



THE 2024 NIKAKIS BENCHMARK AWARD PAT SHEEHAN & MARILYN BELL

PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD

Presented by Treasury Premium Brands

WINNER: THE STAR HOTEL SALE

IAN LARKIN OVERALL HOTEL OF THE YEAR - REGIONAL

Presented by Carlton & United Breweries

American Hotel Echuca, Echuca	The Old Town 'N' Country Tavern, Wangaratta
The Drouin Family Hotel, Drouin	Royal Hotel Drouin, Drouin
Grand Junction Hotel, Traralgon	San Remo Hotel, San Remo
Grovedale Hotel, Grovedale	Torquay Hotel, Torquay
Kennington Tavern, Kennington	The Victoria Hotel, Woodend
The Middle Hotel Korumburra, Korumburra	Western Hotel, Ballarat
Mountain View Hotel, Whitfield	

WINNER: THE MIDDLE HOTEL KORUMBURRA

Presented by Carlton & United Breweries

TOM PAYNE OAM OVERALL HOTEL OF THE YEAR - METROPOLITAN

Presented by Carlton & United Breweries

The Bay Hotel Mornington, Mornington	Hotel Sorrento, Sorrento
Botanical Hotel, South Yarra	London Tavern Hotel, Richmond
The Camden Hotel, Caulfield South	Lower Plenty Hotel, Lower Plenty
The Continental Sorrento, Sorrento	Notting Hill Hotel, Notting Hill
The Fifth Province, St Kilda	The Terminus North Fitzroy, North Fitzroy
The Grand Hotel Warrandyte Warrandyte	

WINNER: NOTTING HILL HOTEL

Presented by Carlton & United Breweries



INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYEE AWARDS

Chef of The Year

Presented by PFD Food Services

Ron O'Bryan, American Hotel Echuca, Echuca	Sean Miller, Montague Hotel, South Melbourne
Sam Hopkinson, Botanical Hotel, South Yarra	Binod Bhatta, Mountain View Hotel, Whitfield
Con Derlis, The Camden Hotel, Caulfield South	Andrew Tsai, Notting Hill Hotel, Notting Hill
Rory Brown, Five Flags Hotel, Campbells Creek	Nola Monahan, San Remo Hotel, San Remo
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WINNER: RORY BROWN - FIVE FLAGS HOTEL, CAMPBELLS CREEK

Emerging Leader of the Year and Peter Burnett AM Scholarship for Hospitality Experience

Harry K Ripon, American Hotel Echuca, Echuca
Emily Miles, Micawber Tavern, Belgrave

Christian (CJ) Takats, Mountain View Hotel, Whitfield

Presented by William Angliss Institute

WINNER: HARRY K RIPON - AMERICAN HOTEL ECHUCA

Excellence in Service

Presented by Cookers Bulk Oil System

John Ho. The Albert Park Hotel. Albert Park	Laura Luxton, Mountain View Hotel, Whitfield
Terry Soukoulis, Hotel Sorrento, Sorrento	Sam Taylor, San Remo Hotel, San Remo
Tyler McGregor, Magic Mountain Saloon, Melbourne	Ines Stuer, Taxi Kitchen, Melbourne

WINNER: INES STUER - TAXI KITCHEN, MELBOURNE

Local Legend Award

Stewart McKinnon, Barwon Heads Hotel, Barwon Heads
Martha Lecchino, Royal Exchange Hotel, Traralgon
Bluey, The Middle Hotel Korumburra, Korumburra
Craig Shearer, The Terminus North Fitzroy, North Fitzroy

Presented by Thirsty Camel

WINNER: STEWART MCKINNON - BARWON HEADS HOTEL

Venue Manager of the Year

Presented by Bepoz Oolio

Matt Jean, Botanical Hotel Bendigo, Bendigo	Kris Chapman, Notting Hill Hotel, Notting Hill
Melissa Downie, The Cheeky Squire, Frankston	David Gurdler, Platform 28, Docklands
Natalie Potulski, Kennington Tavern, Kennington	Matthew Connell, Wharf Shed, Geelong
Daniel Furell London Tayern Hotel Richmond	

