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## **Queensland trifecta! Crowned nation's best for beef, cheese and ice-cream**

Queensland has strengthened its status as the beef and ice-cream capital of Australia, dominating the field in the hunt for the nation's finest produce at the Brisbane Showgrounds today.

Australia's best beef, lamb, cheese, dairy, ice cream, gelato and sorbet were crowned from a total of 425 entries, in the RNA's prestigious Royal Queensland Awards.

Stockyard Black, produced on the Darling Downs, was again crowned Australia's best steak, while Milani Minus Eight Degrees in Sunnybank, Brisbane, scooped the pool winning four of the five awards including the title of Australia's best ice cream for their 'Pandan Coconut' sorbet.

In another coup for the Sunshine State, Woombye Cheese didn't just win Queensland's best cheese but was crowned Australia's best cheese for its grand champion winning 'Blackall Gold Washed Rind.'

Meanwhile Tasmanian sourced lamb is proving tough to beat, with Royal Wholesale Meats, based in Clontarf Brisbane, claiming the title of Australia's best lamb for their Tasmanian Royal.

Queensland has held onto the Grand Champion Branded Beef of Show title since 2014, while Milani Minus Eight Degrees from Sunnybank has proven itself to be one of the nation's finest ice-cream producers, winning the grand champion award previously.

Chief Judge of the Royal Queensland Branded Beef and Lamb Competition Elaine Millar said the competition was a joy to judge due to the outstanding quality of this year's entries.

"This year's lamb entries were incredibly consistent in quality," Ms Millar said.

"With such a high standard across the board, scoring was close. Once again Tasmanian lamb has excelled, with the region providing some of the world's best pastures and conditions for producing lamb."

Ms Millar said the beef competition provided a superb judging and eating experience across all Wagyu, grain, and grass classes.

"Interestingly, there was extreme diversity in flavour, texture and juiciness which provides a wonderful opportunity for retail, food service and ultimately the end diner to experience the multiplicity of taste sensations the seasons, regions and breeds bring to our plate," said Ms Millar.

"The exceptional beef entries reinforce Australia's position as a leader in the international beef market," she said.



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Chief Judge of the Royal Queensland Cheese and Dairy Awards presented by King Street and the Royal Queensland Ice Cream, Gelato and Sorbet Awards presented by King Street Russell Smith said the standard and quality of the entries this year was exceptional particularly within the ice cream, gelato and sorbet competition.

“The ice cream, sorbet and gelato entries were outstanding. In fact, I’ll go as far to say, they were the best ice-creams, gelatos and sorbets you will ever taste here in Australia or in Italy, the gelato capital of the world,” Mr Smith explained.

“The judging team was also bowled over by the excellent quality of the cheese and dairy entries.”

“Woombye’s washed rind cheese was as good, if not better, than any example of that style of cheese the judges had ever seen,” he said.

Some of today’s award-winning products will be showcased at the Royal Queensland Show (Ekka), which is now just 78 days away.

## **GRAND CHAMPION BRANDED BEEF OF SHOW (Australia’s best steak)**

Stockyard Black by Stockyard Beef Pty Ltd

## **MEAT & LIVESTOCK AUSTRALIA CHAMPION BRANDED LAMB OF SHOW (Australia’s best lamb)**

Tasmanian Royal by Royal Wholesale Meats

## **GRAND CHAMPION DAIRY PRODUCT OF SHOW (Australia’s best cheese)**

Blackall Gold Washed Rind by Woombye Cheese

## **GRAND CHAMPION ICE CREAM, GELATO OR SORBET OF SHOW (Australia’s best ice cream)**

Pandan Coconut by Milani Minus Eight Degrees

## OTHER BEEF TROPHY WINNERS

## **MEAT & LIVESTOCK AUSTRALIA CHAMPION MSA GRADED BRANDED BEEF OF SHOW**

JOSDALE by Australian Meat Group Pty Ltd

### **King Street Grain Fed Class**

Gold: JBS Thousand Guineas MSA MB2+ by JBS Australia

Silver: Grandchester by Mort & Co.

