

DAIRY PRODUCTS

2026 SCHEDULE



2026 KEY DATES

ENTRIES OPEN	Monday 13 April 2026
EARLY BIRD OFFER ENDS	Friday 1 May 2026
ENTRIES CLOSE	Friday 12 June 2026 AT 5.00pm (ACST)
DELIVERY OF DAIRY PRODUCTS	Monday 6 to Wednesday 8 July 2026
DELIVERY OF AMATEUR CLASS PRODUCTS	Friday 10 July 2026 between 8am – 11am
JUDGING	Thursday 9 and Friday 10 July 2026
SA DAIRY AWARDS DINNER	Friday 7 August 2026
ROYAL ADELAIDE SHOW	Saturday 5 to Sunday 13 September 2026

HOW TO ENTER

- Complete the online form at www.theshow.com.au
- Deadline: Friday 12 June 2026 at 5:00 PM CST

Absolutely no exception to the above conditions will be made to any exhibitor under any circumstance.

ENTRY FEES (incl GST)

\$50 for RA&HS Members

\$55 for Non-members

Early Bird Special

If you submit your entries before Friday 1 May 2026 entries will be charged at 2025 prices.

MEMBERSHIP

- All exhibitors must be current financial members of RA&HS to receive the discounted entry fee
- **Annual Fees:** Adults \$198 Juniors (under 18) \$72
- Please go to www.rahs.com.au/membership

WITHDRAWALS

- All withdrawals must include exhibitor name, exhibit name, class number and exhibit number (if known).
- Withdrawals can be sent via email to entries@adelaideshowground.com.au and clearly marked "Withdrawal – Dairy Products Section".
- Verbal withdrawals will not be accepted.

REFUNDS

No refunds of entry fees will be made after the closing date of entries.

TRANSFER

Exhibitors will not be permitted to transfer any exhibits after close of entries. If any other inadvertent error or omission is made on the entry form, the entrant may be permitted, at the discretion of the Society, to make corrections.

To ensure a fair judging process, the Chief Judge may determine that an exhibitor has entered the incorrect class. If the exhibitor's product does not align with the requirements of the class and therefore could skew the outcome of the independent judging process, then the Society may transfer this exhibitor's product to the correct class.

YOUR PRIVACY

By exhibiting at The Show you acknowledge that you have read and agree to the privacy policy of the RA&HS which can be viewed [here](#).

In relation to your entry into a competition we may specifically use and/or disclose your personal information to:

- Communicate competition information to you such as entry opening dates, delivery and collection details and entry ticket distribution
- Publish competition results both online and in printed results listings
- Publish competition entries in Competition Catalogues
- Advise sponsors of competition prize winners for distribution of prizes from both the RA&HS and sponsors

By entering into a competition, you consent to your contact details being provided to the sponsors of that competition for the purpose of distributing your prize. You also consent to your name, suburb and postcode being listed in a competition catalogue and, if you are a prize winner your name in competition results.

If you do not wish for your name and address to be printed in a competition catalogue, please ensure that you select the 'Keep Private' option in your online exhibitor profile.

GENERAL REGULATIONS

Exhibitors are reminded that the Society's General Regulations apply to all sections of the Show. A copy of the General Regulations can be obtained from the Society's website at www.theshow.com.au or from the Society's Administration Office.

Exhibitors should note that the General Regulations contain a number of provisions relevant to competitions and this Schedule including but not limited to, offences, penalties, prohibited drugs. As those conditions apply in addition to the regulations contained within this schedule, Exhibitors should familiarise themselves with the General Regulations.

SPECIAL REGULATIONS

Exhibitors are reminded that the Special Regulations contained within this Schedule are merely supplementary to and subject to the General Regulations.

PRIZES AND AWARDS

All entries gaining 18 points or more will be awarded gold medal awards and those gaining 16 or 17.9 points will be awarded a silver medal.

Champion trophies are awarded to Top Gold award winners, these include Medals and RA&HS sashes. Amateur class entries will be awarded first and second prizes. Third may be awarded if the Chief Judge deems there are enough entries.

SCALE OF POINTS FOR JUDGING

Flavour.....	10
Texture and body.....	6
Presentation.....	4
TOTAL.....	20

JUDGING

The Judges may request the Society to have tests done on any entry suspected of not complying with class conditions or the Food Standards Code. At least 2 Judges and 2 Stewards must attend the judging unless the attendance of fewer personnel is approved by the Dairy Products Committee.

