



# Media Release

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## TASTE Camden has the recipe for success

TASTE Camden has proven it's got the recipe for success, with a record-breaking 15,000 people enjoying yesterday's event.

Mayor of Camden, Cr Theresa Fedeli, said from fresh, savoury and sweet meals, there was something for everyone.

"There were almost 100 different food vendors at yesterday's event, which is the most variety TASTE Camden has ever seen!" Cr Fedeli said.

"We had stalls making pizza and pasta, dumplings, burgers and Spanish paella. There was gelato, pancakes, pastries and churros. The amazing SmoothFM Produce Lane had jams, dressings and homemade salamis. For the adults, there were ciders, beers and wines to try.

"It wasn't just about the food – the entertainment was top notch. There were performances from the very talented Like Angels and Gold Band on the main stage and the much-loved local band, The Honey Sippers, in Produce Lane, among many others."

This year's celebrity guest chef, 'Fast Ed' Halmagyi, was an exciting highlight at the event. He met more than 200 attendees and took to the stage for two cooking demonstrations, whipping up:

- Cambodian-style duck curry with turmeric, ginger and star anise;
- Yellowfin bream in paperbark with olive and black rice stuffing, wild greens;
- Beef spinach and fontina roulade with smoked carrot purée and fine spring salad of flowers;
- Lamb rack smoked with organic oat hay, glazed garden vegetables and charred pea shoot sauce;
- Cinnamon and raisin chocolate silk, twice-cooked strawberries and Crostolli; and
- Cherry-melon salad with fried chocolate and thyme tortelloni, mint sugar and fairy floss.

This year, Camden Council ran two social media competitions prior to the event, with the two winners collecting their prizes yesterday. They were:

- Esther Jeans, who won a \$100 voucher to Country Club Gledswood Hills; and
- Karmen Zammit, who won a fast pass to meet Fast Ed at the event.

While Camden Festival 2019 concludes for another year, it will be back bigger and better than ever in 2020. For details on next year's celebrations, keep an eye on Council's social media or visit [camdenfestival.com.au](http://camdenfestival.com.au)

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