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TASSIE IS THE HOME OF LIQUID GOLD

Spring 2008 Sydney Royal Fine Food Show Regional Food Results

It was sweet success on day one of the Spring 2008 Sydney Royal Fine Food Show, with two Tasmanian honey producers awarded the only gold medals in the Regional Food Competition.

Tasiliquid Gold from Jundbury and Miellerie based in Allens Rivulet kept the judging panel buzzing, both scoring high points for their superior qualities in taste, texture, flavour profile and visual characteristics.

RAS Fine Food Chair, Lyndey Milan says the gold medal wins for the Prickly Box and Leatherwood products are an outstanding achievement.

“That two all Australian products have won gold at a time when honey production is down due to the drought, it’s testament to the fortitude of our farmers and primary producers that they are able to keep producing quality products.”

Judges award gold medals to products which gain 90 or more points based on a set of strict criteria.

“The Sydney Royal Fine Food show has a nation-wide reputation for uncompromising standards and therefore any win at Sydney is highly regarded in the market place.

“It was gratifying to see so many bronze medals, sure indication that standards are improving from the bottom up,” said Ms Milan.

The final medal tally was 109, with 2 Gold, 22 Silver and 85 Bronze medals awarded across the Competition’s 13 classes.

Other highlights included the savoury sauces and pickled products class which tantalised the judge’s taste buds, awarded 8 silver and 15 bronze medals.

The range of nut and cereal products on offer did well when it came to the crunch, securing 5 silver and 9 bronze.

The Regional Food Competition recognises the diversity of Australia’s food industry and the contribution these value added products make to over 70 regions across the country.

Boasting over 350 entries this year, the variety and demand for regional food continues to grow, extending into chilli products; sweet jams & preserves; nut & cereal products; savoury sauces & pickled products; fruit products; drinks; value added honey products; oils and vinegars, dressings & marinades.

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Entries in the Fine Food Competition must be of 95% Australian origin.

Discerning consumers can be confident in the excellence of produce which displays Sydney Royal medals on the packaging.

Sponsored by the **NSW Food Authority**, the Regional Food Competition was added to the Sydney Royal Fine Food Show in 2003.

A list of medal winners is attached. For full competition results please visit:
www.sydneyroyalshows.com.au.

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**MEDIA ARE INVITED TO ATTEND ALL JUDGING SESSIONS.
 PHOTOGRAPHS AND INTERVIEW OPPORTUNITIES WITH JUDGES ARE AVAILABLE.
 JUDGING SESSIONS ARE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC.**

MEDIA DATES for inclusion in diaries

1-10 September 2008

COMPETITION	DATE	TIME
Regional Food Competition	Monday 1 & Tuesday 2	11am - 2pm
Deli Meat Competition	Thursday 4 & Friday 5	11am - 2pm
Olive Oil Competition	Monday 8	10am - 12
Branded Beef Competition	Tuesday 9	11am - 1pm
Branded Lamb Competition	Tuesday 9	2pm - 4pm
Aquaculture Competition	Wednesday 10	11am - 1pm

All judging sessions are held at;
 Charley Room, Members Stand, Grand Parade (off Main Arena Concourse)
 Sydney Showground, Sydney Olympic Park

For more information on the Sydney Royal Fine Food Show and entry details please visit:
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GOLD MEDAL WINNERS

MIELLERIE, ALLENS RIVULET, TAS
LEATHERWOOD HONEY

TASILIQUID GOLD, JUDBURY, TAS
PRICKLY BOX HONEY

SILVER MEDAL WINNERS

ALL THE BEST FINE FOODS, CASINO, NSW
ONION CARAWAY JAM

ARLINGTONS FRESH FOODS, SEAFORTH, NSW
FAMOUS HOMMUS

ARLINGTONS FRESH FOODS, SEAFORTH, NSW
BEETROOT HOMMUS

HASHAM'S DIPS, CAIRNS, QLD
TRADITIONAL BABAGHANOUSH

JAM GIRL PRODUCTS, MT MACEDON, VIC
ST CLEMENTS MARMALADE

JAM GIRL PRODUCTS, MT MACEDON, VIC
ZUCCHINI PICKLE

JELBONLEIGH ESTATE, WAHROONGA, NSW
NATURAL PREMIUM QUALITY MACADAMIA NUTS

LIVELY LINSEED PRODUCTS, MULLALEY, NSW
BREAKFAST BOOST

MICHAEL'S FINE FOOD, CROMER, NSW
BEETROOT RELISH WITH HONEY, GINGER & CRANBERRIES

MICHAEL'S FINE FOOD, CROMER, NSW
PURE MAYONNAISE SAUCE

MICHAEL'S FINE FOOD, CROMER, NSW
HONEY & DILL MUSTARD

OZ TUKKA, REDHEAD, NSW
MACADAMIA NUT OIL

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PARADISE BEACH PURVEYORS P/L, AVALON, NSW
BABA GHANOUSH

RINALDI CONFECTIONERY PTY LTD, PASADENA, SA
ROASTED ALMOND NOUGHT WITH AUSTRALIAN IRONBARK HONEY

SWEETNESS THE PATISSERIE, CASTLE HILL, NSW
ENGLISH TOFFEE

TASMANIAN GOURMET KITCHEN, LONGFORD, TAS
RED PEPPER MARMALADE

THE CHILLI FACTORY, MORISSET, NSW
TURBO SUPERCHARGE

THE FUDGE A'FARE, LUTANA, TAS
GINGER CHOCOLATE HANDMADE TASMANIAN FUDGE

THE FUDGE A'FARE, LUTANA, TAS
APRICOT & ALMOND HANDMADE TASMANIAN FUDGE

TOP NOSH FOODS, CASTLE HILL, NSW
POWER CRUNCH HIGH FIBRE MUESLI

YALLA, MAROUBRA, NSW
AUBERGINE SALSA

YALLA, MAROUBRA, NSW
CAPSICUM SALSA

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