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2023
STATE AWARDS
FOR EXCELLENCE

WINNERS

THE NIKAKIS BENCHMARK AWARD – BRIAN KEARNEY

PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD – THE STAR HOTEL SALE, SALE
PRESENTED BY TREASURY PREMIUM BRANDS

OVERALL HOTEL OF THE YEAR - METROPOLITAN – TERMINUS HOTEL FITZROY NORTH, FITZROY NORTH
PRESENTED BY CARLTON & UNITED BREWERIES

IAN LARKIN OVERALL HOTEL OF THE YEAR - REGIONAL – GROVEDALE HOTEL, GROVEDALE
PRESENTED BY CARLTON & UNITED BREWERIES

INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYEE AWARDS

EMERGING LEADER OF THE YEAR AND
PETER BURNETT AM SCHOLARSHIP FOR HOSPITALITY EXCELLENCE

PRESENTED BY WILLIAM ANGLISS INSTITUTE

Taylah Hood – Central Hotel, Beaconsfield

Alysha Fiumara – The Grand Hotel Warrandyte, Warrandyte

Stephanie Plancke – The Grand Hotel Warrandyte, Warrandyte

Jai Rapson – The Middle Hotel Korumburra, Korumburra

Christian John Takats – Mountain View Hotel, Whitfield

Hayley Todd – Paradise Valley Hotel, Clematis

Evan Elliott – Red Lion Hotel, Ballarat

James Bishop – Royal Hotel, Koo Wee Rup

Henry Wines – Western Hotel, Ballarat

WINNER: HENRY WINES – WESTERN HOTEL, BALLARAT

CHEF OF THE YEAR

PRESENTED BY PFD FOOD SERVICES

Sam Hopkinson – Botanical Hotel, South Yarra

Con Derlis – The Camden Hotel, Caulfield South

Wayne Mountford – Mail Exchange Hotel, Melbourne

Mark Smith – The Middle Hotel Korumburra, Korumburra

Sean Miller – The Montague Hotel, South Melbourne

Andy Tsai – The Notting Hill Hotel, Notting Hill

Bradley Smith – Royal Mail Hotel, Whittlesea

Jake Furst – Terminus Hotel Fitzroy North, Fitzroy North

Tony Twitchett – Transport Hotel, Melbourne

WINNER: JAKE FURST – TERMINUS HOTEL FITZROY NORTH, FITZROY NORTH



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INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYEE AWARDS

