

# Katikati Avocado FOOD & WINE FESTIVAL

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## **Best Guacamole in Katikati Competition**

Think you have the best guacamole recipe in Katikati? Enter the Best Guacamole in Katikati Competition. Five finalists will be selected to make their recipe at the 2010 Katikati Avocado Food and Wine Festival 9 January at Uretara Domain.

Finalists in the competition will receive free entry to the festival, where they will whip up their guacamole and have it judged by chefs, Peter Blakeway and Stacey Mclean. There will also be a People's Choice winner.

Prizes for this event are sponsored by Twickenham Restaurant, Katikati (\$100 meal voucher) and Plenti Cookschool, Tauranga (\$100 voucher for cooking instruction).

Stacey McLean from Twickenham explains "Anyone can cook and prepare food that tastes great - you don't have to be a Master Chef or a Jamie Oliver.

"Have a go and enter your own Guacamole recipe, perhaps your favourite party time guacamole recipe you make for friends when having a bbq, a family recipe from your mother or grandmother."

Recipe must be able to be multiplied to make two litres of guacamole - as will be required on competition day.

For more information or to submit your written recipe, contact Midge Munro at the Avocado Industry Council on 07 571 6147 or [midgemunro@nzavocado.co.nz](mailto:midgemunro@nzavocado.co.nz) of PO Box 13267, Tauranga 3141 by Friday 18th December.

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### **About the Katikati Avocado Food and Wine Festival**

The Katikati Avocado Food and Wine festival is organised and run by the Katikati Pakeke Lions who developed the event in order to raise money for charities and good causes in the community.

Since its inception, the festival has grown bigger and better each year and is now a highly anticipated event for the township of Katikati.

The 2010 event will see avocado delights, fine wine, seafood and other delicious bites on offer. Along with sumptuous food and fun activities, there will be live music all day from the bands *The Wild Clovers*, *Sound Workshop*, and *DV8* who cater for a wide range of tastes - from folk to top 40 covers.

A chef demonstrating how to make a range of avocado-based meals will feature throughout the day and will be offering attendees a taste of the final products.

There are also rides and activities to keep the kids occupied too!

**[www.avofest.co.nz](http://www.avofest.co.nz)**

### **Peter Blakeway bio**

Award winning professional chef, Peter Blakeway, has almost twenty years' experience in the hospitality industry.

Emigrating from the UK to the beautiful Bay of Plenty with his young family in 2004, Peter opened the Deli on Devonport and Plenti Cookschool in Tauranga in May 2005.

Peter recently joined British actor Robson Green during the filming of his Extreme Fishing programme, screened in the UK in April and in New Zealand in November 2009. And in March, Destination TV invited Peter to host the Bay of Plenty episode of New Zealand on a Plate, screened on TV1 on 3 October, 2009.

Peter is currently working on a regional New Zealand foods cookbook for Hachetter-Livre, to be published late 2010.

### **Stacey McLean Bio**

Stacey Mclean has been passionate about food all her life and started her career as a part-time trainee chef while she was still at school. She was fully qualified by the age of 17 after attending Auckland Hotel & Chefs Training School.

Stacey has worked in restaurants here and overseas and is now the Head Chef and Manager of Twickenham restaurant in Katikati.

At the 2009 Katikati Avocado Food & Wine Festival she was presented with the *Seeka Avo Fresh Trophy* for winning the Katikati Avocado Café competition.