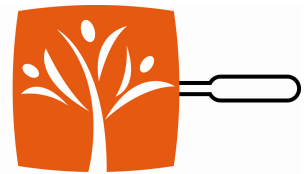


Master Cook Competition off to a sizzling start

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WIMMERA HEALTH CARE GROUP FOUNDATION'S
MasterCook

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The Wimmera Health Care Group's Master Cook competition is off to a sizzling start, with two high-profile teams registering to compete. The teams are eager to start practicing their culinary skills in preparation for the February 2011 cooking competition.

WHCG Foundation Deputy Chair Denise Leembruggen and Horsham Rural City Council's new CEO, Peter Brown, will pair up to produce a main dish in 30 minutes during the cook-offs in February.

"I am really excited to be part of the Foundation's Master Cook competition," said Mrs Leembruggen.

"The Wimmera Health Care Group Foundation will celebrate its 21st birthday in 2011, and the Master Cook competition will be a great way to celebrate, raise money, win some great prizes and have a lot of fun," she said.

Wimmera Health Care Group's CEO, Chris Scott, will team up with WHCG Foundation Trustee Penelope Manserra to raise money for the Foundation and put their best dish forward during the February 2011 cook-offs which will be held at Horsham Plaza.

"The Foundation has made a great contribution to the Wimmera Base Hospital over the last 20 years. We have now expanded the Foundation to cover the Dimboola campus of WHCG too, so that is all the more reason to raise money in the Master Cook Competition," Mr Scott said.

Ms Manserra joined the Foundation's Board of Trustees in August 2010, and is keen to contribute to the future of the fund.

"While I am better known as a financial advisor than a good cook, I am really happy to be involved in Master Cook. The important thing to remember with the Foundation is that all donations are kept forever. Only the interest made from investing your donations is spent."

While the two teams will be competing with each other in February, they are united in throwing down a challenge for other organisations to enter a team in Master Cook.



“We are calling on all the workplaces, service clubs, church groups and any other group – friends and family for example - across the Wimmera to enter a team in Master Cook. Half of the entry fee will go straight to the WHCG Foundation, and any additional funds raised by teams will go straight into the Foundation’s bank account,” said Ms Leembruggen.

“Master Cook is shaping up to be a significant event in the community. We have already established great partnerships with three of the Wimmera’s most important organisations. The Wimmera Machinery Field Days will host the finals of Master Cook in the Country Gourmet Pavilion from 1-3 March 2011. Horsham Plaza will host the preliminary cook-offs in the last two weeks of February, and, of course, the ACE Radio network have been very generous with their sponsorship too.

“We are on the lookout for involvement of other partners to help cover costs of equipment and food, so businesses can expect a call fairly soon. We are expecting around 50 teams to enter Master Cook, which will culminate in a Grand Finale Gala dinner,” she said.

If you have a creative flair in the kitchen, or if you enjoy raising money that will directly benefit you and your community, then the Wimmera Health Care Group Foundation’s Master Cook Competition is for you.

The Details of Master Cook

- Teams of 2 will compete in a cook-off in February at Horsham Plaza. They will be judged on the dish they have prepared, their creativity and, importantly, the amount of money they have raised for the WHCG Foundation.
- Teams will be supplied with basic equipment, a pantry of essentials and three key ingredients that must be used to prepare a main dish.
- Finals will be held from March 1-3, 2011 at the Wimmera Machinery Field Days.
- Registration fees include a tax deductible donation to the WHCG Foundation.
- A Gala Grand Finale Dinner will be held on 3rd March, 2011.

How to enter

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