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Scooping up Australia's dairy best cheese and ice cream

Australian dairy producers have the chance to be rewarded and recognised, with entries opening today for the Royal Queensland Cheese and Dairy Awards and the Royal Queensland Ice Cream, Gelato and Sorbet Awards presented by King Street.

A 16-person strong judging panel made up of some of Australia's most respected and experienced food industry professionals including renowned international dairy judge and cheesemaker Russell Smith, will taste test the products in May.

Mr Smith said he was continuing to see high quality dairy products being produced across the country, despite the recent widespread flooding.

"The flooding late last year, which impacted many dairy producing areas in Victoria, Tasmania and New South Wales created more stress for the industry post the Covid-19 pandemic; however we all hope that with more water in the environment we can look forward to some productive years ahead," he said.

"Winning a medal in these competitions is very significant for manufacturers, but even more important is having their product peer reviewed giving them an indication of their place in the market."

There are 59 classes in Cheese and Dairy including cheese, desserts, yoghurt, butter, milk and cream, while there are 14 classes in Ice Cream, Gelato and Sorbet including vanilla, chocolate, strawberry and fruit.

The entries are judged on flavour, aroma, body, texture and presentation.

All Gold-medal winners are eligible to enter the Australian Grand Dairy Awards, which are held annually.

Entries must be in by Friday 14 April, with judging taking place from Monday 15 May and the winners to be announced at an awards presentation on Friday 19 May.

To enter go to www.rqa.com.au

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