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LOCAL SHINGLE INN BARISTA GETS HOT AND STEAMY

Caloundra Shingle Inn barista, Isaac Bordonaro, is turning up the heat in preparation for the Shingle Inn Barista of the Year competition, later this month.

Mr Bordonaro was selected during the in-store semi-finals, recently conducted in each of Shingle Inn's South-East Queensland cafes, to proceed to the finals.

Starting at the Shingle Inn on the launch of the new Caloundra premises five months ago, the quietly confident 18 year old has been a barista for four years. He scored an impressive 49 out of 50 in the semi-finals.

"I've been making coffee for as long as I can remember," said Mr Bordonaro. "When I was a kid, while I used to think cappuccinos consisted of instant coffee and a shaken up milk carton for the froth – now I know much better, using special techniques to ensure my milk is satin like, and I free-pour my latte art."

Scrutinised under tough Shingle Inn marking criteria, each of the true coffee connoisseur finalists will be given six minutes to create their finest flat white, creamiest cappuccino and most luxurious latte.

"Not only will this competition showcase the amazing quality of Shingle Inn coffee, but also the true passion and pride each of our baristas possess, in creating the perfect cuppa every time," said Marketing Manager, Louise Bellchambers.

While taste is a must for maximum championship points, judges – including celebrity judge, Brisbane's 4BH Breakfast radio personality, Loretta Ryan - will also be looking for correct coffee preparation, visual appeal, fabulous froth and appropriate barista presentation.

"Shingle Inn is famous for its patty cakes, sweet and savory treats, high tea and sandwiches, and we believe our traditional coffee and tea is also world class," Mrs Bellchambers said.

Shingle Inn is also proud of their in-house Barista Program, helping train passionate and expert baristas in the making.

Mrs Bellchambers says not only will the competition boost healthy rivalry within and between stores, it will also ensure ongoing "practice under pressure" skills are achieved, especially for up and coming baristas.

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