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## Finalists revealed: Food mag awards

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After sifting through a very impressive collection of nominations, we're thrilled to finally announce the 2013 Food magazine awards finalists!

It's almost here. The food and beverage manufacturing industry's night of nights is just around the corner.

On 26 July, the best of the best in food manufacturing will head to the Crystal Palace event space at Sydney's Luna Park to celebrate innovation in an industry which - let's be honest - has been put through the wringer lately.

You might also be pleased to know that the Food mag team has responded to the pleas of last year's party animals, organising the event to be held on a Friday night, so you can all let your hair down, enjoy the night (with a few vinos), and not have to explain your less-than-impressive state at the office the next day.

We've had an extremely impressive response to this year's call out for nominations, trumping the past few years' efforts, with the Health and Wellness and Ready Meals categories proving particularly popular.

After a very difficult deliberation process, the Food mag team was able to narrow each of the 14 categories down to between four and six finalists each.

Their nomination kits are now in the hands of our new-look judging panel, comprising a number of fresh faces as well as some long-standing Food mag judges, all of whom have extensive experience in and knowledge of the food and beverage manufacturing industry in Australia.

The judges' decisions will be announced at the gala dinner, where each lucky finalist can not only bring a guest to help with the celebrating/comiserating, but also the opportunity to put their finalist product on display for the rest of the night's attendees to enjoy.

Our MC for the night will once again be The Chaser boys, most recently from the ABC's consumer affairs program, *The Checkout*.

Craig Reucassel and Julian Morrow had us in stitches in 2012 and will no doubt have the same effect this year with their satirical jibes and perhaps even some advice on how food brands can avoid *The Checkout*'s critical eye?

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank our awards' sponsors: Heat and Control (Platinum Sponsor); Flavour Makers; Janbak; HACCP Australia; Kerry Ingredients; Newly Weds Foods; Tronics; APPMA; Matthews Australasia; Earlee Products; and Kurz.

Of course I'd also like to congratulate the finalists for 2013 and thank every manufacturer and food brand that took the time out to complete a nomination. Reading over your entries was a real eye opener - it showed me just how innovative and forward-thinking Australian manufacturers are, even during testing times. You should all be very proud of your efforts.

Good luck and I look forward to seeing you all in July!

### FINALISTS FOR 2013

#### CONFECTIONERY

- Sweet Mallows by Sweetness the Patisserie
- Salted Butter Caramel by Caramelicious
- Morlife Snakes by Morlife
- Rocky Road Gluten Free Bakery Range by Springhill Farm

#### FOOD SAFETY AND INNOVATION IN NON-FOOD

- Dissolved Air Flotation System by CST Wastewater Solutions
- Dyson Airblade Tap by Dyson
- Testo 104-IR by Testo
- Torus Pak by CMAActive
- Dyson Airblade mk2 Hand Dryer by Dyson
- The Wrightway Bin by Wrightway Products

#### BAKED GOODS

- Kez's Free Gluten Free Vienna Eclair by Kez's Kitchen
- Springhill Farm Gluten Free Bakery Range by Springhill Farm
- Byron Bay Cookies Gluten Free Range by Byron Bay Cookie Company
- Garlo's Mushy Pea Pie by Garlo's Pies
- Chia and Fruit Loaf by Bakers Delight

#### INGREDIENT INNOVATION

- OmegaSmart - Omega Peanut Butter by Natures Blend
- Organic Noodle Kitchen - Asian noodle range by The Right Food Group
- Co Yo Coconut Milk Ice Cream Alternative by Co Yo Corporate
- Bionade by Drinks Beverage Logistics

#### BEVERAGES

- Cheeky Rascal Cider by Rebello
- Koala Karma by Koala Karma
- Passionfruit Cider by Rekorderlig
- Old Time Premium Lager by Old Time Brewing
- The Pale Ale by Australian Brewery
- Bebi Infant Suitable Water by Bebi Australia

#### SUSTAINABLE MANUFACTURING

- 81X Label Printer Applicator by Matthews Australasia
- Dyson Airblade Tap by Dyson
- Dyson Airblade mk2 Hand Dryer by Dyson
- Chok Chai Starch Raptor by CST Wastewater Solutions
- 8x6 APET MAPwrap Tray by Alto Packaging

#### READY MEALS

- Clever Cooks Moussaka by Australian Wholefoods
- Made Easy Range by Coles
- Emily's Kitchen Shanks and Spatchcock by Creative Food Solutions
- Fresh Meal Kits by Lenard's
- Tassal Quick and Healthy Easy Bake Frozen Salmon by Tassal Operations
- Passage to India Pumpkin Curry by Passage Foods

#### PACKAGING DESIGN

- Soma Bite by Soma Organics
- Organic Noodle Kitchen - Asian noodle range by The Right Food Group
- Torus Pak by CMAActive
- Fresh Meal Kits by Lenard's
- SpiceVine marinades by SpiceVine

#### MEAT AND SMALLGOODS

- Easy Chef - marinated cook in the pouch fresh meat by Tibaldi
- Grab & Go Hot Country Roasts by Creative Food Solutions
- Char-grill Split Chicken by Lenard's
- Chicken Kebabs by M&J Chickens
- Steggles Lean Chicken Mince by Balada Poultry
- Red wine and thyme slow cooked pork shank by Sunpork Fresh Foods

#### ORGANICS

- Organic Sultanas and Apricots by Whole Kids
- Organic Noodle Kitchen - Asian noodle range by The Right Food Group
- Five:am Organic Powerpak and Smoothy Range by Five:am Life
- Soma Bite by Some Organics
- Black Tahini and Agave Butter by Carwari International
- Artbar by Artisse Organics

#### SNACK FOOD

- Organic Sultanas and Apricots by Whole Kids
- IsoWhey low-carb, high protein snack bars by FIT BioCeuticals
- Choc-coated Goldenberries by Morlife
- 100% Fruit Twisters and Rip'em's by Go Natural Australia
- Choc Philly by Kraft Foods
- Anzac Biscuit by Byron Bay Cookie Company

#### PREPARED FOODS

- Celebrate Health Quinoa by Celebrate Health
- Gluten Free Grain Free cake premixes by Gluten Free Grain Free
- Pasta Sauce For Kids by Passage Foods
- Coriander Zing by SpiceVine
- Springhill Farm The Real Bread Mix by Springhill Farm

#### HEALTH AND WELLNESS

- Salt for Life by Nu-Tek Salt Australasia
- Gluten Free Grain Free cake premixes by Gluten Free Grain Free
- Tassal Quick and Healthy Salt Reduced Smoked Salmon by Tassal Operations
- Carman's Berries and Flakes Light Muesli by Carman's Fine Foods
- OmegaSmart - Omega Peanut Butter by Natures Blend
- Goji' Antiox Wholegrain Gluten Free Muesli by Morlife

#### DAIRY

- Myrtleford Cultured Butter By The Butter Factory Myrtleford
- Five:am Organic Powerpak and Smoothy Range By Five:am Life
- Gippy C Cream Cheese by Longwarry Food Park & Gippy Foods
- Bircher Muesli by Yummia

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