

Winners from all over Australia for Buninyong's 2014 Marvellous Marmalade Show

Pomelo? Yes it was a Pomelo marmalade that won Best in Show at the Buninyong Marvellous Marmalade Fair. Also called Chinese grapefruit this is the largest citrus and does not have the bitterness of grapefruit.

Apart from Mildura entrant, Anita Fundak's successful Pomelo marmalade, Western Australian entrant Andrew Mitchell, submitted a Red Centre Lime marmalade that had the judges enthused by its "lovely strong flavour". The fruit for this marmalade, also called Australian Blood Lime, was bred at the CSIRO research station at Merbein.

Prize-winners came from as far afield as Albany and Marbelup in WA, Weetangera (near Canberra), Griffith (NSW), Mildura and Drouin plus a number of local entrants from Lal Lal, Ballarat and Buninyong. There was a strong contingent of Melbourne enthusiasts headed by Janet Macdonald and Anne-Marie Primmer who combined with Martin O'Donnell to share the equal Runner Up Award.

Each entry was scored for Presentation (2), Colour (5), Consistency, Texture & Quality (6) and Flavour, Aroma (7) for a maximum of 20 points by the expert CWA Judges, Barbara Porter, Sue Gass and Ann Marston for each of the 121 entries.

But then there's a twist to this competition as all entries from marmalade-makers around the country are vying for selection in the Australian XI, eleven jars of our best home-made plus 12th jar, which competed against the England XI at the International Marmalade Awards in Cumbria northern England in March. This Team was selected by Chief Selector, Roland Rocchiccioli in conjunction with the three CWA Judges and upon it rests Australia's hopes of retaining the *MarmalAshes* trophy empanelled in the old Buninyong courthouse – as with the Ashes urn held firmly at Lord's!

This light-hearted tilt at the Poms started three years ago after we lost the 2010-11 Ashes. In order to save face after Australia's disastrous cricketing loss, Buninyong decided to challenge England to something else that they claim to have invented! Our challenge was accepted - so for the past three years a team of 12 jars has been selected from amongst our enthusiastic Marmy Army of pot-stirrers and has beaten England at that quintessential English tradition of marmalade! With a 'hat trick' in the bag, Australia was aiming towards a 5-0 'whitewash'!

Not to be, however, as The International Marmalade Awards judges decided in favour of England for the 2014 series.

So the England XI can claim the *MarmalAshes* for the moment.

But they can rest assured if they want to but Australia's Marmy Army is now re-invigorated, re-vitalised and is re-grouping for the 2015 challenge to again beat the Poms at something they claim to have invented!

So Marmy Army of Australia - make your best marmalade and send it in in January for judging and selection at the Buninyong Marvellous Marmalade Fair on Saturday 31st January, 2015.

Buninyong Marvellous Marmalade Fair, Buninyong Town Hall



The battle for the *Marmalade* Ashes trophy against the England XI is on again in March. Mayor, Cr Joshua Morris, displays the tiny jar that stays in Buninyong - like the Ashes at Lord's. With him are Dorothy Coombe (CWA State President), Sonia Smith (Buninyong Community Bank), Russell Luckock (Buninyong Marmalade Assn), Cr Peter Innes, Dr Anne Beggs Sunter (Buninyong Historical Society), Val Nuttall (Buninyong CWA) and Carita Potts (Ballarat Hospice Care)



Marmalade was the centre of attention at the Buninyong Marvellous Marmalade Fair with judging by the CWA Judges who then combined with Chief Selector, Roland Rocchiccioli to select the Australian XI to play their England counterparts at the International Marmalade Awards in Cumbria in March.



Ballarat Mayor, Cr Joshua Morris, opens the Buninyong Marvellous Marmalade Fair with MC, Cr Peter Innes and a crowd of interested marmalade enthusiasts in the Buninyong Town Hall.

Buninyong Marvellous Marmalade Fair - 2014

Results of Marmalade Classes and the Australian XI

Class 1 Seville Orange

1st Janet Macdonald, Hampton East

2nd Russell Luckock, Buninyong

3rd Pamela Lincoln, Marbelup (WA)

Class 2 Grapefruit

1st Anita Fundak, Mildura

2nd Janet Macdonald, Hampton East

3rd Janet Macdonald, Hampton East

Class 3 Ruby Grapefruit

1st Janet Macdonald, Hampton East

2nd Russell Luckock, Buninyong

3rd Anita Fundak, Mildura

Class 4 Sweet Orange

1st Martin O'Donnell, Griffith, NSW

2nd Anne-Marie Primmer, Eltham

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Class 5 Cumquat

1st Christine Storey, Lal Lal

2nd Lyn Fleming, Buninyong

3rd Janet Macdonald Hampton East

Class 6 Three-fruit

1st Janet Macdonald Hampton East

2nd Felicity Fullagar, Weetangera (ACT)

3rd Cathy Sidebottom, Glenroy

Class 7 Lime

1st Sheila Etchells, Ballarat

2nd Janet Macdonald, Hampton East

3rd Anne-Marie Primmer, Eltham

Class 8 Lemon

1st Janet Macdonald Hampton East

2nd Felicity Fullagar, Weetangera (ACT)

Class 9 Other Citrus

1st Cathey Visscher, Cranbourne

2nd Janet Macdonald Hampton East

3rd Felicity Fullagar, Weetangera (ACT)

Class 10 Lemon & Lime

1st Robyn Crocker, Drouin

2nd Margaret Woodcraft, Albany (WA)

3rd Lyn Fleming, Buninyong

Class 11 Man-made marmalade

1st Martin O'Donnell, Griffith (NSW)

2nd Russell Luckock Buninyong

3rd Ian Matthews, Malvern East

Team selection of the AUSTRALIAN XI – eleven jars plus 12th jar to compete against the England XI at the International Marmalade Awards in Cumbria on the 1st and 2nd March 2014.

Anita Fundak	Pomelo
Martin O'Donnell.	Orange with Brown Sugar
Christine Storey	Cumquat
Janet MacDonald	Seville Orange
Cathey Visscher	Orange and KiwiFruit
Anne Marie Primmer	Sweet Orange
Janet MacDonald	Tangelo
Anne Marie Primmer	Orange & Whisky
Janet MacDonald	Three Fruit
Felicity Fullagar	Three Fruit
Anne Marie Primmer	Lime
12 th Felicity Fullagar	Lemon /Ginger