Bronze: Southern Grain by Australian Meat Group Pty Ltd

### **King Street Grass Fed Class**

Gold: JOSDALE by Australian Meat Group Pty Ltd

Silver: Southern Ranges by Australian Meat Group Pty Ltd

Bronze: Manning Valley Naturally by NH Foods Australia

### **Wagyu Class AUS-MEAT Marble Score 6 or less**

Gold: Carrara 640 Wagyu by Kilcoy Global Foods



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Silver: King River by King River

Bronze: Master Selection by Mort & Co.

## **Wagyu Class AUS-MEAT Marble Score 7+**

Gold: Stockyard Black by Stockyard Beef Pty Ltd

Silver: Master Selection by Mort & Co

Bronze: 2GR Wagyu by Hancock Agriculture

## **Open Class**

Gold: Ebony Black Angus by Kilcoy Global Foods

Silver: Stockyard Gold by Stockyard Beef Pty Ltd

Bronze: '246' by Midfield Meat International Pty Ltd

## OTHER LAMB TROPHY WINNERS

### **Meat & Livestock Australia Branded Lamb - 20kg or Less**

Gold: '246' by Midfield Meat International

Silver: Lamb of Tasmania by Tasmanian Lamb Company

Bronze: Tasmanian Royal by Royal Wholesale Meats

### **Branded Lamb - More than 20kg**

Gold: Tasmanian Royal by Royal Wholesale Meats

Silver: Lamb of Tasmania by Tasmanian Lamb Company

Bronze: Union Station by Midfield Meat International Pty Ltd

### **Restaurant Trade Branded Lamb - More than 24kg**

Gold: Lamb of Tasmania by Tasmanian Lamb Company

Silver: Tasmanian Royal by Royal Wholesale Meats

Bronze: Mottainai Lamb by Wagyu Lamb Pty Ltd

## CHEESE AND DAIRY TROPHY WINNERS

### **Champion Cow's Milk Cheese of Show**

Pyengana Dairy Traditional Cloth Matured Cheddar by TasFoods Limited

### **Champion Non Cow's Milk Cheese of Show**

White Savourine Goat's Milk by Yarra Valley Dairy

### **Champion Dairy Dessert or Yoghurt of Show**

Chocolate Custard by Woodland Valley Farm

### **Dairy Australia Champion Butter, Milk or Cream of Show**

Meander Valley Dairy Double Cream by TasFoods Limited



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**Champion Buffalo, Goat, Sheep or Other Non-Cow's Milk Product of Show**  
Natural Sheep Milk Mediterranean Yoghurt by Meredith Dairy

**Champion Queensland Cheese or Dairy Product of Show**  
Blackall Gold Washed Rind by Woombye Cheese Company

## ICE CREAM, GELATO AND SORBET TROPHY WINNERS

**Champion Vanilla, Chocolate or Strawberry Ice Cream or Gelato of Show**  
Chocolate Lindt 70% by The Standard Market Company

**Champion Flavoured Ice Cream or Gelato of Show**  
Peaches and Cream by Milani Minus Eight Degrees

**Dairy Australia Champion Ice Cream or Gelato of Show**  
Peaches and Cream by Milani Minus Eight Degrees

**Champion Sorbet of Show**  
Pandan Coconut by Milani Minus Eight Degrees

Today's beef, lamb, cheese, and ice cream awards presentation also marked the industry launch of the *Royal Queensland Awards*.

The Royal Queensland Awards brand will replace the Royal Queensland Food & Wine Show (RQFWS) brand.

The RQFWS brand was first developed by the RNA in 2009 to celebrate the nation's finest produce and it continues to unearth Australia's premier food, beer, and wine products year after year.

RNA Chief Executive Brendan Christou said since 2009, the RQFWS brand and activities have evolved and expanded, which is why the organisation has decided to rebrand.

"The new brand better reflects the diversity and breadth of the RNA's food and beverage competitions staged each year," he said.

"The RNA's vision for the Royal Queensland Awards is to celebrate the country's finest artisanal food and beverages, producers, makers and creators, and to be a recognised mark of excellence and innovation."

For further information about the Royal Queensland Awards and a complete list of beef, lamb, cheese, and ice cream results, visit the new Royal Queensland Awards website at [www.rqa.com.au](http://www.rqa.com.au).

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