



Dave Weston was a winner in the cafe section of Melbourne's Local Favourites for Whitehorse. N13WH504

Awards reach the business end

WE ARE heading into the final stretch in the race to find out which businesses are Melbourne's Local Favourites.

This week, we announce the finalists in each category. These top vote earners will be in the running to be named overall local favourites at the gala awards to be held later this month.

A range of businesses were nominated during the voting campaign in August. There were 16 categories reflecting a range of local businesses, from real estate agents, to hairdressers, to restaurants and health and fitness cen-



tres. Leader readers voted for their most-loved local businesses and all masthead favourites were eligible for the big awards. But in the end, it was the five businesses who received the highest number of votes in each category that were declared finalists.

For a full list of finalists and to check if your favourite is in the running, see the announcement below.

The businesses who re-

ceived the most votes will be named as Melbourne's Local Favourite for their category.

The major award, Melbourne's overall local favourite business will also be announced, and will be presented with a \$5000 cash prize.

The finalists, winners from all corners of Melbourne, will join us for the announcement at the Melbourne's Local Favourites Gala Awards dinner at the Hilton on the Park on Saturday, October 23.

Melbourne's Local Favourites is supported by VECCI, Small Business Victoria and Mix 101.1.