PRIZES

The Society makes every endeavor to ensure all prizes listed are accurate at the time of publishing. Should a cash prize be withdrawn by a sponsor subsequent to publishing, the prize will revert back to the competitions default amount where applicable.

Vouchers, product or trophies withdrawn by a sponsor subsequent to publishing will not be replaced. It is the responsibility of the prize winner to follow-up with the Society any sponsored prize (cash, voucher, product, trophy) they believe they are entitled to prior to 30 November in the year of the prize being awarded. The Society will not follow-up prize sponsors after this date or review any prizes that may have been incorrectly awarded.

Any trophy, prize or prize money not claimed by 11 December of the current year. shall be deemed forfeited by the exhibitor and the RA&HS shall no longer be liable to pay or provide the prize.

AWARD BENEFITS

- All gold medal winners are eligible for entry into the Grand Dairy Awards to be judged the 'Best of the Best'. Winners are able to use the Grand Dairy Awards logo on pack for a period of 2 years.
- Gold medal products will be given the opportunity to be involved in Taste of the Best in October 2026.
- All products awarded a medal will also be supplied with artwork, free of charge, for use on packaging, marketing and sales.
- The RA&HS will work to provide additional exposure for Gold Medal products at the Royal Adelaide Show each year and in other publications and social media platforms.
- Results of these competitions will be released to the media after the Gala Dinner. No prior publicity or advertising is permitted.

SA DAIRY AWARDS GALA DINNER

The winners of the SA Dairy Awards will be announced at The SA Dairy Awards Gala Dinner to be held on Friday 7 August at Adelaide Oval. This is the event of the year for the Dairy Industry and will give you an opportunity to mix with colleagues and friends whilst enjoying a night of fun and entertainment. The ticket cost will include a 3 course meal and drinks. Should you wish to purchase tickets for this function, please contact katherine@onthetableevents.com.au.

GENERAL INFORMATION

SUBMISSION OF ENTRIES

- Exhibits must be manufactured in Australia by the exhibitor.
- All exhibits must be manufactured with Bovine Milk, excluding Non-Bovine classes 13, 14 and 38 and Innovative Dairy Product class 39.
- In all classes except Innovative Dairy Product, entries shall consist of a minimum of 1 or more retail units aggregating between 500 grams or milliliters and approximately 2kgs or litres in quantity. Entries may be disqualified or points deducted from judging if minimum quantities are not met.
- All exhibits shall comply with the FSANZ Food Standards Code.
- All entries from Dairy Processor companies entering the SA Dairy Awards must be accredited with a relevant Dairy/Food Authority or will be required to supply HACCP accreditation prior to the product being judged.
- The Exhibitor should be the manufacturer of the product entered. Products manufactured by another business may be entered but must be entered under the name of the manufacturing company and with their permission.

- Entries are permitted from all Producers Australia wide.
- Raw milk cheese must be produced in accordance with the [FSANZ standard](#) for the production and processing of Raw Milk cheese and any requirements stipulated by state or territory dairy food safety agencies. Whole or portion. Exhibitors must specify the style of cheese.

LABELLING OF EXHIBITS (ALL CLASSES)

Exhibit labels will be sent via email. Labels to be attached to the outside of each container, package etc. Any exhibit not clearly identified shall be disqualified by the Stewards prior to judging. All exhibits will remain the property of the RA&HS.

DELIVERY OF DAIRY PRODUCTS (CHANGED FOR 2026)

Delivered to:
Adelaide Showground, Arena Lounge, Wayville SA 5034.
NO LATE EXHIBITS WILL BE JUDGED

DUMMY PRODUCTS

During the Royal Adelaide Show a display cabinet located in the Dairy Food Hall will feature prize winning produce and trophies. As the cabinet is unrefrigerated, it is required that dummy packs, bearing normal retail brands, be provided. These should represent the product as it is normally marketed to the public. Exhibitors may be required to provide a selection of dummies for special displays featuring championship winners. These dummy packs can be delivered with your entries for judging.

