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Full cream ahead to crown Australia's best

The crème de la crème of Australia's cheese and ice cream will be unearthed this week, with Royal Queensland Food and Wine Show (RQFWS) judging getting underway today at the Brisbane Showgrounds.

The judges will spend four days tasting their way through more than 600 of the country's best dairy products, in the RQFWS Cheese and Dairy Produce Show and Ice Cream, Gelato and Sorbet Competition.

The overall number of entries is slightly up on last year, with 467 cheese and dairy products to be judged, along with 145 ice cream, gelato and sorbet entries.

One of last year's top honoured products was a silky smooth chocolate gelato from Maleny in Queensland, produced by Colin James Fine Foods.

This year's Grand Champions will be revealed this Friday, once the team of expert judges, lead by renowned international food judge and cheesemaker Russell Smith, make the tough decision on who will take out the top gongs.

Chief Judge Mr Smith said the products entered into the competition in 2015 were of a very high standard and he hopes to see an even higher quality this year.

"We know some of the companies who've entered are making very high standard products this year, so we're really looking forward to judging them this week.

"This RQFWS is one of the major competitions in Australia, which has gained a national reputation over the last 6 or 7 years."

The RQFWS unearths Australia's top food and wine products and is dedicated to celebrating and promoting the nation's best of the best.

The Dairy Produce Show is one of the RNA's oldest competitions, stemming back to the first ever Royal Queensland Show (Ekka) in 1876.

While the Ice Cream, Gelato and Sorbet Competition was introduced as a stand-alone competition in 2011 and was the first in the country dedicated to judging the best in sorbets, gelato and ice cream.

The medal-winning products will be featured during this year's Ekka from 5-14 August.

For more information visit www.rqfws.com.au



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WHAT: RQFWS Cheese and Dairy Produce Show and Ice Cream, Gelato and Sorbet Competition

WHEN: Judging daily until Thursday, 12 May 8:30am – 12:00pm

WHERE: Exhibition Building - Brisbane Showgrounds, 600 Gregory Terrace, Bowen Hills, 4006

The Awards Presentation will be held this Friday, 13 May from 11:30am -1:30pm at the Governors Pavilion, Brisbane Showgrounds

Editors please note:

Media are welcome to attend the judging and Awards Presentation

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