



2015 Royal Queensland Food & Wine show

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Legendairy workshops swap chalk for cheese

Brisbane teachers are this week being taught the rare skill of cheese making as part of the RNA's internationally acclaimed education program which brings agriculture back into classroom.

Now in its sixth year, the RNA's Teacher Cheese Making Workshops have attracted 50 participants from 22 schools across the state, including Sandgate State High School, St Peters Lutheran College and Bulimba State School, to learn how to make blue cheese and camembert from one of Australia's most respected cheese experts, Russell Smith.

This hands-on curriculum activity is then taken back to the classroom where students are taught the art of cheese making in the hope their school will take out the top prize in the lead up to Ekka - at the Royal Queensland Food and Wine Show's (RQFWS) Student Made Cheese Competition.

RNA Chief Executive Brendan Christou says it's vital that students not just understand where their food comes from but recognise that Australia produces some of the finest food in the world.

"The RNA proudly showcases and champions quality Australian agriculture, our scientific, regulatory and quality processes are world's best practice," he said.

"Not only do these workshops teach about the science of cheese making, they also give an insight into the Australian Diary Industry and all the opportunities this industry holds for young people."

"The RNA is proud to be holding the successful workshops for a sixth year and we look forward to seeing the results of the student cheese competition in June."

The internationally-awarded workshops will be held at the Brisbane Showgrounds throughout the week and will be run by Chief Judge of the RQFWS Cheese & Dairy Produce Show, Russell Smith.

Each workshop will run for approximately six hours and include a mix of theory and hands-on practical work.

Ends

For the 2015 Fact Sheet [click here](#).

When: 8:30am – 2:30pm, Monday 23rd – Friday 27th February, 2015

Where: Council Stand, Brisbane Showgrounds – 600 Gregory Terrace, Bowen Hills, QLD



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