CONTACT US

Website www.theshow.com.au
Email entries@adelaideshowground.com.au
Phone (08) 8210 5211 Between 9.00 am - 5.00 pm Monday to Friday

EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE TO THE DAIRY INDUSTRY

THE BRENTON HIGGINS MEMORIAL TROPHY EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE TO THE DAIRY INDUSTRY

Sponsored by Dairy Industry Association of Australia Inc

In memory of the late Brenton Higgins AM, this award has been created to recognise significant effort, service and contribution to the dairy industry. Nominations will be requested from the DIAA, SADA and the industry in general and will be judged by industry personnel serving on the Dairy Products Committee. Nominations can be submitted online or via [email](#). A one page description of the nominee's employment history in demonstration of exceptional service is to be submitted when nominating.

Nominations must be submitted no later than **FRIDAY 12 JUNE 2026** at 5:00pm.

Award will be eligible for South Australian individuals only.

The Royal Agricultural and Horticultural Society makes every attempt to ensure that all information contained within this schedule is correct at the time of printing: however, the RA&HS reserves the right to change such details as may be required.

CHEESE

Exhibits are required to have flavour profiles consistent with the terms "mild", "matured" etc for each class. Exhibits must be given a recognised varietal name or appropriate description, provided the exhibitor's identity is not disclosed.

- Class 1 THE DAIRYSAFE MEDALLION Cheese, cheddar, mild or semi-matured, rinded or rindless.**
Gold : Medallion Sponsored by DairySafe
- Class 2 THE DAIRYSAFE MEDALLION Cheese, cheddar, matured or vintage, rinded or rindless.**
Gold : Medallion Sponsored by DairySafe
- Class 3 THE REAL DAIRY AUSTRALIA MEDALLION Cheese, hard, grating.**
Gold : Medallion Sponsored by Real Dairy Australia
- Class 4 THE CHEESELINKS MEDALLION Cheese, Semi-Hard/Eye Cheese. Includes edam, gouda, swiss and other semi hard cheeses not included in other classes.**
 Flavoured cheeses to be entered in class 11
Gold : Medallion Sponsored by Cheeselinks Pty Ltd
- Class 5 THE REAL DAIRY AUSTRALIA MEDALLION Cheese, blue type.**
Gold : Medallion Sponsored by Real Dairy Australia
- Class 6 THE REAL DAIRY AUSTRALIA MEDALLION Cheese, washed rind.**
Gold : Medallion Sponsored by Real Dairy Australia
- Class 7 THE CHEESELINKS MEDALLION Cheese, Brie or Camembert.**
 Flavoured cheeses to be entered in class 11.
Gold : Medallion Sponsored by Cheeselinks Pty Ltd
- Class 8 THE SUMMIT MEDALLION Cheese, soft, ripened, other than Brie or Camembert, suitable for Triple Cream.**
 Flavoured cheeses to be entered in class 11.
Gold : Medallion Sponsored by Summit Laboratory Services
- Class 9 THE DAIRYSAFE MEDALLION Cheese, soft, unripened, such as Mascarpone, Fetta or Cream Cheese unflavoured.**
 Flavoured soft cheeses to be entered in class 11.
Gold : Medallion Sponsored by DairySafe
- Class 10 THE REAL DAIRY AUSTRALIA MEDALLION Cheese, stretch curd.**
Gold : Medallion Sponsored by Real Dairy Australia
- Class 11 THE DAIRYSAFE MEDALLION Cheese, flavoured.**
Gold : Medallion Sponsored by DairySafe
- Class 12 THE REAL DAIRY AUSTRALIA MEDALLION Cheese from Small Scale Dairy Producer (less than 1 million litres), Bovine.**
Gold : Medallion Sponsored by Real Dairy Australia

THE REAL DAIRY AUSTRALIA TROPHY CHAMPION CHEDDAR CHEESE OF THE SHOW

To be selected from classes 1 & 2.

Trophy sponsored by Real Dairy Australia

THE REAL DAIRY AUSTRALIA TROPHY CHAMPION HARD OR SEMI-HARD VARIETY OTHER THAN CHEDDAR

To be selected from classes 3 & 4.

