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Life is short, try the dessert first. Or at least that's what ClubsNSW is encouraging.

The 2024 Your Local Club Perfect Plate Awards are back for a fourth year and they've introduced a brand award, that for the Best Dessert.

The Verandah Beecroft has entered a Cinnamon Creme Brulee with Candied Orange and Almond Biscotti.

The Club's spokesperson Isabelle Hatton said the

decision to enter the dish was because of its popularity.

"We serve the classics with a twist," she said. "Our Cinnamon Creme Brulee dish is a crowd favourite because it is the perfect creamy indulgence.

"The delicious dish can either be shared or enjoyed by yourself, but we wouldn't blame you if you wanted a single spoon. The dessert is a new addition to our menu and

our first choice when entering a dessert into Perfect Plate because we think it is a winner."

All the clubs in the Norths Collective Group, which include The Verandah Beecroft, The Greens North Sydney, Norths Cammeray, The Acott Lane Cove, Seagulls Tweed Heads and The Bowlo Bangalow, have entered Perfect Plate this year.

The awards aim to find the

best of the 170-plus dishes entered by clubs across NSW.

Between April 30 and June 16, the public is encouraged to visit participating NSW clubs – of which there are 150 – taste the Perfect Plate dish/es on offer and give the dish/es a score out of five by scanning each eatery's unique QR code or filling out a simple paper form.

The 13 clubs that receive the highest average score for their dishes based on patron ratings will be crowned the winner of their respective region. There will also be three statewide winners announced in the small, medium and large club categories, as well as one statewide winner in the new Best Dessert category.

The awards have challenged the notion of what is club food, with a vegetarian dish and a lobster dish among the winners over the years.

