

Media Release



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## Entries now open into legendairy competitions

The Royal Queensland Food and Wine Show (RQFWS) is calling for the nation's finest cheeses, dairy products and ice creams as entries open today for the prestigious competitions.

Whether it's a medal worthy aged cheddar or creamy camembert, the experienced RQFWS judges will award the crème de le crème.

This year, renowned international food judge and cheesemaker, Russell Smith, will return as Chief Judge of the Cheese & Dairy Produce Show and Ice Cream, Gelato & Sorbet Competition.

Mr Smith, who has more than 20 years' experience in the industry, will oversee an expert judging panel which will be made up of some of Australia's most respected and experienced food industry professionals.

Last year's judges tasted their way through more than 600 entries from across the nation, with Tarwin Blue produced by Berrys Creek Gourmet Cheese taking out the coveted Palatable Partners Champion Cheese of Show and Colin James Fine Food taking out the Majors Group Grand Champion Ice Cream, Gelato or Sorbet of Show for their Chocolate Gelato.

The Cheese & Dairy Produce Show and Ice Cream, Gelato & Sorbet Competitions saw a 20 per cent increase in entry numbers in 2015, confirming them as some of the premier dairy competitions in the country.

The Dairy Produce Show stems back to the first ever Royal Queensland Show (Ekka) in 1876, making it one of the RNA's oldest competitions.

The RQFWS is a prestigious competition that unearths Australia's top food and wine products, it is dedicated to celebrating and promoting the nation's best of the best.

The 2016 competitions include the Cheese & Dairy Produce Show, Ice Cream, Gelato & Sorbet Competition, Branded Beef Competition, Branded Lamb Competition, Royal Queensland Wine Show (RQWS), Sausage King and Ham, Bacon and Smallgoods Competition.

## ENTRIES CLOSE 18 MARCH, 2016

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