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## A Gold Coast scoop crowned Australia's best

A Gold Coast Gelati Bar has taken out the top gong in the RNA's prestigious Royal Queensland Awards supported by King Street, which announced 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 540 entries. The number of cheese and dairy entries in the competition increased by 35 per cent compared to 2024.

Scoop Gelati Bar from Burleigh on the Gold Coast was awarded Australia's best in the Ice Cream, Gelato and Sorbet competition for its Yuzu Gelato, giving the Queensland business something to (ice) scream about!

Tasmania can lay claim to being the beef and lamb capital of Australia this year with the state producing the Grand Champion Branded Beef of Show (Paradigm Foods' ICON XB Wagyu) and Champion Branded Lamb of Show (Royal Wholesale Meats' Tasmanian Royal).

Meanwhile the nation's finest cheese was awarded to Montefiore Cheese from Victoria for their Trecce, taking out the Grand Champion Cheese or Dairy Product of Show.

Ice Cream, Gelato and Sorbet Judge Savannah Sexton said the Grand Champion gelato was exceptional.

"The Yuzu Gelato was balanced in flavour, very creamy and refreshing, and the acid from the yuzu rounded it out nicely," she said.

Chief Judge of the Royal Queensland Ice Cream, Gelato and Sorbet Awards and Royal Queensland Cheese and Dairy Awards Russell Smith said the Grand Champion cheese was phenomenal and the standard of entries across the two dairy competitions was very high.

"The Montefiore Trecce was exceptional quality, scoring 19 points, and certainly deserves its Grand Champion status. It's rare for this type of cheese to win over cheddars and blues which have more complex flavours, speaking volumes about how excellent it is," he said.

"The quality of what's now by far the biggest Ice Cream, Gelato and Sorbet competition in Australia, was exceptional as always – particularly the entries from northern and southern Queensland.



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The top cheese products were up there with the best cheeses in Australia and on average the quality in cheese and dairy was very high.”

Chief Judge of the Royal Queensland Branded Beef and Lamb Awards Elaine Millar said the competition was very tight and the visual and taste judging was challenging due to the extraordinary quality of the majority of entries.

“The Grand Champion ICON XB Wagyu from Paradigm Foods’ Tasmanian herd is a very deserving winner of the Branded Beef category. It offered the perfect balance of juiciness, tenderness and structure,” she said.

“The Tasmanian Royal Lamb from Royal Wholesale Meats earned its Champion title for its complexity of delicate yet luscious sweet and savoury flavours including shortbread, pureed macadamia and the richness of Chanterelle mushrooms sautéed in homemade butter.

“Every year the judging panel is overwhelmed by the escalation in the quality of the Branded Beef and Lamb Entries. It is an outstanding achievement by our dedicated Australian producers and our retail and food service industries and ultimately the end diner are the beneficiaries.”

Some of today’s award-winning products will be showcased on the Royal Queensland Cooking Stage at the Royal Queensland Show (Ekka) which is now just 93 days away.

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

ICON XB Wagyu by Paradigm Foods

## **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)**

Montefiore Trecce by Montefiore Cheese Aust Pty Ltd

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

Yuzu Gelato by Scoop Gelati

## **OTHER BEEF TROPHY WINNERS**

## **CHAMPION MSA GRADED BRANDED BEEF OF SHOW**

Stockyard Gold by Stockyard Beef

## **Grain Fed Class Class 1**

Gold: Stockyard Gold by Stockyard Beef



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Silver: Angus Reserve Black Angus Beef by NH Foods Australia

Bronze: Southern Grain 150 Day Angus by Australian Meat Group

## **Grass Fed Class 2**

Gold: Josdale Angus Grass Fed by Australian Meat Group

Silver: Southern Ranges Grass Fed by Australian Meat Group

Bronze: Angus Pure Grass Fed Beef by Thomas Foods International

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

Gold: Tajima Australian Grainfed Wagyu by Andrews Meat Industries

Silver: Black Opal by Harmony Agriculture & Food Company Pty Ltd

Bronze: Yugo XB Wagyu by Paradigm Foods

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

Gold: ICON XB Wagyu by Paradigm Foods

Silver: Kiwami by Stockyard by Stockyard Beef

Bronze: Tajima Australian Grainfed Wagyu by Andrews Meat Industries

## **Open Class**

Gold: JBS Australia Yardstick MB2+ by JBS Australia

Silver: Coles Finest Carbon Neutral Beef by Coles

Bronze: Kilcoy Diamond Choice by Kilcoy Global Foods

## **OTHER LAMB TROPHY WINNERS**

### **Branded Lamb – 20 kg or less**

Gold: Lamb of Tasmania Trade Lamb by Tasmanian Lamb Company

Silver: Tasmanian Royal by Royal Wholesale Meats



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Bronze: Royal Trade by Royal Wholesale Meats

## **Branded Lamb – More than 20kg**

Gold: Tasmanian Royal by Royal Wholesale Meats

Silver: Royal Trade by Royal Wholesale Meats

Bronze: White Pyrenees Lamb by WHITE STRIPE FOODS PTY LTD

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

Gold: Australian Whole Meats/Minerva Foods

Silver: Royal Trade by Royal Wholesale Meats

Bronze: Tasmanian Royal by Royal Wholesale Meats

## **OTHER CHEESE AND DAIRY TROPHY WINNERS**

### **CHAMPION COW'S MILK CHEESE OF SHOW**

Montefiore Trece by Montefiore Cheese Aust Pty Ltd

### **CHAMPION NON COW'S MILK CHEESE OF SHOW**

Florida Cheese Buffalo Mozzarella by Florida Cheese Pty Ltd

### **CHAMPION DAIRY DESSERT OR YOGHURT OF SHOW**

Maleny Gourmet Passionfruit Yoghurt by Maleny Cheese

### **DAIRY AUSTRALIA CHAMPION BUTTER, MILK OR CREAM OF SHOW**

Norco Pure Jersey Milk by Norco Foods

### **CHAMPION BUFFALO, GOAT, SHEEP OR OTHER NON-COW'S MILK PRODUCT OF SHOW**

Natural Sheep Milk Yoghurt by Meredith Dairy

### **CHAMPION QUEENSLAND CHEESE OR DAIRY PRODUCT OF SHOW**

Blackall Gold Washed Rind by Woombye Cheese

## **OTHER ICE CREAM, GELATO AND SORBET TROPHY WINNERS**

### **CHAMPION VANILLA, CHOCOLATE OR STRAWBERRY ICE CREAM OR GELATO OF SHOW**

Lindt Chocolate 70% by The Standard Market Company



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## **CHAMPION FLAVOURED ICE CREAM OR GELATO OF SHOW**

Yuzu Gelato by Scoop Gelati

## **CHAMPION ICE CREAM OR GELATO OF SHOW**

Yuzu Gelato by Scoop Gelati

## **CHAMPION SORBET OF SHOW**

Spicy Pineapple Sorbet with a touch of Tequila by Wicked Ice Cream

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

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