EXCELLENCE IN SERVICE

PRESENTED BY COOKERS BULK OIL SYSTEMS

Janie Hamilton – The Continental Sorrento, Sorrento

Joanna Murthy-Nitka – Kennington Tavern, Kennington

Gina Cimarosti – London Tavern Hotel, Richmond

Jack Cook – Lower Plenty Hotel, Lower Plenty

Laura Luxton – Mountain View Hotel, Whitfield

Brett Pemberton – Oscars Hotel & Cafe Bar, Ballarat

Daniel Foley – Red Lion Hotel, Ballarat

Taylor Hartwig – Terminus Hotel Fitzroy North, Fitzroy North

Imran Nicholls – Transport Hotel, Melbourne

WINNER: JOANNA MURTHY-NITKA – KENNINGTON TAVERN, KENNINGTON

LOCAL LEGENDS AWARD

PRESENTED BY THIRSTY CAMEL

Jamie Francis Collins – The Beach Hotel, Jan Juc

Metua Maruariki – The Camden Hotel, Caulfield South

Nathan Graham – The Harrietteville Snowline Hotel, Harrietteville

William Perry – London Tavern Hotel, Richmond

Ben Fisher – The Middle Hotel Korumburra, Korumburra

Craig Shearer – Terminus Hotel Fitzroy North, Fitzroy North

WINNER: BEN FISHER – THE MIDDLE HOTEL KORUMBURRA, KORUMBURRA

DINING AWARDS

BEST PUB RESTAURANT - REGIONAL

PRESENTED BY COMCATER

The Criterion Hotel, Sale

Mitchell River Tavern, Bairnsdale

Sawyers Arms Tavern, Newtown

Tinamba Hotel, Tinamba

Vine Hotel Wangaratta, Wangaratta

WINNER: TINAMBA HOTEL, TINAMBA

BEST PUB RESTAURANT - METROPOLITAN

PRESENTED BY CUB PREMIUM BEVERAGES

A Cut Above Bar & Grill, Berwick

Botanical Hotel, South Yarra

The Camden Hotel, Caulfield South

Audrey's, The Continental Sorrento, Sorrento

Kirks on the Esplanade, Mornington

The Malvern Hotel, Malvern

Paradise Valley Hotel, Clematis

Racecourse Hotel, Malvern East

St Andrews Hotel, Fitzroy

Cinder, Terminus Hotel Fitzroy North, Fitzroy North

True South, Black Rock

MPD Steak Kitchen, Zagame's Caulfield, Caulfield

WINNER: MPD STEAK KITCHEN, ZAGAME'S CAULFIELD



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DINING AWARDS

BEST CASUAL DINING - REGIONAL

PRESENTED BY COCA-COLA EUROPACIFIC PARTNERS

Grovedale Hotel, Grovedale

The Harrietville Snowline Hotel, Harrietville

Kennington Tavern, Kennington

The Mansfield Hotel, Mansfield

The Middle Hotel Korumburra, Korumburra

Mountain View Hotel, Whitfield

The Old Town 'N' Country Tavern, Wangaratta

Poowong Hotel, Poowong

Royal Hotel, Koo Wee Rup

Telegraph Hotel, Geelong West

Torquay Hotel, Torquay

Vine Hotel Wangaratta, Wangaratta

WINNER: MOUNTAIN VIEW HOTEL, WHITFIELD

BEST CASUAL DINING - METROPOLITAN

PRESENTED BY COCA-COLA EUROPACIFIC PARTNERS

The Bay Hotel Mornington, Mornington

The Glenferrie Hotel, Hawthorn

The Heritage Balnarring, Balnarring

Kelly's Motor Club Hotel, Cranbourne

Old England Hotel, Heidelberg

Platform 28, Docklands

The Quiet Man Irish Pub, Flemington

Sandringham Hotel, Sandringham

Sir Henry Barkly Hotel, Heidelberg

St Andrews Hotel, Fitzroy

Taylor's Lakes Hotel, Taylor's Lakes

Teller, Brunswick East

Terminus Hotel Fitzroy North, Fitzroy North

WINNER: THE BAY HOTEL MORNINGTON, MORNINGTON

BEST FAMILY DINING

PRESENTED BY SUPAGAS

The Bridge Inn Hotel, Mernda

The Drouin Family Hotel, Drouin

Cross Keys Hotel, Essendon

The Harrietville Snowline Hotel, Harrietville

The Heritage Balnarring, Balnarring

Lower Plenty Hotel, Lower Plenty

The Old Town 'N' Country Tavern, Wangaratta

The Star Hotel Sale, Sale

Sugar Gum Hotel, Hillside

The Westernport, San Remo

Wheeler's Hill Hotel, Wheeler's Hill

York on Lilydale, Mount Evelyn

WINNER: THE STAR HOTEL SALE, SALE



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GENERAL AWARDS

BEST PUB BAR - REGIONAL

PRESENTED BY CUB PREMIUM BEVERAGES

American Hotel, Echuca

The Criterion Hotel, Sale

Crown Hotel, Traralgon

Grovedale Hotel, Grovedale

Kennington Tavern, Kennington

The Middle Hotel Korumburra, Korumburra

Poowong Hotel, Poowong

Portarlinton Grand Hotel, Portarlinton

The Royal Hotel Drouin, Drouin

