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Brisbane teachers get a lesson in cheese making

Teachers from across the state will learn the art of cheese making at the Brisbane Showgrounds this week, as they take part in the internationally awarded RNA Teachers' Cheese Making Workshops.

For the seventh year in a row, the popular cheese making workshops will allow teachers to swap their chalk for cheese and learn from one of Australia's most respected cheese experts, Russell Smith.

The 2016 workshops will attract 55 participants from more than 25 schools across the state, with some travelling more than 1300km to attend. The participating schools include William Ross State High School (Townsville), Villanova College, Mt Gravatt State High School, Sandgate District State High School, St Peters Lutheran College and Bulimba State School.

From blue cheese to camembert, teachers will take their new found skills back to the classroom where students are taught how to make the finest fromage. These cheesy creations will then be entered into the RNA's Student Made Cheese Competition in the lead up to Ekka.

RNA Chief Executive Brendan Christou says the workshops have become an integral part of the RNA's dedication to agriculture and education.

"Over the past seven years, these award-winning workshops have led to thousands of students learning the science behind making cheese and the importance of the Australian dairy industry and dairy practices," he said.

"We are committed to celebrating and promoting agriculture here at the RNA and we believe education is the key to this."

The RNA Teachers' Cheese Making workshops will be held at the Brisbane Showgrounds throughout the week and will be run by Chief Judge of the Royal Queensland Food and Wine Show's (RQFWS) Cheese & Dairy Produce Show, Russell Smith. Each workshop runs for approximately six hours and include a mix of theory and hands-on practical work.

When: 8:30am – 2:30pm, Monday 15 February – Friday 19 February, 2016

Where: Council Stand, Brisbane Showgrounds – 600 Gregory Terrace, Bowen Hills, QLD

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