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PASTA ITALIA REIGNS SUPREME

Over sixty fresh and dried pastas vied for Champion status at the Sydney Royal Pasta Show, but they were no match for Pasta Italia, as the Sydney based company took home the **Champion 100% Durum Wheat Fresh Pasta** award for the third year running.

The artisan pasta makers won the top gong for their Penne All'Uovo. They also walked away with one Gold, three Silver and one Bronze medal.

Adamo's Pasta in Roseberry was awarded three Bronze and three Silver Medals for a range of fresh pastas, including a cracked pepper tagliatelle, a squid ink fettuccine and a saffron capellini.

New exhibitor Pasta di Porto, from Port Stephens, was awarded seven bronze medals for their range of filled pastas, including a lamb, rosemary and white wine ravioli.

Peppe's Pasta in Haberfield was awarded three Silver and four Bronze medals. The judges were impressed with their wide range of exhibits which included linguine, tagliatelle, angel hair, pappardelle and ravioli.

RAS Fine Food Committee Chair Lyndey Milan says it's clear Australians are continuing their love affair with pasta.

"Pasta is something most people eat every week. By looking out for a Sydney Royal medal, they are assured of buying something of a high standard to feed their families and friends," said Ms Milan.

Sixty entries were submitted in this year's pasta competition in the following categories:

- 100% durum wheat fresh pasta
- 100% durum wheat dried pasta
- 100% Australian wheat fresh pasta
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- Fancy fresh or dried pasta (includes non-wheat varieties such as buckwheat, rice and corn)

Judging criteria included colour, taste, texture, translucency and surface properties.

Thirty medals were awarded – one Gold, nine Silver and 20 Bronze.

"Australian consumers who appreciate good quality fresh and dried pasta should look out for pasta made from durum wheat semolina as this year's results have shown it is the best of the best," said Ms Milan.

The Sydney Royal Pasta Competition forms part of the **Sydney Royal Fine Food Show**. Other competitions include beer, coffee, aquaculture and bread, cake and pie. For a full list of exhibitors and medal visit www.sydneyroyalshows.com.au

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