

WHO'S YOUR FAVOURITE FOODIE?

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Nominations are now open for the inaugural Tastings on Hastings 'Favourite Foodie Awards'.

The *Favourite Foodie Awards* have been developed to acknowledge the people, places, provedores and producers who make eating and drinking in our region such a pleasurable treat.

The community are invited to nominate their *Favourite Foodie* in one of four categories, recognising the best local producers, brewers, wine makers and cafés & restaurants.

Nominations are now open and close on Thursday 31 August, with local businesses and producers also able to self-nominate for an award.

"We're extremely lucky to have such a variety of fresh, quality and unique food and beverage offerings right across our region," said Council Director Jeffery Sharp.

"The *Favourite Foodie Awards* offer the chance for our local champions to be recognised by the wider community for their dedication and hard work in contributing to such a fabulous local food culture."

Nominees within each category will be announced on Monday 18 September, with voting opening on the same day, closing on Friday 20 October. The Tastings on Hastings Favourite Foodie category winners will be crowned at this year's festival on Saturday 28 October.

Port Macquarie-Hastings Council is pleased to be again supporting our local foodies as Tastings on Hastings comes to life in the last weekend of October, with this year's Main Event and the popular Tastings Ignites taking place in a one day/evening extravaganza on Saturday 28 October.

To nominate a local business or producer for a Tastings on Hastings *Favourite Foodie* award visit, tastingsonhastings.com.au/favourite-foodie or nominate via the ballot box at the Port Macquarie Library.

The Tastings on Hastings *Favourite Foodie* Categories are:

Best Local Produce - Which local produce has our local community's tastebuds tingling?

Best in Bottle - This award recognises craft brewers, cider producers and wine makers in our region.

Best in Coffee - Recognising local cafes and coffee providers, service, yumminess of menu, consistency of coffee, use of local produce.

Best in Dining - Recognising local restaurants, cafes, pub and club bistros for their service, uniqueness of menu & use of local produce.

For event updates, sign up for the newsletter at tastingsonhastings.com.au and follow Tastings on Hastings on Facebook and Instagram.

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