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Clubs serve up winners to settle state's plate debate

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It seems Australians' love affair with lamb is showing no signs of slowing down.

Bankstown Sports Club's herb-crusted lamb rack and pappardelle has been voted the best club dish in NSW, in the 2025 Your Local Club Perfect Plate Awards.

A total of 171 clubs across the state put up dishes in the annual awards, which asks the

public to vote for their favourite menu items across a number of categories.

Over 98,300 Perfect Plate dishes were purchased by hungry diners, with the winners announced at a special ceremony at the Western Sydney Convention Centre in Penrith last night.

The competition's ambassadors, celebrity chefs Matt Moran and Courtney Roulston as well as NRL legend Nathan

Hindmarsh were in attendance at the awards. The trio visited more than 60 participating clubs to meet the competing chefs and taste their creations.

Moran, who runs top restaurants Chiswick and Aria, said the Chinese dishes he sampled at The Epping Club, which took out the gong for the Northern Metropolitan region, were among the best he'd had.

"They dished up some of the best Chinese food I've eaten –

not just in Sydney, but in the world," said Moran, who started his career at Parramatta RSL.

The most popular pizza in NSW was awarded to The Fraternity Club in the Illawarra. The venue also took home another gong, with their ravioli di pesce winning the best dish in the medium club category.

The Polish Club in Sydney's inner west, took out top honours in the small club category for its Bangalow pork schnitzel,

while Kiama Leagues Club took out the title for Best Dessert for their "Panna Colada".

Consistent high performers were also acknowledged, with The Ary Toukley taking out first place in the Central Coast for four out of the past five years, Club York winning in the Eastern Metropolitan region for four out of five years, and Bathurst RSL crowned first in the Central West region across three out of four years.