

## AUSTALIA'S CHAMPION CHEESE AND DAIRY PRODUCE ANNOUNCED

### Goats Cheese named Champion Cheese 2009 Sydney Royal Cheese and Dairy Produce Show

The judges have taste tested their way through almost 1000 products entered in the 2009 Sydney Royal Cheese and Dairy Produce Show, and now the results are in. 26 Trophies and Awards have been presented, along with 73 Gold 427 Silver medals. The accolades were awarded to entries covering butter, milk, cheese, ice-cream, gelato, cultured milk products, yoghurt, dips, dairy deserts, sheep, goat and buffalo milk products and chocolate.

**Dairy Produce Committee Chairman Gerry Andersen** says the accolades went to a mixture of large companies and small boutique operators from across Australia.

"It's pleasing to see such a variety of companies successfully strive to produce such high quality products. I'm especially pleased to announce Holy Goat Cheese has won the Champion Cheese of Show for their La Luna Ring," said Mr Andersen.

The five cheeses selected for the highly coveted **Australian Cheeseboard Perpetual Trophy** were:

- **Holy Goat Cheese** – Holy Goat La Luna
- **Small Cow Farm** – St. Aminay
- **Warrnambool Cheese & Butter** – Vintage Retail Cheddar
- **King Island Dairy** – Black Label Loorana Brie
- **King Island Dairy** – Roaring Forties Blue

Dairy Farmers picked up 14 Gold Medals and 33 Silver, helping them secure the Most Successful Dairy Produce Exhibitor and the Jim Forsyth Perpetual Trophy for Champion Milk. Fonterra Australia - Spreyton, took out the Most Successful Butter Exhibitor award. The Most Successful Cheddar Cheese Exhibitor was won by Bega Cheese Limited, who also collected a total of two Gold and 15 Silver medals.

Victoria's Gundowring Fine Foods won Champion Ice Cream and also picked up 5 Gold and 6 Silvers medals. Sublime Gelato won the Champion Gelato and Bulla Dairy Foods won the Champion Cream or Dairy Dessert, also taking home 28 Silver medals.

Other standout performers were Tasmania's King Island Dairy with four Gold and six Silver medals. Pure Gelato Enterprises from Croydon won 29 Silver and one Gold, while Brancourts Distributors in Yagoona impressed the judges taking home four Gold and 15 Silver medals.

Robyn Rowe Chocolates secured the Champion Chocolate Exhibit. The Champion Novelty Exhibit was won by Nina's Chocolates, who also took out the Most Successful Chocolate Exhibitor for the sixth year running.

"Many companies have reveled in the success of winning a medal at the Sydney Royal Cheese and Dairy Produce Show. Producers are given the opportunity to benchmark their products

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against the best the country has to offer, while at the same time promoting their products under the respected Sydney Royal brand," said Mr Andersen.

Winners will be able to advertise their medals on their packaging, making it easier for customers to pick the finest products at the supermarket and delicatessen.

A list of trophy winners is attached.

For a list of Gold and Silver Medal winners please visit <http://www.sydneyroyalshows.com.au/wdff/wdff/FineFoodResultsSearch.aspx?Type=1>

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