WINNER: MATTHEW CONNELL - WHARF SHED, GEELONG



DINING AWARDS

Best Casual Dining - Metropolitan	Presented by Coca-Cola Europacific Partners
The Bay Hotel Mornington, Mornington	Mr McCracken, Essendon Fields
Berwick Inn, Berwick	Paradise Valley Hotel, Clematis
The Camden Hotel, Caulfield South	The Quiet Man Irish Pub, Flemington
The Continental Sorrento, Sorrento	St Andrews Hotel, Fitzroy
The Fifth Province, St Kilda	Teller, Brunswick East
London Tavern Hotel, Richmond	The Terminus North Fitzroy, North Fitzroy
Mail Exchange Hotel, Melbourne	Toorak Hotel, Toorak
Micawber Tavern, Belgrave	

WINNER: TELLER, BRUNSWICK EAST

Best Casual Dining - Regional	Presented by Coca-Cola Europacific Partners
The Albion Hotel, Kyneton	Mountain View Hotel, Whitfield
Botanical Hotel Bendigo, Bendigo	The Old Town 'N' Country Tavern, Wangaratta
Central Lakes Hotel, Lakes Entrance	Poowong Hotel, Poowong
The Drouin Family Hotel, Drouin	Royal Hotel Drouin, Drouin
Grovedale Hotel, Grovedale	San Remo Hotel, San Remo
Kennington Tavern, Kennington	Torquay Hotel, Torquay
The Mansfield Hotel, Mansfield	The Victoria Hotel, Woodend
The Middle Hotel Korumburra, Korumburra	Western Hotel, Ballarat

WINNER: ROYAL HOTEL DROUIN

Best Family Dining	Presented by Supagas
Bridge Inn Hotel, Mernda	Lower Plenty Hotel, Lower Plenty
Castello's Victorian Tavern, Gisborne	The Old Town 'N' Country Tavern, Wangaratta
Cross Keys Hotel, Essendon	Pink Hill Hotel, Beaconsfield
The Drouin Family Hotel, Drouin	The Star Hotel Sale, Sale
Five Flags Hotel, Campbells Creek	Wheelers Hill Hotel, Wheelers Hill
The Heritage Balnarring, Balnarring	
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WINNER: THE OLD TOWN 'N' COUNTRY TAVERN, WANGARATTA



DINING AWARDS

Best Pub Restaurant - Metropolitan	Presented by CUB Premium Beverages
A Cut Above Bar & Grill, Berwick Springs Hotel, Berwick Springs	Notting Hill Hotel, Notting Hill
Botanical Hotel, South Yarra	Paradise Valley Hotel, Clematis
The Camden Hotel, Caulfield South	Racecourse Hotel, Malvern East
Central Club Hotel, North Melbourne	The Railway Club Hotel, Port Melbourne
Audrey's, The Continental Sorrento, Sorrento	St Andrews Hotel, Fitzroy
Hotel Sorrento, Sorrento	Taxi Kitchen, Melbourne
Malvern Hotel, Toorak	The Terminus North Fitzroy, North Fitzroy
Mr McCracken, Essendon Fields	

WINNER: AUDREY'S, THE CONTINENTAL SORRENTO

Best Pub Restaurant - Regional

Presented by Comcater

Kennington Tavern, Kennington	Sawyers Arms Tavern, Newtown
Meredith Hotel, Meredith	Tinamba Hotel, Tinamba
Mitchell River Tavern, Bairnsdale	The Victoria Rutherglen, Rutherglen
Portarlington Grand Hotel, Portarlington	The Real Property and

WINNER: THE VICTORIA RUTHERGLEN



GENERAL AWARDS

Best Cocktail List of the Year	Presented by Australian Liquor Marketers
The Albert Park Hotel, Albert Park	Lower Plenty Hotel, Lower Plenty
Barwon Heads Hotel, Barwon Heads	Mail Exchange Hotel, Melbourne
Botanical Hotel, South Yarra	The Middle Hotel Korumburra, Korumburra
The Camden Hotel, Caulfield South	Mitchell River Tavern, Bairnsdale
Central Club Hotel, North Melbourne	Paradise Valley Hotel, Clematis
Cookie, Melbourne	The Victoria Hotel, Woodend
Hogans Hotel, Wallan	

WINNER: PARADISE VALLEY HOTEL, CLEMATIS

Best Live Entertainment Venue

Presented by Commonwealth Bank of Australia

American Hotel Echuca, Echuca	Jimmy O'Neills Whiskey And Alehouse, St Kilda
Corner Hotel, Richmond	Pier Hotel, Frankston
Croxton Park Hotel, Thornbury	Torquay Hotel, Torquay
Elephant and Wheelbarrow, Melbourne	Transport Hotel, Melbourne
The Fifth Province, St Kilda	

