

BURGER ME, IT'S MASSIVE

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BEEFED-up professional eater Randy Santel might have met his match.

A dietitian by day — and YouTube sensation by night — the American foodie says Australia's burgers stack up so well he's ready to consume one of the nation's biggest.

The "Chainsaw Massacre" is a greasy monster; a monumental tower of 16 homemade beef patties and an equal number of bacon rashers, each covered in melted cheese and a special secret sauce whipped up at The Burger Block in Kew.

It will be the latest challenge for Santel and his business partner, who have spent the past seven years touring the world conquering the bizarre world of big eating.

Weighing in at three kilos and more than 60cm high, only one man has ever conquered the Chainsaw Massacre. Santel plans on becoming the second — and in much less time.

The 31-year-old has won 488 food challenges in 46 different US states and 18 countries, earning himself more than 300,000 followers on YouTube in the process.

The pair are part way through a tour of Singapore, Australia and New Zealand, where they have already cleaned up a monster plate of chicken wings and a few schnitzels.

"There is no real strategy to it," Santel said of his eating challenges. But he admits the Melbourne burger wouldn't be easy. "I'll probably do two burgers at a time and the gooeyness from the cheese and sauce will help it go down."

And the foodie said seven years of food challenges hadn't affected his health.

"I recently took a blood test after 481 challenges and everything is fine," he said.



Professional eater Randy Santel, from the US, is going to attempt to eat the 3kg Chainsaw Massacre burger at the Burger Block in record time. Picture: DAVID CAIRD

Santel hopes to eventually conquer 650 food challenges, which will have seen him chomp down everything from big burgers to bull's testicles.

Burger Block owner Brenda Young said the venue had earned a solid name for itself dishing up Asian-fusion burgers with a difference.

"We have been running the challenges for a while now," she said. "Most people take up the challenge simply for bragging rights."

"I guess you just have to

know your limits." She said the patties were a family recipe passed down by her mother using the best quality beef and spices.

"But it's the overall flavour of the entire burger that makes all the difference," she said. "You can't use cheap ingredients."

Santel will make the attempt at 5.30pm tomorrow at The Burger Block.

Follow the food journey at foodchallenges.com.

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WHAT'S IN THE CHAINSAW MASSACRE

- 16 beef patties
- 16 rashers of bacon
- 16 slices of cheese
- 1 brioche bun
- Smothered in a secret spicy sauce

Randy Santel has 323,511 YouTube subscribers

WEIGHT
3kg

HEIGHT
60cm

Hobbled Corby on crutches

SCHAPELLE Corby has injured her leg and was yesterday in a Gold Coast private hospital for treatment, arriving on crutches with her mum.

It is not known when the 39-year-old got the injury or how. News of the injury broke on Corby's Instagram feed, where she posted a photograph of herself sitting on a hospital bed with an ice pack over her knee.

In the post she hashtags various injuries but does not confirm what she has.

"Hi guys. This is why you haven't seen me in a while ... #sickbay #brokenleg #brokenankle #brokenknee," Corby told her almost 200,000 followers on the social media site.

The post came after Corby was photographed (below) earlier entering the John Flynn Private Hospital at Tugun on the Gold Coast, near where her sister Mercedes lives.

She arrived in a car driven by mum Roseleigh Rose and with another male friend.

Corby hobbled on crutches into the hospital, a grey scarf hanging loosely over her head and in socks. Earlier in the day she was visiting a friend at Tugun, where she was also seen wobbling on crutches.



MOSSIE VIRUS KILLS TOURIST

A VICTORIAN man who holidayed in Thailand has died from the rare mosquito-borne Japanese encephalitis virus.

The Shepparton man's death is only the 10th reported case in Australia, and Victoria's second.

The victim, believed to be in his 60s, had visited Phuket for 10 days in early May before returning to Melbourne. The virus, which cannot be spread from one person to another, occurs mainly in China, Southeast Asia and Indonesia.



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