

Press Release

The Best of the Best AITC- Humpty Doo Barramundi – Dilmah Tea – University Meat 2021 Winners

The Australian Institute of Technicalchefs announces the 2021 winners.

From a long and hard road that required nominated candidates from across Australia, to be chosen by three independent juries, culminating on a final interview on 16 September 2021. the Australian Institute of TechnicalChefs announces the 2021 Best of The Best national winners.

The various panels were amazed with the quality, commitment, and support each candidate received on the road to win this national award. A unique culinary competition for its time, and a competition that has taken Australia by storm.

The be the Best of the Best the candidates were assessed in four separate steps that involved the independent opinion of fourteen nationwide Hospitality and Tourism industry professionals.

The Steps:

- (1. Nomination, considered in this class, 2. Assessed to be a semi-finalist, 3. Judged to be one of the top three contenders, 4. And last, but not least, the revealing final interview that decided the Best of the Best winner.)

The Best of the Best AITC University Meat 2021 Winner is

CERTIFICATE II IN KITCHEN OPERATIONS				
WINNER	EMPLOYER	COLLEGE / INSTITUTE	NOMINATOR /TEACHER/ CHEF/ EMPLOYER	STATE
Isaac Battrick	The George Tavern	Bishop Tyrrell Anglican College	Jenny Gurr	NSW

Nominated and decisively supported by his college mentors, Isaac has completed his Certificate II in Hospitality as part of his HSC and has now transitioned to a first-year apprentice with the George Tavern. He is continuing with his studies through TAFE NSW. Isaac has demonstrated ongoing passion for the industry and strives to achieve, that also noted his substantial capabilities to date.

I have had the privilege of knowing Isaac for the past 7 years, as he has grown as a student into a steadfast and capable young man. He has always expressed a passion for the culinary environment, and I have witnessed his growth initially as a student of my Food Technology class and more recently as an apprentice chef in industry. Jenny Gurr. VET Teacher. Bishop Tyrrell Anglican College NSW.

Against very significant strong contenders, Isaac nomination to the top was a difficult choice, the obvious outstanding quality, passion, and support of nominations proved very challenging to the selectors in all steps. Well done Isaac for being the Winner of the Best of the Best Certificate 11 in Kitchen Operations (AKA. You are on the road to professional success and surrounded by the right mentors)

The Best of the Best AITC Dilmah Tea 2021 Winner is:

CERTIFICATE III COMMERCIAL COOKERY				
WINNER	EMPLOYER	COLLEGE / INSTITUTE	NOMINATOR /TEACHER/ CHEF/ EMPLOYER	STATE
Thanutya Waite	Monsoon Thai	TasTAFE Drysdale	Veronica Whitney	TAS

Thanutya has been a wonderful student. she has pursued this qualification whilst running a business fulltime and looking after her young family. She has demonstrated that she has commitment and dedication with English as a second language she certainly has had her challenges but has always been on top of her training. Thanutya has now qualified. She has completed her Certificate III in Commercial Cookery. *Veronica Whitney Teacher TasTAFE Drysdale Tasmania*

Thanutya (Yaya) This choice was incredibly difficult, against very worthy contestants and supporting mentors, The final interview that led to lengthy jury discussion with a final decision that this accolade was the right for Yaya. (AKA, A champion of champion’s can be won by the smallest of margins, they show just that smallest possible edge in attitude that demonstrates they can adapt to anything).

The Best of the Best AITC- Humpty Doo Barramundi 2021 Winner is:

CERTIFICATE IV COMMERCIAL COOKERY				
Winner	EMPLOYER	COLLEGE / INSTITUTE	NOMINATOR /TEACHER/ CHEF/ EMPLOYER	STATE
John McFadden	GOODROP OIL	Le Culinaire Hospitality Institute	Brad Bennett	NSW

In Chef Mcfadden application, John was very highly recommended by his Institute as one of the greatest all-rounders of the hospitality industry. from Fine Dining, Hotels, QSRS, Catering Companies and busy club spaces, to helping providores and consulting to suppliers and industry.

McFadden is a highly- motivated chef whose attention to detail is well known industry wide. He is a great communicator, mentor and motivator who loves to share his broad experience with keen apprentices and rising chefs who aim to have the same exacting standards that John hold in high regard.