Trophy sponsored by Real Dairy Australia

THE CHEESELINKS TROPHY CHAMPION SOFT CHEESE VARIETY

To be selected from classes 5 - 10

Trophy sponsored by Cheeselinks Pty Ltd

THE REAL DAIRY AUSTRALIA TROPHY CHAMPION CHEESE FROM SMALL SCALE DAIRY PRODUCER

To be selected from class 12 & 13

Trophy sponsored by Real Dairy Australia

CHAMPION SA MANUFACTURED CHEESE

YOGHURT

Class 15 THE SUMMIT MEDALLION Yoghurt, natural

Any range of fat level.

Gold : Medallion Sponsored by Summit Laboratory Services

Class 16 THE SUMMIT MEDALLION Yoghurt, containing flavouring, spices or real fruit.

Any range of fat level.

Gold : Medallion Sponsored by Summit Laboratory Services

Class 17 THE SUMMIT MEDALLION Drinking Yoghurt, eg. Kefir, cultures, dairy drinks not included in other classes

Gold : Medallion Sponsored by Summit Laboratory Services

CHAMPION YOGHURT

FRESH DAIRY

Class 18 THE REAL DAIRY AUSTRALIA MEDALLION Butter, salted, unsalted, cultured or flavoured.

Gold : Medallion Sponsored by Real Dairy Australia

Class 19 THE REAL DAIRY AUSTRALIA MEDALLION White Milk, homogenised only, minimum fat level 3.2%, including UHT, ESL & Lactose Free.

Gold : Medallion Sponsored by Real Dairy Australia

Class 20 THE REAL DAIRY AUSTRALIA MEDALLION White Milk, homogenised only, less than 3.2% fat level, including modified milk, UHT, ESL & Lactose Free.

Gold : Medallion Sponsored by Real Dairy Australia

Class 21 THE SUMMIT MEDALLION White Milk, non-homogenised, any fat level including Lactose Free.

Gold : Medallion Sponsored by Summit Laboratory Services

Class 22 THE REAL DAIRY AUSTRALIA MEDALLION Flavoured Milk, Coffee, any fat level.

Gold : Medallion Sponsored by Real Dairy Australia

Class 23 THE REAL DAIRY AUSTRALIA MEDALLION Flavoured Milk, any flavour other than coffee, any fat level.

Gold : Medallion Sponsored by Real Dairy Australia

Class 24 THE GOVERNOR'S MEDALLION Cream, rich, pure, no thickener, standard 35% butterfat minimum. (Including Clotted Cream)

Gold : Medallion Sponsored by Government House

Class 25 THE REAL DAIRY AUSTRALIA MEDALLION Cream, thickened, standard 35% butterfat minimum.

Gold : Medallion Sponsored by Real Dairy Australia

Class 26 THE REAL DAIRY AUSTRALIA MEDALLION Cream, light, less than 35% butterfat.

Gold : Medallion Sponsored by Real Dairy Australia

Class 27 THE REAL DAIRY AUSTRALIA MEDALLION Cream, cultured.

Gold : Medallion Sponsored by Real Dairy Australia

Class 28 THE REAL DAIRY AUSTRALIA MEDALLION Fresh Dairy Dessert. Including mousse, custard, cream caramel, fromage frais, cheesecake etc.

Non-Frozen.

Gold : Medallion Sponsored by Real Dairy Australia

THE REAL DAIRY AUSTRALIA TROPHY CHAMPION FRESH PRODUCT

Trophy sponsored by Real Dairy Australia

FROZEN DAIRY

Class 29 THE REAL DAIRY AUSTRALIA MEDALLION Standard Ice-cream/Gelato, vanilla, retail pack (sold in supermarket or commercial outlet)

Entries in this class shall be plain homogenous products without inclusions (solid particles, syrups etc) containing 10-12% butterfat.

Gold : Medallion Sponsored by Real Dairy Australia

Class 30 THE SUMMIT MEDALLION Standard Ice-cream/Gelato, vanilla, scoop product (non retail pack).

Entries in this class shall be plain homogenous products without inclusions (solid particles, syrups etc) containing 10-12% butterfat.

Gold : Medallion Sponsored by Summit Laboratory Services

Class 31 THE REAL DAIRY AUSTRALIA MEDALLION Standard Ice-cream/Gelato, single flavour, other than vanilla, retail pack (sold in supermarket or commercial outlet).

With or without inclusions, containing 10-12% butterfat.

Gold : Medallion Sponsored by Real Dairy Australia

Class 32 THE SUMMIT MEDALLION Standard Ice-cream/Gelato, single flavour, other than vanilla, scoop product (non retail pack).

