitor gaining most points in fruit cakes and puddings.

Grace Della-Bosca of Pickering Brook won first place in lamingtons and cream puffs.

Des Oregioni of Lesmurdie again won exhibitor with the most points in the cake making classes, also taking our first place for his un-iced banana cake and pumpkin fruitcake and seconds for un-iced carrot and walnut cake, un-iced sponge and orange cake.

CHILDREN'S COOKERY:

Ashleigh Lucas of Kinross won first place in scones, **Stephanie Teudt** of Bassendean won first place in biscuits, **Tori Vidler** of All Saints College in Bull Creek won first place in slices and **Tegan Clinch** of Success won first place in decorated biscuits.

CHOCOLATES AND CONFECTIONARY

Anthony Barr of Wembley Downs was the exhibitor gaining most points in the chocolate and confectionary classes. He also won first place in moulded chocolates.

Bernadette Puls of Yanchep won first place for her presentation box or basket of sweets or chocolates, with the container also made from chocolate.

Kim Bell of Mandurah won first place for after dinner confectionary and free expression chocolate creation.

Russell Woolf, drive presenter on 720 ABC won first place in rumballs.

JAMS AND PRESERVES

Mireille Benson of Canning Vale was again the exhibitor with the most points in jams and preserves by the home cook including first place for relish, berry fruit jam, jelly and flavoured vinegar.

Wendy Meechan of Baldivis won first place in tomato sauce.

Also repeating her 2007 and 2008 success was **Joanne Bumbak** from Carnarvon, again named the exhibitor with the most points in jams and preserves by a small business (Bumbak's Plantation Tours jams and preserves).

New business **Twisted Pickles** of Rockingham won first place in clear vinegar pickles in the small business section.

DECORATED CAKES

Lesley Cobb of Marangaroo was the exhibitor gaining most points in decorated cakes and also made the cake gaining the highest points in the amateur sections. Her decorated wedding cake and piped basket cake placed first in the amateur sections and she was also first in the open section of creative cushion cake.

Kylie Stidwell of High Wycombe was the exhibitor gaining most points in the open/master sections. She also won first place in decorated wedding cake and creative wedding cake in those sections as well as most outstanding wedding cake.

Virginia Larsen of Attadale was the exhibitor showing most cake decorating potential in the student and amateur sections and also won first in the amateur section for celebration cake and a single stem of a rose.

Kay Sandy of Carlisle won cake gaining highest points in the open/masters section, miniature wedding cake and decorated cake in the masters section.

Elodie Gouthey-Gallaher of Duncraig won celebration cake in the open section

Pat Connelly of Swan View won best decorated Christmas cake.

Jean Harrington of Safety Bay won first for her Dame Edna inspired novelty cake in the open section; Lisa Bushby won novelty cake in the amateur section with her intricate farm truck laden with miniature vegetables.

Lynne Smith of Mirrabooka won the seniors celebration cake.

Winning entries are on display all week in the Cookery Pavilion, where cake decorating demonstrations take place at 10am, noon and 3pm

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