San Remo Hotel Motel, San Remo

Western Hotel, Ballarat

WINNER: CROWN HOTEL, TRARALGON

BEST PUB BAR - METROPOLITAN

PRESENTED BY LION BEER AUSTRALIA

Bells Hotel, South Melbourne

Bridie O'Reilly's, South Yarra

The Glenferrie Hotel, Hawthorn

London Tavern Hotel, Richmond

Mail Exchange Hotel, Melbourne

Newmarket Tavern, Flemington

The Orrong Hotel, Armadale

The Oxford Scholar, Melbourne

St. Andrews Hotel, Fitzroy

Taylors Lakes Hotel, Taylors Lakes

Terminus Hotel Fitzroy North, Fitzroy North

The Windsor Alehouse, Windsor

WINNER: THE GLENFERRIE HOTEL, HAWTHORN

PARMA OF THE YEAR

PRESENTED BY ADROIT INSURANCE & RISK

The Birmingham Hotel, Fitzroy

The Bridge Inn Hotel, Mernda

Crown Hotel, Traralgon

Dargo Hotel, Dargo

Deer Park Hotel, Deer Park

The Drouin Family Hotel, Drouin

The Fifth Province Irish Bar and Restaurant, St Kilda

The Grand Hotel Warrandyte, Warrandyte

Grand Junction Hotel, Traralgon

The Harrietville Snowline Hotel, Harrietville

The Heritage Balnarring, Balnarring

Kelly's Motor Club Hotel, Cranbourne

Newmarket Tavern, Flemington

The Old Town 'N' Country Tavern, Wangaratta

The Oxford Scholar, Melbourne

Paradise Valley Hotel, Clematis

Platform 28, Docklands

Poowong Hotel, Poowong

Racecourse Hotel, Malvern East

The Royal Hotel Drouin, Drouin

Sawyers Arms Tavern, Newtown

Sir Henry Barkly Hotel, Heidelberg

St Andrews Hotel, Fitzroy

The Star Hotel Sale, Sale

The Windsor Alehouse, Windsor

VICTORIA'S TOP 10 PARMAS

CROWN HOTEL, TRARALGON
DARGO HOTEL, DARGO
RACECOURSE HOTEL, MALVERN EAST

ST ANDREWS HOTEL, FITZROY
THE BIRMINGHAM HOTEL, FITZROY
THE BRIDGE INN HOTEL, MERNDA
THE DROUIN FAMILY HOTEL, DROUIN

THE HERITAGE BALNARRING, BALNARRING
THE OXFORD SCHOLAR, MELBOURNE
THE ROYAL HOTEL DROUIN, DROUIN



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GENERAL AWARDS

BEST SPECIALTY BAR

PRESENTED BY DIAGEO AUSTRALIA

American Hotel, Echuca

Belgian Beer Cafe Melbourne, Southbank

Bridie O'Reilly's, South Yarra

The Clifton Hill Brewpub, Clifton Hill

The Cross, St Kilda

Elephant and Wheelbarrow, Melbourne

The Fifth Province Irish Bar and Restaurant, St Kilda

Oche Melbourne, Melbourne

P.J.O'Brien's Irish Pub, Southbank

The Quiet Man Irish Pub, Flemington

Trinity St Kilda, St Kilda

The Windsor Alehouse, Windsor

WINNER: BELGIAN BEER CAFE MELBOURNE, SOUTHBANK

BEST PRESENTED BEER

PRESENTED BY H & L

The Bay Hotel Mornington, Mornington

Belgian Beer Cafe Melbourne, Southbank

The Fifth Province Irish Bar and Restaurant, St Kilda

The Glenferrie Hotel, Hawthorn

The King Hotel, Melbourne

London Tavern Hotel, Richmond

Mail Exchange Hotel, Melbourne

Melbourne Central Lion Hotel, Melbourne

The Oxford Scholar, Melbourne

Platform 28, Docklands

Terminus Hotel Fitzroy North, Fitzroy North

The Windsor Alehouse, Windsor

WINNER: TERMINUS HOTEL FITZROY NORTH, FITZROY NORTH

BEST NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE MENU

PRESENTED BY DRY BUT WET

Botanical Hotel, South Yarra

The Camden Hotel, Caulfield South

Kennington Tavern, Kennington

Mt View Hotel, Richmond

Teller, Brunswick East

WINNER: TELLER, BRUNSWICK EAST

BEST LIVE ENTERTAINMENT VENUE

PRESENTED BY COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA

The Albion Rooftop & Club, South Melbourne

American Hotel, Echuca

The Bay Hotel Mornington, Mornington

Central Hotel, Beaconsfield

The Corner Hotel Richmond, Richmond

Croxton Bandroom, Thornbury

Elephant and Wheelbarrow, Melbourne

Torquay Hotel, Torquay

Transport Hotel, Melbourne

The Westernport, San Remo

WINNER: TORQUAY HOTEL, TORQUAY



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BEST SPORTS BAR - REGIONAL

PRESENTED BY FOXTEL BUSINESS

Crown Hotel, Traralgon

Grand Junction Hotel, Traralgon

Grovedale Hotel, Grovedale

The Middle Hotel Korumburra, Korumburra.

