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## WESTERN SYDNEY NOSHERIES TASTE NEW ACCLAIM

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Western Sydney restaurants have officially come of age with a 300% explosion in the number now recognised for their top nosh in the State's food bible, the 2010 Good Food Guide, NSW Minister for Western Sydney David Borger said today.

"Just 10 years ago the Good Food Guide recognised only 14 restaurants in Greater Western Sydney, compared to 41 in the 2010 Guide launched earlier this week," Mr Borger said.

"Ten years ago Western Sydney's diverse culinary gems were a secret treasured mainly by loyal locals.

"The increased focus in the Guide and from other media in recent years has raised the stature of the region's food reputation.

"It's great to see the rest of Sydney finally catching on to the brilliant dining experiences on offer right across the region as more restaurants are reviewed and named in the Guide as among the best Sydney has to offer.

"Western Sydney has an incredibly diverse culinary culture ranging from international foods, to fine dining, to brilliant sweet shops and cafes.

"People can virtually eat their way around the world without ever leaving Western Sydney.

"There are fine examples of cooking from dozens of different cultures.

"You don't need to visit the inner city anymore to get a great coffee and the best food and service," he said.

Two of the region's fine dining restaurants took top honours in the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary edition of the Guide – Darley's at Katoomba winning Best Regional Restaurant of the Year and Restaurant Como at Blaxland winning the Silver Service Award.

"Right across Western Sydney, more restaurants are making their mark in the guide for the first time with impressive scores for their food and service."

Good Food Guide Editor Joanna Savill said Western Sydney boasts a growing number of excellent establishments from across the dining spectrum.

"Each year we focus on adding new restaurants to the Guide and it's great to see Western Sydney establishments making the grade," Ms Savill said.

"Our reviewing and rating system is rigorous.

"We've included Sahra by the River in Parramatta and Iron Chef in Cabramatta as two new entries and our Global Gems section also includes five eateries in Western Sydney – places where you can get a great meal and excellent value without necessarily the frills of the more upscale spots," she said.

in Parramatta this year, five restaurants and cafes were highlighted compared to three last year including Guide newcomers, Lebanese restaurant, Sahra by the River and Prince Restaurant which was listed under Sydney's 'Ten of the Best' for Yum Cha.

In the Fairfield area, five restaurants scored strongly to enter the Guide – three of them for the first time, and three rating as 'Global Gems'.

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