

## MEDIA RELEASE

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Attention: News Editor

### Celebration of fine produce

Taste Great Southern, the region's annual flavour indulgence, started with tasty treats at the Henderson and Hwang function centre near Mount Barker on Thursday 19 February.

Plantagenet Shire President Ken Clements opened the IGA Taste Great Southern festival with an exhortation to guests at the launch to follow his example and plan to sample a wide range of festival events.

Great Southern Development Commission (GSDC) Chairman Peter Rundle and major sponsor IGA Denmark store owner Bob Cybula lauded the festival program.

Mr Rundle said the festival was a wonderful showcase for Great Southern produce and local culinary talent.

"We also welcome the visiting chefs and cooks, and we are delighted to enjoy the creative contribution they make," Mr Rundle said.

"The GSDC has supported Taste since it started in 2004 and we are pleased to continue to support the festival in 2015."

Southern Tourism Events gained \$20,000 in Royalties for Regions funding through the GSDC's Community Chest Fund program, as well as \$15,000 through the Commission's project support funding.

The 2015 IGA Taste Great Southern program features Masterchef series two winner Adam Liaw, television presenter Anna Gare, celebrated indigenous chef Mark Olive and seafood specialist Peter Manifis, among others.



**Eric Henderson (left) and Mel Hwang (right) welcomed Plantagenet Shire President Ken Clements (centre left) and GSDC Chairman Peter Rundle (centre right) to their Kendenup property for the launch of IGA Taste Great Southern 2015.**



Former Albany resident Paul 'Yoda' Iskov pays a return visit after stints in top restaurants around the world.

Events include a Sustainable Seafood Fiesta at the Albany waterfront on Sunday 29 March and night markets at Rockcliffe Wines.

Taste Great Southern runs until March 29. Full program details are available at [www.greatsoutherntastewa.com](http://www.greatsoutherntastewa.com).

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