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MEDIA RELEASE

THE WINNERS OF THE 2021 SYDNEY MARKETS FRESH AWARDS HAVE BEEN ANNOUNCED

Fresh Awards winners announced virtually in a first for the annual industry event

Today, Sydney Markets Limited announced the winners of the 2021 <u>Sydney Markets Fresh Awards</u>. The top florists, greengrocers, providores, wholesalers and content creators across NSW and ACT were crowned the freshest and best in the industry.

The annual Fresh Awards are a much anticipated industry event. However, due to the uncertainty brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic, Sydney Markets made the difficult decision to cancel this year's soiree. Today's announcement saw Sydney Markets CEO Brad Latham and Chairman of the Board John Pearson, reveal the 16 winners via video for the first time in the event's history.

The Fresh Awards presentation ceremony is scheduled to follow on Wednesday 17 November. Taking place from the Markets floor, Master of Ceremonies and Fresh Awards favourite, Chris Bath, will present the winners with their trophies in a morning full of fun and frivolity.

The Fresh Awards are one of the industry's most highly-regarded accolades. They encourage and acknowledge best practice and innovation in the growing, retailing, wholesaling and content creation of fresh produce and flowers. This year saw 41 finalists recognised across 16 categories which, for the first time, included Fresh Content and Providore of the Year awards.

Brad Latham, CEO of Sydney Markets, took great pride in recognising the hard work and dedication of those working within the fresh produce and floral industries, particularly over the last 2 years.

"The Fresh Award contenders are some of the heroes of our industry. They have had to navigate some of the most challenging times in business with many not only surviving, but thriving. These small businesses have remained cornerstones of our local communities, pivoting and adapting to ensure they can continue to service their customers."

"These businesses are a credit to themselves, and to the industry in general. They work tirelessly to deliver top quality produce, customer service and value for money. We were determined to give our Fresh Awards finalists and winners the moment in the spotlight they deserve and celebrate their commitment to our industry," Mr Latham said.

Retailers and growers were evaluated through an intensive mystery shopping program. They were judged on everything from produce quality and freshness, customer service and industry knowledge, as well as their store appearance and innovative approaches.

Fresh Content creators were assessed by a panel of esteemed judges including journalists, authors and industry experts.

Sydney Markets is home to the Sydney Produce Market, Sydney Flower Market and Sydney Growers Market. Supplied by over 20,000 local and interstate growers, more than 700 businesses call the



Sydney Markets home, selling fresh fruit, vegetables and cut flowers to florists, fruit retailers and consumers.

For further information about the 2021 Fresh Awards, visit www.freshawards.com.au

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SYDNEY MARKETS FRESH AWARDS FINALISTS & WINNERS 2021

GREENGROCER AWARDS

Greengrocer of the Year: WINNER: Ziggy's Fresh – Fyshwick Finalists: Kareela Grocer – Kareela Freshworld - Maroubra The Whole Fruit and Grocery Store - Sylvania

Retail Presentation

WINNER: Parisi's Food Hall – Rose Bay Finalists: Freshworld Fruit Market – Maroubra LoSurdo's Fresh Food Grocer – North Sydney Ziggy's Fresh - Fyshwick

Knowledge in Action WINNER: Fruit For All – Berkeley Vale Finalists: Freshworld Fruit Market – Maroubra Greenwood Grocer – North Sydney Trim's Fresh - Merrylands

Service Excellence WINNER: Kareela Grocer – Kareela

Finalists: Freshworld Fruit Market – Maroubra Fruit For All – Berkeley Vale The Whole Fruit and Grocery Store - Sylvania



Best Small Business

WINNER: Jannali Quality Fruit and Vegetables – Jannali Finalists: Greenwood Greengrocer – North Sydney Menai To Of The Crop – Menai The Whole Fruit and Grocery Store - Sylvania

Best Medium Business WINNER: Mountain Fresh Growers – Winmalee *Finalists:* Kareela Grocer – Kareela Sutherland Best Fresh – Sutherland Ziggy's Fresh - Fyshwick

Best Large Business WINNER: Tom's Superfruits - Belconnen

Finalists: Grima Bros Wholesale Produce – Gregory Hills Freshworld Fruit Market – Maroubra Fruit For All – Berkeley Vale

FLORIST AWARDS

Florist of the Year: WINNER: Bella Floral Boutique - Morisset Finalists: B & M Florist – Monterey Jodie McGregor Flowers - Annandale Bunch it With Country - Narellan

Retail Presentation Art of Bloom – Balmain Finalists: B & M Florist – Monterey Bunch It With Country – Narellan Vanessa Pringle Floral Design - Bathurst

Service Excellence WINNER: Vanessa Pringle Floral Designs - Bathurst *Finalists:* Bella Floral Boutique – Morisset Bunch It With Country – Narellan Jodie McGregor Flowers – Annandale



Merchandising and Branding WINNER: Eden Flower Studio – Gregory Hills

Finalists: B & M Florist – Monterey Bunch It With Country – Narellan Jodie McGregor Flowers – Annandale

GROWERS AWARDS

Produce Grower of the Year:

WINNER: Gourmet Herbs – Glossodia Finalists: D Fresh Produce – Mangrove Mountain Grima's Farm Fresh – Horsley Park Vegie King Produce – Rossmore

Flower Grower of the Year: WINNER: S & P Dominello Flower Growers – Peats Ridge *finalist:* Eagles Green Supplies – Ourimbah T & G Flower Growers – Horsley Park East Coast Wildflowers – Mangrove Mountain

WHOLESALER AWARD

Wholesaler of the Year: WINNER: Perfection Fresh *finalists:* Fresh Fellas Preferred Fruit TV Farms

PROVIDORE AWARD

Providore of the Year Award: WINNER: Gourmand Providore *Finalist:* Go Troppo Fruit Market MD Provodores Velluti's – The Fruit and Veg Co.



FRESH CONTENT AWARD

Fresh Content Award Winner: WINNER: Alec Morris – Pasta et Al *Finalists:* Emma Bickley – Photo Before We Eat Suzanne Robinson – Mummy to Twins Plus One Tania Cusack – My Kitchen Stories