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HAPPY SUMO SPONSORS LOCAL STUDENT SPEECH COMPETITION IN CELEBRATION OF BALLARAT & INAGAWA SISTER CITY PARTNERSHIP



The Best of the Best. From left to right; Carissa Beynon, Roisin O'Sullivan, Ashlea Pelchen, Ballarat Mayor Jones, Lachlan McClean. Front; Lynette Lee

(BALLARAT) *Happy Sumo*, specializing in Japanese and healthy take-away food at Central Square Shopping Centre, teamed up with the City of Ballarat's Cultural Partnerships Office last month to sponsor local year 10 students in a Japanese Speech Contest to celebrate the 6th Anniversary of the City of Ballarat and Japanese City of Inagawa's Sister City partnership.

The contest, held Friday 10th October at Ballarat's Cultural Partnerships Office, included 25 competing students from secondary schools across the city. Students were asked to read a passage aloud in Japanese and were judged on delivery, innovation, manner and fluency. The best 5 students were then interviewed one-on-one by Ballarat Council Member Steven Jones, with 2 winners, Roisin O'Sullivan and Lechlan McClean, selected from the final interview to win a one week trip to Inagawa and a home stay with a Japanese host family. Reciprocally, 2 student winners from Inagawa competed to win the best speech delivery in English and a trip to Ballarat with an Australian host family.

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In addition to the educational trip provided by the City of Ballarat, *Happy Sumo* donated \$100 to the Grand Prize winner, along with Japanese gourmet food hampers to runners-up winners. Haku Baku, a local Asian noodle manufacturer, also provided \$50 to the Grand Prize Winner.

“Community involvement is a hallmark of our business,” said *Happy Sumo* owner Andrew Kilroy, who also owns and operates Tomodachi Japanese restaurant in Melbourne’s CBD at Melbourne Central Shopping Centre. Last month, Tomodachi was awarded winner of the *Best Contemporary Cuisine* award at the City of Melbourne’s Asian Food Festival, following on the heels of two cuisine award wins in 2007. “Being able join up with and support the City of Ballarat’s Cultural Office on such a worthwhile educational program was an opportunity we were thrilled to be a part of, “ Mr. Kilroy said.

Happy Sumo offers a wide variety of traditional hand-roll sushi, along with gourmet salad selections, homemade soups and fresh juices. With an emphasis on fresh, quality ingredients, everything at *Happy Sumo* is as low in fat and sugar as possible, making any selection a much healthier choice than conventional take-away fast food.

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