



# Manuka Fine Foods wins top award

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Canberra's home of quality produce, *Manuka Fine Foods*, has just been announced as the 'Best Cafe in Canberra' in the *I Love Food Awards*. The awards are Australia's largest customer voted restaurant and food awards.

The *I Love FOOD Awards* are Australia's largest peoples' choice restaurant awards run by the *Lifestyle Food Channel* at [www.lifestylefood.com.au](http://www.lifestylefood.com.au). The awards received close to 100,000 votes nationally in the 16 categories, and Manuka Fine Foods faced some stiff competition both locally and interstate.

"The cafe is a large part of the *Manuka Fine Foods* experience so we are very honoured to have it voted as Canberra's best," said owner and head food lover at Manuka Fine Foods, Shelley Thomson.

"There aren't too many spots in Canberra that you can drop in for a coffee and muffin in the morning and leave with a selection of gourmet cheeses, pasta, bread or ready made meals to cook for dinner that night," Shelley said.

"We focus on sourcing regionally made, unique produce that isn't sold in every deli across Canberra. We focus on the quality of the products and building solid relationships with suppliers to ensure that we continue to get the latest and best products for our customers.

"There are many different industry awards for restaurants and cafes around, but the fact that this award is purely voted for by customers, shows that we really are keeping our customers happy.

"We have built up a local following from our own Manuka workforce who drop in for coffee each morning and we have become a regular pit stop for local residents on their way to work in the city or Woden," Shelley said.

*Manuka Fine Foods* is located in Palmerston Lane in Manuka, and is open from Monday to Thursday 8am - 5.30pm, until 6pm on Fridays, and Saturdays 8am - 5pm.

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