

## Kate Bracks

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### *Celebrity cook, 2011 MasterChef winner*

Kate Bracks, winner of MasterChef Australia 2011, has loved cooking for almost as long as she can remember.

That's just as well as she now spends most of her time as a celebrity cook talking about food, writing about food and eating food. Her life is a combination of recipe writing, cooking demonstrations, public speaking engagements and teaching kids to cook.

Food and cooking was her main focus even as a child. Growing up, she loved helping her Nanna to crumb lamb cutlets, she invited her parents to her 'restaurant' in their dining room and her chosen work experience at age fifteen was in the kitchen of a fine dining restaurant. Little did she know then that one day she would take out the title of Network Ten's hit series MasterChef Australia.

Since winning the competition Kate has written her first cookbook *The Sweet Life* and countless other recipes for food festivals and various magazine publications. She's given cooking demonstrations around the country and taken part in corporate advertising campaigns as well as many fundraising campaigns.

As well as competing in Masterchef All Stars, she has been a guest chef on *The Today Show* (Network Nine) and *The Circle* (Network Ten) and is regularly involved in television advertisements, print media and radio interviews.

She has opened Bengaluru Marriott Hotel, India, as a celebrity guest, participated in the Noosa Food and Wine Festival and cooked on the main exhibit at The Australian National Field Days.

In her local town of Orange she is heavily involved in the tourism work of Taste Orange, is a patron for FoodCare and Camp Quality Western NSW and cooks regularly with hatted (Sydney Morning Herald Food Guide) chefs.

Kate is also developing a growing profile as a public speaker with recent events including the opening of Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program at Calare Public School, Orange (February 2014).



And if Kate wasn't busy enough, she also finds time to cater the occasional event, be a guest judge in culinary challenges and work on establishing her Kate Bracks Baking brand doing what she loves best - cooking up a storm.

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