John has also assisted in the judging process for Bocuse d'Or Australia, to select the Australian Culinary Team. He was recently invited by the founding Board of Women in Hospitality to be a culinary mentor for their program. When John met with me early in 2020, I was astounded that he was finding it difficult to be recognised for his outstanding career and achievements. I did not hesitate to assist him in obtaining his current Cert IV qualification and I cannot recommend him Highly enough. – *Brad Bennett. CEO Le Culinaire Hospitality Institute. Ultimo. NSW. (AKA. Australia wide Chef of Chef in the category)*

Let's not forget the semi-finalists and finalists, and we take nothing away from them, they also provided real evidence of excellence and resilience in various steps in the process. We acknowledge and congratulate each and every one for showing they stand above the crowd and stand high among the Best of the Best across Australia

SEE WHO WAS INVOLVED IN THE BEST OF THE BEST:

Sponsors: Humpty Doo Barramundi – Dilmah Tea – University Meat

We acknowledge the Advisors, Chefs, Colleges, Competitors, Employers, Institutes, Judges, Participants, and Teachers, involved in a competition that has literally taken Australia by storm.

Competition directors and advisors to the Best of the Best Competition

- Abhishek Roy
- Anthony Hoy
- Athol Wark
- Daman Shrivastav
- George Hill
- Jason Wilkes
- Jeffery Gear
- Key advisors
- Kim Wisneski
- Robert Ford
- Sarah Maric
- Suresh Vaidyanathan

The Best of the Best Participating State in Australia 2021.

- Overall Winner New South Wales
- Victoria
- Tasmania
- Queensland
- Northern Territory

The Best of the Best Semi Finalist and Finalists 2021.

- Alexandra Coyle
- Amy Luxford
- Annie Chiu
- Charlotte Roff-Smith
- Dushyant Bhati
- Hannah Gunton
- Isaac Battrick
- Joel Humphries
- John McFadden
- Krystal Copley
- Michael Langshaw
- Roma Dela Cruz
- Sahil Mongia

- Saiqing (Sanny) Liu
- Semra Peach
- Soyen Gym
- Svetlana Kostina
- Tabitha Madden
- Tash Matters
- Thanutya Waite
- Watcharasit Thamwarawat

The Best of the Best AITC Approved National Judges

- Bernd Uber
- George Hill
- Jeffrey Gear
- John Deane
- Julie Armstrong
- Mark Normoyle
- Nick Blackmore
- Paul Shay
- Peter Hilcke
- Robert Ford
- Sarah Maric
- Sue Saunders
- Wayne Manney

The Best of the Best in Education and Training 2021

- Academia International - Queensland
- Academia - Melbourne
- ALTEC College - Victoria
- Bishop Tyrrell Anglican College - New South Wales
- Carrick Institute – Victoria
- Charles Darwin University - Northern Territory
- Drysdale Tafe - Tasmania
- Frontier training and technology – Victoria
- Le Culinaire Hospitality Institute - NSW
- Melbourne Polytechnic - Victoria
- Methodist ladies' College – Victoria
- Victoria University - Victoria
- Wollondilly Anglican College - NSW

The Best of the Best Mentors 2021 (Chefs Employers, Teachers)

- Abhishek Roy
- Andrew Grey
- Anura Jayasuriya
- Brad Bennett
- Dario D'agostino

- Fiona Lie
- Gina Dimitrakopoulos
- Jake Ward
- Jason Jayasuriya
- Jason Wilkes
- Jenny Gurr
- Kelly Evans
- Ken Yoong Yip
- Markus Werner
- Matthew Fraser
- Shayne Greenman
- Veronica Whitney

The Best of the Best Businesses with Best of the Best employees 2001

- Berry Springs Tavern
- Carseldine Greens Care Community
- Chancery Lane
- Coal River and Co
- Delish Fine Foods T
- Goodrop Oil
- Jetty Road Brewery
- Mamma's Boy Trattoria
- Marvel Stadium Delaware North
- Monash Park Royal Hotel
- Monsoon Thai
- Palmerston Regional Hospital Phat Mango
- Royal South Yarra Lawn Tennis Club
- Sofitel Hotel - Gold Coast
- The Chapel
- The George Tavern

Till 2022

George Hill Competition Director