

The 2009 National Sausage King Competition



South Australia Placed in National Sausage King

South Australia has achieved a second placing and two third placings at the National Sausage King for 2009. As the host state, the final was held in conjunction with *Carnevale* on Saturday 7 February at the Showgrounds.

Phillip Cimarosti, Colonel Light Meat and Smallgoods, took a magnificent second place in the very competitive Continental category.

Aaron Reddy, Balhanna Junction Meats, was third in the Traditional Australian class. This was matched by Richard Gunner, Feast Fine Foods, who achieved his strong third place in the Pork category.

Franz Knoll, Barossa Fine Foods and Phillip Cormack, Gawler River Cattle Co,

represented South Australia well but were unfortunate not to be placed.

South Australia Chair of the Retail Council, Lynne Zammit, said "It was a great honour to be the host of the National Sausage King 2009. We were able to show off the beautiful city of Adelaide despite the incredible heat. Phillip, Aaron and Richard achieved a great result for South Australia."

SOUTH AUSTRALIA took:

Continental	2nd	Phillip Cimarosti	Colonel Light Meat and Smallgoods
Traditional Australian	2nd	Aaron Reddy	Balhanna Junction Meats
100% Pork	3rd	Richard Gunner	Feast Fine Foods

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Steve, Gary & Phillip Cimarosti, Colonel Light Meat & Smallgoods, receiving 2nd place for Continental from Warren McLean, Master Butchers Coop Ltd



Lachlan Bowtell, MLA presenting Aaron Reddy, Balhanna Junction Meats, with 3rd place for Traditional Australian



Royston Bennett (l) and Melinda Gibson AMIST, presenting Richard Gunner, Feast Fine Foods, 3rd place for Pork

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South Australia Retail Council Report

By Lynne Zammit

Reports from a good cross section of retail members tell us that the 2008/2009 Christmas & New Year trading period was busy, hectic and rewarding in terms of product sales and profitability, which is important in finalising one year and before commencing the next.

The fact that the issue relating to listeria control for ready-to-eat meat products was deferred to mid December certainly took the pressure off the Christmas Ham debate, at least for the time being. I hope that the reported good results were experienced in your business.

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