



## Media release

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# MUNDELLA FOODS PTY LTD CROWNED CRÈME DE LE CRÈME OF AUSTRALIAN DAIRY AT THE 2016 AUSTRALIAN GRAND DAIRY AWARDS

It's official – Mundijong is home to Australia's finest natural yoghurt.

The prestigious 2016 Australian Grand Dairy Awards has just announced the best of the best of Australian Dairy with local producer Mundella Foods taking home the Champion Natural Yoghurt title for its delectable Mundella Greek Natural Yoghurt.

Now in its 17th year, the 2016 Australian Grand Dairy Awards, convened by Dairy Australia, recognised and rewarded Australia's top producers across nineteen categories at an exclusive ceremony in Melbourne last night. Some of Australia's finest gastronomic talent, including TV host and author, Alice Zaslavsky; 2015 Young Chef of the Year Jake Kellie; and MKR and Dancing with the Stars' Ash Pollard were amongst the faces at the event celebrating Australia's local dairy makers and their craftsmanship.

The much-anticipated awards announcement follows a meticulous judging process.

Dairy experts Neil Willman and Russell Smith had the tough job of leading a panel of judges, including technical experts, flavour specialists, chefs and cheesemongers, over two days of judging 300 plus dairy products on flavour, aroma, texture, body and appearance.

Chief Judge Neil Willman explained: "An extremely thorough judging procedure is employed to determine the very best cheese and dairy in the country. Only products that have previously been awarded a gold medal at Australian qualifying competitions are invited to enter the annual Australian Grand Dairy Awards, making this the grand final of dairy competitions in Australia."

The painstaking process saw Mundella Foods come out on top, with the ultimate tick of approval from the judges.

According to Neil Willman, Mundella Greek Natural Yoghurt impressed the panel with its full bodied and smooth texture that combined clean and fresh flavours.

CEO of Mundella Foods, David Day, said it's an honour to be crowned a Champion and to have their craftsmanship and passion for dairy recognised by the industry experts.

"It is always a great honour to receive a dairy award from our peers within the industry. Such an accolade is magnified however when the award is presented at the Australian Grand Dairy Awards. These awards represent Australia's most prestigious dairy competition and their coveted prizes are only given to dairy products representative of the finest, and unparalleled, quality. To be recognised as producing a product of this calibre is the ultimate testimonial," said Mr Day.



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With previous Champion titles under their belt, Mundella Foods is considered Western Australia's premier dairy company. Established in 1974 by local dairy farmers, Peter and Anne Hector, the company first began as a small cheese factory eventually growing and extending operations to supply yoghurt to supermarkets all over the state. Today, Mundella Foods sits nestled amongst the serene paddocks of Mundijong from where their fresh milk is produced.

Established in 1999, the Australian Grand Dairy Awards are Australia's most prestigious national dairy awards and the highest accolade for Australian dairy producers. By looking out for the blue and gold medal on packs, Australians can be sure they're buying a first class product.

To view the full list of 2016 Australian Grand Dairy Awards Champions, Grand Champions and the judges' tasting notes visit: <http://www.legendairy.com.au/dairyawards>

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#### **About the Australian Grand Dairy Awards**

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