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What a scoop! Queensland gelato crowned Australia's best

A “stunning” chocolate gelato from Maleny in Queensland has been crowned Australia's best at the Royal Queensland Food and Wine Show's (RQFWS) Ice-Cream, Gelato and Sorbet Competition in Brisbane today, while a blue cheese from Victoria has taken out top honours in the Cheese and Dairy Produce Show.

Colin James Fine Foods' chocolate gelato beat 160 ice-cream, gelato and sorbet entries to win the Majors Group Grand Champion Ice-Cream, Gelato or Sorbet of Show, along with four other champion awards.

RQFWS Chief Judge Russell Smith, who is a dairy connoisseur and international food judge, said the winning chocolate gelato was one of the best he and his fellow judges had tasted anywhere in the world.

“It doesn't get any better than this, it was stunning.”

“Contrary to popular belief, it's very difficult to get a perfect chocolate flavour and at the same time have the silky texture that this gelato exhibited.”

The Grand Champion Dairy Product of Show was won by Berrys Creek Gourmet Cheese from Victoria with their Riverine Blue.

Mr Smith described the cheese as a carnival of flavours on the tongue.

“It was a relatively mild blue cheese with a superb balance of mid palate flavours,” he said.

Mr Smith was thrilled with the 20 per cent increase in entry numbers and said it positioned the competition as one of the premier cheese, dairy and ice-cream competitions in Australia.

The team of 11 national judges, led by Mr Smith, were impressed with the high quality of the 607 exhibits that they tasted over the four days.

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 Cheese and Dairy Produce Show and the Ice-Cream, Gelato and Sorbet Competition, supported by Majors Group, are the first of the RNA's prestigious RQFWS competitions to be held this year.

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 award-winning products will be featured during this year's Ekka from 7-16 August.

Visit www.rqfws.com.au for more information – see results overleaf.



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MAJOR COMPETITION WINNERS INCLUDE:

Australia's best cheese and dairy

- **Palatable Partners Champion Cheese Of Show:** Tarwin Blue produced by Berrys Creek Gourmet Cheese, Poowong VIC
- **Dairy Australia Champion Dairy Dessert or Yoghurt of Show:** Belgian Chocolate Mousse – classic chocolate produced by Nicholson Fine Foods, Yamba NSW
- **Dairy Australia Champion Butter, Milk or Cream of Show:** Western Star Unsalted butter produced by Fonterra, Cobden VIC
- **Champion Buffalo, Goat or Sheep Milk Product:** Riverine Blue produced by Berrys Creek Gourmet Cheese, Poowong VIC
- **Champion Queensland Cheese or Dairy Product of Show:** Mungalli Creek Dairy Biodynamic Raspberry tub set yoghurt produced by Mungalli Creek Dairy, Mungalli QLD
- **Grand Champion Dairy Product of Show:** Riverine Blue produced by Berrys Creek Gourmet Cheese, Poowong VIC

Australia's best ice-cream, gelato and sorbet

- **Majors Group Champion Vanilla or Chocolate Ice-Cream or Gelato of Show:** Colin James Chocolate Gelato produced by Colin James Fine Foods, Maleny QLD
- **Majors Group Champion Flavoured Ice-Cream or Gelato of Show:** Agrumi Ricotta produced by Gelateria Gondola, Sydney NSW
- **Majors Group Champion Ice-Cream or Gelato of Show:** Colin James Chocolate Gelato produced by Colin James Fine Foods, Maleny QLD
- **Majors Group Champion Sorbet of Show:** Colin James Raspberry Sorbet produced by Colin James Fine Foods, Maleny QLD
- **Majors Group Champion Queensland Ice-Cream, Gelato or Sorbet of Show:** Colin James Chocolate Gelato produced by Colin James Fine Foods, Maleny QLD
- **Majors Group Grand Champion Ice-Cream, Gelato or Sorbet of Show:** Colin James Chocolate produced by Colin James Fine Food, Maleny QLD

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