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Australia's best beef and lamb a cut above the rest

The nation's finest red meat products entered in the Royal Queensland Food and Wine Show's (RQFWS) Branded Beef and Lamb Competition are expected to 'meat' high standards, with judging underway at the Brisbane Showgrounds from today.

Chief Judge Elaine Millar will lead 10 of Queensland's top judges and food experts, including well-known executive chefs Richard Ousby of Stokehouse Q and Glen Barratt of Wild Canary, as they taste their way through 57 beef and lamb products over the next two days.

The Branded Beef and Lamb Competition is regarded as the most coveted and comprehensive of its kind in the nation, with all products going through a rigorous judging process. Food scientists perfectly cook each piece of meat, before being tasted by the experts.

Chief Judge Elaine Millar said she expected this year's entries to be of a high standard.

"2018 has delivered outstanding Australian beef in the retail and food service sectors therefore our experienced judges are anticipating excellent results from our Branded Beef Competition exhibitors," she said.

"With Australian beef regarded as the leader in a very competitive global market, we envisage high scoring due to exceptional yet diverse flavours and textures within each of the classes."

The judges will oversee five competition classes in branded beef including grain fed, grass fed and Wagyu, along with three in branded lamb including 'restaurant trade branded lamb' which was introduced last year.

Australia's best steak and lamb will then be crowned at an awards presentation this Friday 4 May at the Brisbane Showgrounds.

Some of the award-winning meats will also feature on the menu at the fine dining steakhouse restaurant at the Royal Queensland Show (Ekka) in August.

(WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED THIS FRIDAY)

WHAT: RQFWS Branded Beef and Lamb Competition

WHEN: Judging Tuesday 1 (lamb) and Wednesday 2 (beef) May, 9am to 1pm

WHERE: Ernest Baynes dining room – Brisbane Showgrounds, 600 Gregory Terrace, Bowen Hills



Media Release



The awards presentation will be held this Friday 4 May from 11.30am to 1.30pm at Stockmen's Bar and Grill, Brisbane Showgrounds.

Editors please note, media are welcome to attend the judging and awards presentation.

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