

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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Attention: News Editor

### **Taste event on awards shortlist**

Taste Great Southern, the region's celebration of fine food and wine, is up for a major tourism award.

The annual event, supported by the Great Southern Development Commission (GSDC) with Royalties for Regions funding through the Regional Grants Scheme, is on the shortlist for the 2011 Perth Airport WA Tourism Awards in the Major Festivals and Events category.

GSDC Chief Executive Officer Bruce Manning said making the shortlist was a great achievement for the organisers of Taste Great Southern.

"Produce from the Great Southern is top quality and deserves to be celebrated," Mr Manning said.

"Taste Great Southern has built a strong reputation as an event that brings together the best of the region's food and wine in a program that appeals to locals and visitors alike.

"The GSDC has supported Taste Great Southern since its inception and is contributing to the 2012 event," Mr Manning said.

The other finalists in the Major Festivals and Events category are the 2010 Sunseeker Australia Cup (golf), Broome Beach Polo Festival and the Hyundai Hopman Cup (tennis).

The Munda Biddi Trail Foundation, also supported by the GSDC for its Nannup-Albany trail extension, is a finalist in the Adventure Tours category.

Finalists from the Great Southern in other categories include Out of Sight Tours (Ecotourism), The Lake House Denmark (Tourism Restaurants and Catering Services category, and Tourism Wineries, Distilleries and Boutique Breweries category), Middleton Beach Holiday Park (Tourist and Caravan Parks), Pelicans at Denmark (Unique Accommodation), The Rocks Albany (Luxury Accommodation) and David Bomba (FACET Golden Guide Award).



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The award winners will be announced at a function in Perth on Saturday November 26.

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