Mildura Gateway, Mildura

WINNER: GROVEDALE HOTEL, GROVEDALE

BEST SPORTS BAR - METROPOLITAN

PRESENTED BY FOXTEL BUSINESS

The Bay Hotel Mornington, Mornington

Bells Hotel, South Melbourne

The Bridge Inn Hotel, Mernda

Brighton Beach Hotel, Brighton

Cross Keys Hotel, Essendon

The Fifth Province Irish Bar and Restaurant, St Kilda

Highpoint Hotel, Maribyrnong

The King Hotel, Melbourne

Newmarket Tavern, Flemington

The Precinct Hotel, Cremorne

Rosstown Hotel, Carnegie

The Sporting Globe Mordialloc, Mordialloc

Taylors Lakes Hotel, Taylors Lakes

Zagame's Caulfield, Caulfield

WINNER: ROSSTOWN HOTEL, CARNEGIE

BEST RETAIL LIQUOR OUTLET

PRESENTED BY AUSTRALIAN LIQUOR MARKETERS

The Camden Hotel, Caulfield South

Great Ocean Road Brewhouse, Apollo Bay

Grosvenor Hotel, St Kilda East

Lower Plenty Hotel, Lower Plenty

Mildura Gateway, Mildura

The Notting Hill Hotel, Notting Hill

WINNER: THE NOTTING HILL HOTEL, NOTTING HILL

BEST OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE - REGIONAL

PRESENTED BY BRITISH AMERICAN TOBACCO AUSTRALIA

Anvil Brewing Co, Mansfield

Barwon Heads Hotel, Barwon Heads

Dargo Hotel, Dargo

Great Ocean Road Brewhouse, Apollo Bay

Marlo Hotel, Marlo

The Middle Hotel Korumburra, Korumburra

Mildura Gateway, Mildura

Mountain View Hotel, Whitfield

Portarlinton Grand Hotel, Portarlinton

San Remo Hotel Motel, San Remo

Torquay Hotel, Torquay

Western Hotel, Ballarat

WINNER: MOUNTAIN VIEW HOTEL, WHITFIELD



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BEST OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE - METROPOLITAN

