



## Ministerial Media Statements

**Bob Kucera**

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### **Demand driving the development of healthier food products: Minister**

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Western Australian food manufacturers are responding to strong consumer demand for healthy food products, Health Minister Bob Kucera said at the presentation of the 2002 WA Nutrition Awards today.

Fourteen West Australian companies have been recognised for producing innovative and healthy food products.

"More and more companies are realising the benefits of providing low-fat, nutritious products," Mr Kucera said.

"The businesses represented here today recognise that these products make good business sense and they are to be congratulated for developing food products that are lower in salt and fat."

A recent Department of Health survey found that on any given day, one in three WA adults purchase meals prepared outside the home.

Mr Kucera said nutrition was a high priority for Western Australians.

"The survey tells us that 85 per cent of people said it was important to be able to have the option of choosing healthy food when buying a meal," he said.

"More than half the respondents said they often tried to choose healthy foods when buying a meal.

"These results highlight the demand in the community and the potential for businesses to supply the best food to meet the demands of a large number of Western Australians.

"The award winners have developed products that have been recognised by the Department of Health as meeting set criteria indicating that they are tasty, healthy, safe and produced in WA.

"All companies who receive the award also assist the community by supporting FOODBANK of WA, which provides emergency food relief for families in crisis."

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A list of award winners follows:

#### **2002 WA NUTRITION AWARD WINNERS**

Category	Company Name	Product
General	Aussie Fine Foods (Bentley)	Classique Pate Flavours: Mushroom and Port Cognac Peppercorn Garlic and Herb
	Magic Mustard Pty Ltd (Subiaco)	Caf☐ 26Original Mustard Salad Dressing Caf☐ 26 Tangy Mustard Salad Dressing
	The Kebab Co (West Perth)	Fish Kebab Sun-dried Tomato and Onion Falafel Kebab
	Fresh Western Pty Ltd Western Potatoes (Hamilton Hill)	Potato Mash
	The Loaded Zucchini	Vegan Chickpea Burger

	(Wembley)	
	Peters and Brownes (Balcatta)	Chill Flavoured Milk Flavours: Banana Berry Choc Coffee I.C. Mocha Original E-Nog  Cottees Options 2 Litre Reduced Fat Ice-cream Flavours: Vanilla and Banana Vanilla and Chocolate Vanilla and Strawberry
	Azzura Gelati (O'Connor)	Dia-Licious 97% Fat Free Reduced Sugar Ice-Cream
	Frugivorous (Fremantle/Perth city)	Apricot Whip Razzle Dazzle Energizer Orange Blossom
Special Dietary Food	Bodhis Bakehouse (Fremantle)	Gluten Free Multi-Grain Loaf
	Megabake (Bentley)	Gluten Free Fruit Flan Gluten Free Tutti Fruitti
Catering Food Service	Ilonka Foods (Bentley)	Pork and Prunes Baked Bean Hot Pot Beef Stroganoff
	Pasta Kitchen (Malaga)	Minestrone Soup Vegetable Lasagne Chicken and Spinach Penne Chicken a la King
	Qizza Quality Foods (O'Connor)	Vegetarian Qizza Bacon Qizza
<b>School Canteen Food Service</b>	Mrs Mac's Traditional Pastries (Morley)	Pizza Supreme Breado Cheesy Sausage Breado Apple and Caramel Breado Peach and Passionfruit Breado
	Qizza Quality Foods (O'Connor)	Vegetarian Qizza Bacon Qizza
	De Paolis Pasta Products (Balcatta)	Vegetarian Lasagna Spaghetti Bolognese Meat Cannelloni Fried Rice
Veg Advantage	Fresh Western Pty Ltd Western Potatoes (Hamilton Hill)	Potato Mash
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	Pasta Kitchen (Malaga)	Vegetable Lasagne
	The Loaded Zucchini (Wembley)	Vegan Chickpea Burger
Technical Innovation	Megabake (Bentley)	Gluten Free Tutti Fruitti