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Calling all cream of the crop dairy producers

Dairy producers have the chance to 'brie' crowned Australia's best, with entries opening today for the Royal Queensland Food and Wine Show's (RQFWS) Cheese and Dairy Produce Show presented by Lendlease and Ice Cream, Gelato and Sorbet Competition presented by Lendlease.

International dairy judge and cheesemaker Russell Smith will oversee the judging process, leading a team of highly regarded experts as they taste their way through 14 ice cream, gelato and sorbet classes and 59 cheese and dairy classes.

New this year in the ice cream competition is a single serve multi-pack class, where producers can enter a pack of stick ice creams with the same flavour profile.

Chief Judge Mr Smith said many exciting products of this type had come onto the Australian market over the past few years.

"The judges are really excited about this class and seeing the innovation that goes on with these types of products," he said.

"The ice creams, gelatos and sorbets entered in this competition are consistently the best I taste anywhere in Australia."

With the popularity of alternative milks continuing to rise, the non-cow's milk entries are expected to increase again this year. In 2018 there was a 50 per cent increase, with most being camel milk entries.

"The growth in non-cow's milk products is really exciting for the Australian dairy industry and the quality entered in this competition is always very high," Mr Smith said.

Those who win medals will have the opportunity to supply their product to the world-class Royal International Convention Centre, as well as have it served at Queensland's largest annual event - the Royal Queensland Show (Ekka) - and popular RQFWS Grape Grazing wine night.

Entries must be in by Thursday 28 March with judging taking place from Monday 20 May and the winners to be announced at an awards presentation on Friday 24 May.

To enter go to www.rqfws.com.au

ENTRIES CLOSE – THURSDAY 28 MARCH

JUDGING – MONDAY 20 to THURSDAY 23 MAY

AWARDS PRESENTATION – FRIDAY 24 MAY



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