

# News Release

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## *Australian Grown Truffle Sets NEW Record!*

Yelverton truffles located at Robertson in the Southern Highlands of NSW 1.5 hours from Sydney, have just received confirmation from the Australian Truffle Growers Association that they have indeed grown the largest recorded French Black Perigord Truffle Australia has grown to date.

Last week Ted and Barbara Smith of Yelverton Truffles were excited when they found a truffle weighing an impressive 630 gm. Little did they know this was going to be quickly out-sized.



Ted Smith couldn't believe his eyes when he started to uncover the record sized truffle weighing in at 1.172 kgs. "Our electronic scales only went to a kilo and failed" said Ted. "We immediately jumped in the car and drove to our local Post Office as we knew they would have certified accurate scales". Being a small country village Post Office they are accustomed to some strange requests but never to weigh a truffle!". The previous Australian Record stood at 1.084kgs with the World record at 1.3kg (France).

Not only is this the largest specimen unearthed in Australia it also has excellent aroma and is free from defects. There has been amazing interest in the purchase of the trophy truffle from around Australia and overseas. Leading Chef and owner of Centennial Vineyards Restaurant Bowral Robin Murray has negotiated to buy and keep the truffle in the Southern Highlands for locals and foodie visitors to enjoy this delicacy. Robyn said "this is a great coup for the region to be able to keep it here and share this find with other local chefs and restaurants. It will immediately go on our menu with our signature dish for the next month including this truffle."



Destination Southern Highlands Group Manager Steve Rosa was just as excited by the news claiming that the find is very timely as it strengthens the Southern Highlands position as a real foodie destination and a place to enjoy paddock to plate experiences.

Yelverton Truffles produce French Black Perigord Truffles and are into their third harvest year. Truffle Hunts are also run through the harvest season between late May and August proving to be very popular. Food Path Tours has a number of tours this month visiting the home of Australia's largest truffle find.

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**PHOTO & INTERVIEW OPPORTUNITY**

Monday 30 June 2014 at 3:30pm  
Centennial Vineyards Restaurant  
252 Centennial Road, Bowral

**Handover of truffle**

**by Ted Smith (grower) to Robin Murray (Chef / Owner Centennial Vineyards Restaurant)**