With or without inclusions, containing 10-12% butterfat.

Gold : Medallion Sponsored by Summit Laboratory Services

Class 33 THE REAL DAIRY AUSTRALIA MEDALLION Standard Ice-cream/Gelato, multi flavoured, retail pack (sold in supermarket or commercial outlet).

With or without inclusions, containing 10-12% butterfat.

Gold : Medallion Sponsored by Real Dairy Australia

Class 34 THE REAL DAIRY AUSTRALIA MEDALLION Standard Ice-cream/Gelato, multi flavoured, scoop product (non retail pack).

With or without inclusions, containing 10-12% butterfat.

Gold : Medallion Sponsored by Real Dairy Australia

Class 35 THE REAL DAIRY AUSTRALIA MEDALLION Premium Ice-cream/Gelato, any flavour.

with or without inclusions, vanilla, multi or single flavour, above 12% butterfat.

Gold : Medallion Sponsored by Real Dairy Australia

Class 36 THE REAL DAIRY AUSTRALIA MEDALLION Impulse Single Serve Frozen Dairy.

Any frozen dairy product single serve, 200 ml and under. Five individual retail samples to be provided.

Gold : Medallion Sponsored by Real Dairy Australia

Class 37 THE REAL DAIRY AUSTRALIA MEDALLION Dairy Confection, Frozen.

Including Milk, Ice-cream, Gelato, Yoghurt, less than 10% butterfat.

Gold : Medallion Sponsored by Real Dairy Australia

CHAMPION FROZEN PRODUCT

To be selected from classes 29 to 37.

NON-BOVINE

Class 13 THE REAL DAIRY AUSTRALIA MEDALLION Non Bovine or Blends, Cheese from Small Scale Producer (less than 1 million litres)

Gold : Medallion Sponsored by Real Dairy Australia

Class 14 THE SUMMIT MEDALLION Non Bovine or Blends, Cheese from Large Scale Producer (over 1 million litres)

Gold : Medallion Sponsored by Summit Laboratory Services

Class 38 THE SUMMIT MEDALLION Any Commercial Product manufactured from non-bovine milk. (Other than cheese)

Not eligible for entry in class 13 & 14.

Gold : Medallion Sponsored by Summit Laboratory Services

INNOVATIVE AND R & D CLASS

Class 39 THE REAL DAIRY AUSTRALIA MEDALLION Innovative and R & D Dairy Product

- It need not be a consumer product, it can be an ingredient or a non-food application.
- The product itself is not required to be submitted but may also be entered in another class within the competition schedule.
- **Each exhibit must be in the form of a one- or two-page statement and may be accompanied by specimens of labels or packages.**
- The statement must describe the product, giving all compositional and nutritional information except any matter of a confidential nature.
- Other information should include the intended uses of the product, especially where it is not a consumer item, its benefits to the dairy industry in general, and major reasons for its development, such as results of market research or perceived needs of the industry or consumers.
- In giving the above information, innovations of any kind should be highlighted.

Gold : Medallion Sponsored by Real Dairy Australia

AMATEUR DAIRY PRODUCT

Class 40 THE DAIRY DUO MEDALLION Amateur Dairy Product

CRITERIA

- Entrants may work within industry, but product entered must not be available commercially by the company they are employed by. Entrants must disclose who they are employed by and their role if they already work in industry.
- A statement about hygienic work practices used (supplied with the exhibit labels) when making the product must be printed, hand signed by the entrant and delivered with the product.
- Any dairy product may be entered – date product made must be disclosed at product delivery, as well as any ripening / maturation time for the process.
- Product must be hand delivered on the day of judging by the set time.

First Prize : Medallion Sponsored by The Dairy Duo

SPECIAL PRIZE

MOST OUTSTANDING BOVINE DAIRY EXHIBIT

Dairy Exhibit in all classes other than 13, 14 & 38.

MOST OUTSTANDING NON-BOVINE DAIRY EXHIBIT

Dairy Exhibit in classes 13, 14 & 38.

MOST SUCCESSFUL DAIRY EXHIBITOR

Points allocation

- Top Gold – 5 points
- Gold – 3 points
- Silver – 1 point

THE CHIEF JUDGE TROPHY JUDGES CHOICE

Trophy sponsored by Gina Dal Santo

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