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NSW gelato pips Queensland to scoop title of Australia's best ice cream

A chocolate gelato from New South Wales has melted Queensland's four year winning streak to be named Australia's best, at the Royal Queensland Food and Wine Show's (RQFWS) Ice Cream, Gelato and Sorbet Competition Awards presented by King Street at the Brisbane Showgrounds today.

The Cioccolato Arancia (chocolate gelato with a hint of orange) produced by Gelato & Co at Murwillumbah, beat 151 other entrants to claim the King Street Grand Champion Ice Cream, Gelato or Sorbet of Show trophy.

Queensland producers have won the title four years in a row and Chief Judge Russell Smith admitted even he was expecting to see a fifth.

"I was surprised to see a New South Wales producer take out the win, as Queensland has some exceptional ice cream makers who have consistently entered excellent products," Mr Smith said.

"In saying that, the competition was very close with a dozen Queensland ice creams up there with the Cioccolato Arancia.

"The winning ice cream just had that wow factor and a beautiful balance of really big bold flavours."

Meanwhile Victoria's Berrys Creek Gourmet Cheese also saw their four year winning streak come to an end, with the title of Australia's best cheese in the Cheese and Dairy Produce Show presented by King Street awarded to Tasmania's Lion Dairy and Drinks for their Heidi Farm Raclette.

Berrys Creek had been taking out the title with their blue cheeses, but this year their Riverine Blue which won a gold medal, was just outshone by the raclette, known as a melting cheese.

Chief Judge Russell Smith said the Heidi Farm Raclette was world-class.

"It had a range of flavours including fruity, savoury and nutty that lingered on the palate," he said.

"The Heidi Farm Raclette could win its class in any competition in the world and was one of the best wheels of that particular cheese the judges had tasted in several years."

A team of 19 judges tasted their way through 547 entries over four days this week, with entries up more than 20 per cent on last year and the highest they've been in three years.

Some of the award-winning cheeses and ice creams announced today will be showcased at the Royal Queensland Show (Ekka), which is now just 77 days away.



MAJOR AWARD WINNERS

Ice Cream, Gelato and Sorbet Competition presented by King Street

KING STREET GRAND CHAMPION ICE CREAM, GELATO OR SORBET OF SHOW (**Australia's best ice cream**)

Gelato & Co. - Cioccolato Arancia

KING STREET CHAMPION VANILLA, CHOCOLATE OR STRAWBERRY ICE CREAM OR GELATO OF SHOW

The Gelato Shop - Chocolate

KING STREET CHAMPION FLAVOURED ICE CREAM OR GELATO OF SHOW

Gelato & Co. - Cioccolato Arancia

DAIRY AUSTRALIA CHAMPION ICE CREAM OR GELATO OF SHOW

Gelato & Co. - Cioccolato Arancia

KING STREET CHAMPION SORBET OF SHOW

Serendipity Ice Cream - Mango sorbet

KING STREET CHAMPION QUEENSLAND ICE CREAM, GELATO OR SORBET

Milani House of Gelato – Pistachio

Cheese and Dairy Produce Show presented by King Street

KING STREET GRAND CHAMPION DAIRY PRODUCT OF SHOW (**Australia's best cheese**)

Lion Dairy & Drinks - Heidi Farm Raclette

CHAMPION COW'S MILK CHEESE OF SHOW

Lion Dairy & Drinks - Heidi Farm Raclette

CHAMPION NON COW'S MILK CHEESE OF SHOW

Frolicking Goat - Frolicking Goat Bûche Noir

KING STREET CHAMPION DAIRY DESSERT OR YOGHURT OF SHOW

Maleny Dairies - Maleny Dairies Natural Yoghurt

DAIRY AUSTRALIA CHAMPION BUTTER, MILK or CREAM OF SHOW

Maleny Dairies - Maleny Dairies Low Fat Milk

KING STREET CHAMPION BUFFALO, GOAT, SHEEP OR OTHER NON COW'S MILK PRODUCT OF SHOW

Meredith Dairy - Meredith Dairy Cultured Goats Milk

KING STREET CHAMPION QUEENSLAND CHEESE OR DAIRY PRODUCT OF SHOW

Frolicking Goat - Frolicking Goat Bûche Noir

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