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Dandelion & Driftwood – home to Queensland’s best Barista

On Sunday 27th November, Queensland’s best Baristas came together for a gruelling weekend-long competition to crown the state’s ‘king of coffee’ and sort the best from the rest. The Australasian Specialty Coffee Association (AASCA) Queensland Barista Championships named Matthew Troughton of Dandelion & Driftwood, Hendra, 2012 Queensland Barista Champion.

Dandelion & Driftwood in Hendra in conjunction with parent company Wolff Coffee stood proud, as their personally trained staff took out six of the twelve prestigious titles up for grabs.

The Queensland Barista Championships includes four main events – Barista Competition, Latte Art, Brewers Cup and Cup Tasters. The judging process is well-structured, strict and run using World Barista Competition Rules. Judges are put through a stringent calibration process in order to be successful as either a technical, sensory or head judge.

The results for the 2012 Championships are as follows:

Qld Barista Championships

- 1st Matthew Troughton (Dandelion & Driftwood)
- 2nd Janelle Kingsley (Dandelion & Driftwood)
- 3rd Jean-Paul Sutton (Veneziano Caffè)

Qld Latte Art Championships

- 1st Scott Luengen (Cup Coffee)
- 2nd Adrian Zucker (Veneziano Caffè)
- 3rd Sam Liao (Dandelion & Driftwood)

Qld Brewers Cup

- 1st Kelsey Carr (Dandelion & Driftwood)
- 2nd Sam Liao (Dandelion & Driftwood)
- 3rd Peter Wolff (Dandelion & Driftwood)

Qld Cup Tasters

- 1st Fred Lullfitz (Di Bella Coffee)
- 2nd Daylan Isai (Di Bella Coffee)
- 3rd Jolie Beckett (Toby’s Estate)

Peter and Penny Wolff of Wolff Coffee and Dandelion & Driftwood have always played a significant role in organising the event. Penny also has a proven track record for Sensory Judging being the first Queensland woman to gain World Barista Championship Sensory Judging Certification, she has judged over the past five years at state and national level as a head judge.



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Being so successful at the state competition is testament of the dedication to their craft and their staff's education as well as ongoing passion to create world class baristas.

The winners from the Queensland Barista Competition will go on to compete at a national level and if successful will represent Australia in the World Barista Competition being held in Vienna June 2012.

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Attached photo is of Qld Barista Championships (Left) JP Sutton 3rd Veneziano, (Middle) Janelle Kingsley 2nd Dandelion & Driftwood, (Right) Matt Troughton 1st Dandelion & Driftwood

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About AASCA

The AustralAsian Specialty Coffee Association (AASCA) was founded in 2001 by a group of very passionate coffee professionals. AASCA is a not-for-profit whole-of-industry association, registered under Federal legislation for Australia-wide coverage. The association has over 10 categories of membership and is open to anyone who is interested in specialty coffee. AASCA has formal links to both the American Specialty Coffee Association and the European Specialty Coffee Association.

About Dandelion & Driftwood

Dandelion & Driftwood is an innovative cafe with a mix of new and old methods of enjoying the timeless classics; Coffee and Tea. The Brisbane concept café honors and satisfies both male and female needs and palates. Highly celebrated tea and coffee merchant Peter Wolff and Penny Wolff are the dynamic duo behind the Dandelion & Driftwood venue and brand. The Dandelion and Driftwood brand represents the blending of yin/yang, tea/coffee, and feminine/masculine and emphasises the importance of providing simple pleasures to people.

Dandelion & Driftwood has received many awards since opening- **2011 The Courier Mail "Best Coffee in Brisbane" WINNER**, **2011 Map Magazine "Eat Drink Awards" Best place for Coffee - Runner Up**, **2011 Quest Suncorp Business Achiever Awards "Casual Dining" WINNER**, **2011 Westpac Business Excellence Award "Most Outstanding Business" Finalist**, **2011 Crema Magazine "Brisbane Best Cafe" Voted No.2 in Brisbane**, **2012 Map Magazine "Eat Drink Awards", Best place for Coffee - Runner Up**, **2012 Map Magazine "Eat Drink Awards" Best Cafe - Runner Up**, **2012 "Golden Bean Roasters Competition" Champion Filter Gold Medal.**



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About Wolff Coffee

Wolff Coffee Roasters is a business venture from Master Roaster, Peter Wolff whose 28-year journey in Specialty Coffee has seen him circle the globe many times over. Peter is now recognised as one of Australia's innovators of the coffee and tea industry. Wolff Coffee Roasters is a company that supplies coffee roasters, equipment and all the accessories needed to get started as a specialty roaster. In addition to supplying equipment, Wolff Coffee Roasters also provide consultation, training and education in all aspects of roasting, cupping, green coffee purchasing and plantation management.