PRESENTED BY BRITISH AMERICAN TOBACCO AUSTRALIA

The Boatbuilders Yard, South Wharf

London Tavern Hotel, Richmond

Botanical Hotel, South Yarra

Lower Plenty Hotel, Lower Plenty

Bridie O'Reilly's, South Yarra

Micawber Tavern, Belgrave

The Glenferrie Hotel, Hawthorn

The Notting Hill Hotel, Notting Hill

The Grand Hotel Warrandyte, Warrandyte

The Precinct Hotel, Cremorne

The Heritage Balnarring, Balnarring

Sugar Gum Hotel, Hillside

WINNER: THE PRECINCT HOTEL, CREMORNE

BEST ROOFTOP EXPERIENCE

PRESENTED BY COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA

The Albion Rooftop & Club, South Melbourne

The Sporting Globe Knox, Knox

American Hotel, Echuca

Telegraph Hotel, Geelong West

The Corner Hotel Richmond, Richmond

Transport Hotel, Melbourne

Platform 28, Docklands

WINNER: THE ALBION ROOFTOP & CLUB, SOUTH MELBOURNE

ACCOMODATION AWARDS

BEST HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

PRESENTED BY PENFOLDS WINES

Peppermill Inn, Kialla

Taylors Lakes Hotel, Taylors Lakes

Portarlington Grand Hotel, Portarlington

York on Lilydale, Mount Evelyn

HALL OF FAME: TAYLORS LAKES HOTEL, TAYLORS LAKES

WINNER: PORTARLINGTON GRAND HOTEL, PORTARLINGTON



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ACCOMODATION AWARDS

BEST HOTEL - PUB STYLE ACCOMMODATION

PRESENTED BY HOSTPLUS

The Criterion Hotel, Sale

The Glenferrie Hotel, Hawthorn

Manhattan Hotel, Ringwood

Marlo Hotel, Marlo

Mitchell River Tavern, Bairnsdale

Oscars Hotel & Cafe Bar, Ballarat

Royal Hotel Daylesford, Daylesford

Royal Hotel Essendon, Essendon

WINNER: OSCARS HOTEL & CAFE BAR, BALLARAT

BEST PUBTAB - REGIONAL

PRESENTED BY TAB

Barwon Heads Hotel, Barwon Heads

Grand Junction Hotel, Traralgon

Grovedale Hotel, Grovedale

Torquay Hotel, Torquay

WINNER: GROVEDALE HOTEL, GROVEDALE

BEST PUBTAB - METROPOLITAN

PRESENTED BY TAB

Cross Keys Hotel, Essendon

Dingley Hotel, Dingley

Highpoint Hotel, Maribyrnong

Kéalba Hotel, St Albans

Kirks on the Esplanade, Mornington

Nixon Hotel, Docklands

Rosstown Hotel, Carnegie

Zagame's Caulfield, Caulfield

WINNER: NIXON HOTEL, DOCKLANDS

GAMING AND WAGERING AWARDS

BEST GAMING VENUE - REGIONAL

PRESENTED BY MAX

American Hotel, Echuca

The Drouin Family Hotel, Drouin

Golden Point Hotel, Golden Point

Golf House Hotel, Ballarat North

Grand Junction Hotel, Traralgon

Grovedale Hotel, Grovedale

The Middle Hotel Korumburra, Korumburra

Mitchell River Tavern, Bairnsdale

Torquay Hotel, Torquay

WINNER: GROVEDALE HOTEL, GROVEDALE



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GAMING AND WAGERING AWARDS

BEST GAMING VENUE - METROPOLITAN

PRESENTED BY MAX

Bundoora Hotel, Bundoora

Doncaster Inn Hotel, Doncaster

Epping Plaza Hotel, Epping

Grosvenor Hotel, St Kilda East

Hallam Hotel, Hallam

Lower Plenty Hotel, Lower Plenty

Mail Exchange Hotel, Melbourne

Newmarket Tavern, Flemington

Rosstown Hotel, Carnegie

Sir Henry Barkly Hotel, Heidelberg

Skyways Hotel, Airport West

Taylors Lakes Hotel, Taylors Lakes

WINNER: MAIL EXCHANGE HOTEL, MELBOURNE

PERFORMANCE AWARDS

ALL ABILITIES HOTEL

PRESENTED BY GET SKILLED ACCESS

The Corner Hotel Richmond, Richmond

The Drouin Family Hotel, Drouin

Mail Exchange Hotel, Melbourne

WINNER: THE DROUIN FAMILY HOTEL, DROUIN

BEST MARKETED HOTEL

PRESENTED BY HOSTPLUS

The Camden Hotel, Caulfield South

Central Hotel, Beaconsfield

The Continental Sorrento, Sorrento

The Grand Hotel Warrandyte, Warrandyte

London Tavern Hotel, Richmond

Transport Hotel, Melbourne

True South, Black Rock

WINNER: THE CAMDEN HOTEL, CAULFIELD SOUTH

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN TRAINING

PRESENTED BY TANDA

American Hotel, Echuca

The Boatbuilders Yard, South Wharf

The Drouin Family Hotel, Drouin

Kennington Tavern, Kennington

Melbourne Central Lion Hotel, Melbourne

Robin Hood Hotel, Ballarat

Terminus Hotel Fitzroy North, Fitzroy North

WINNER: THE BOATBUILDERS YARD, SOUTH WHARF



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PERFORMANCE AWARDS

HEART OF THE COMMUNITY

PRESENTED BY KENO

Dargo Hotel, Dargo

The Grand Hotel Warrandyte, Warrandyte

The Middle Hotel Korumburra, Korumburra

Seaford Hotel, Seaford

The Sporting Globe Ballarat, Ballarat

Terminus Hotel Fitzroy North, Fitzroy North

Woodside Beach Hotel, Woodside

WINNER: DARGO HOTEL, DARGO

BEST REDEVELOPED GAMING HOTEL

PRESENTED BY TM DESIGN GROUP

Castello's Cardinia Hotel, Pakenham

Sir Henry Barkly Hotel, Heidelberg

WINNER: SIR HENRY BARKLY HOTEL, HEIDELBERG

BEST REDEVELOPED FOOD AND BEVERAGE HOTEL

PRESENTED BY UNITED REFRIDGERATION

Anvil Brewing Co, Mansfield

The Bay Hotel Mornington, Mornington

Crown Hotel, Traralgon

Hotel Railway, Brunswick

Pig and Whistle Hotel, Trentham East

Portarlington Grand Hotel, Portarlington

Woodside Beach Hotel, Woodside

WINNER: PORTARLINGTON GRAND HOTEL, PORTARLINGTON

BEST HOTEL GROUP OPERATOR

PRESENTED BY BEPOZ OOLIO

ALH Group

Cook, Beaumont & Partners

JBS Hospitality

Kickon Group

The Sporting Globe

WINNER: JBS HOSPITALITY

BEST FUNCTION AND EVENT SPACE

PRESENTED BY CAMPARI

The Bay Hotel Mornington, Mornington

The Grand Hotel Warrandyte, Warrandyte

Hotel Brighton, Brighton

Kennington Tavern, Kennington

Oscars Hotel & Cafe Bar, Ballarat

Panton Hill Hotel, Panton Hill

Platform 28, Docklands

WINNER: PLATFORM 28, DOCKLANDS