



Chocolate guru George Maggnas shows off gourmet chocolates that won the day for Nina's Chocolates.

Sweet success with chocolate

NOVELTY confectionary helped Nina's Chocolates knock out the competition in the 2005 Sydney Wine, Dairy and Fine Food Show.

The Gynea business won 28 medals, including three gold – for plain dark chocolates and a novelty mushroom house – 10 silver and 15 bronze.

The tally meant Nina's was named Most Successful Chocolate Exhibitor for the second consecutive year.

Director George Maggnas said the award was an excellent start to the business' 10th year and he was over the moon.

Mr Maggnas said the business, which started as a hobby with a home chocolate laboratory, always did well in the novelty section.

"We have terrific artists and crafty people so making novelty chocolates is a strength in our team," he said. "Although that is a very time consuming part of our

preparation for the show, it is only a small part of what we do. All the chocolates that we submitted are chocolates that we sell to the public."

Mr Maggnas said he was proud the team had won four silver medals this year for its gourmet chocolate bars after failing to win any medals in this category last year.

He said they used to the show's results to set a benchmark for all their products.

He linked the business' success to its innovation.

Mr Maggnas said he would not have been able to achieve all he had with the business without his dedicated and talented team.

You would not pick it to look at him, but Mr Maggnas is a self-confessed chocolate addict.

Kingsgrove-based Davies Chocolates also won two silver and two bronze medals at the show, all for ginger chocolates.