WINNER: CROXTON PARK HOTEL, THORNBURY

Best Non-Alcoholic Beverage Menu

Presented by ONYX Gaming

Botanical Hotel, South Yarra	Lower Plenty Hotel, Lower Plenty
The Camden Hotel, Caulfield South	Teller, Brunswick East
Kennington Tavern, Kennington	The Victoria Hotel, Woodend

WINNER: KENNINGTON TAVERN

Best Outdoor Experience - Metropolitan

Presented by SouthTrade International

Glenferrie Hotel, Hawthorn	Panton Hill Hotel, Panton Hill
The Grand Hotel Warrandyte, Warrandyte	Platform 28, Docklands
The Heritage Balnarring, Balnarring	Portsea Hotel, Portsea
London Tavern Hotel, Richmond	The Precinct Hotel, Cremorne
Lower Plenty Hotel, Lower Plenty	The Sporting Globe Bar & Grill Knox, Knox
Micawber Tavern, Belgrave	Stamford Inn, Rowville
Notting Hill Hotel, Notting Hill	

WINNER: NOTTING HILL HOTEL



GENERAL AWARDS

Best Outdoor Experience - Regional

The Middle Hotel Korumburra, Korumburra

Mountain View Hotel, Whitfield

San Remo Hotel, San Remo

Western Hotel, Ballarat

Presented by Optus Sport

WINNER: THE MIDDLE HOTEL KORUMBURRA

Best Presented Beer

Presented by United Refrigeration

The Bay Hotel Mornington, Mornington	Ludiow, Southbank
Belgian Beer Cafe Melbourne, Southbank	Melbourne Central Lion Hotel, Melbourne Centra
Botanical Hotel Bendigo, Bendigo	Micawber Tavern, Belgrave
The Fifth Province, St Kilda	The Quiet Man Irish Pub, Flemington
Glenferrie Hotel, Hawthorn	The Terminus North Fitzroy, North Fitzroy
Hotel Sorrento, Sorrento	The Windsor Alehouse, Windsor
London Tavern Hotel, Richmond	

WINNER: THE TERMINUS NORTH FITZROY

Best Pub Bar - Metropolitan

Presented by Lion Beer Australia

The Bay Hotel Mornington, Mornington	London Tavern Hotel, Richmond
Botanical Hotel, South Yarra	Mail Exchange Hotel, Melbourne
Bridie O'Reilly's, South Yarra	The Oxford Scholar, Melbourne
Central Club Hotel, North Melbourne	The Railway Club Hotel, Port Melbourne
Elephant and Wheelbarrow, Melbourne	St Andrews Hotel, Fitzroy
The Fifth Province, St Kilda	Transport Hotel, Melbourne
Glenferrie Hotel, Hawthorn	The Windsor Alehouse, Windsor
Hotel Sorrento, Sorrento	

WINNER: THE FIFTH PROVINCE, ST KILDA



GENERAL AWARDS

Best Pub Bar - Regional	Presented by CUB Premium Beverages
The Beach Hotel Jan Juc, Jan Juc	Royal Hotel Drouin, Drouin
Crown Hotel, Traralgon	San Remo Hotel, San Remo
The Drouin Family Hotel, Drouin	The Victoria Rutherglen, Rutherglen
Kennington Tavern, Kennington	The Victoria Hotel, Woodend
The Middle Hotel Korumburra, Korumburra	Western Hotel, Ballarat
Poowong Hotel, Poowong	

JOINT WINNERS: POOWONG HOTEL | THE BEACH HOTEL JAN JUC

Best Retail Liquor Outlet	Presented by Australian Liquor Marketers
The Camden Hotel, Caulfield South	Mornington Hotel, Mornington
Kelly's Motor Club Hotel, Cranbourne	Notting Hill Hotel, Notting Hill
Lower Plenty Hotel, Lower Plenty	Old England Hotel, Heidelberg

WINNER: NOTTING HILL HOTEL

Best Rooftop Experience	Presented by Commonwealth Bank of Australia
The Albion Rooftop & Club, South Melbourne	Hotel Lona, Frankston
Bells Hotel, South Melbourne	Platform 28, Docklands
Corner Hotel, Richmond	Transit Rooftop Bar, Melbourne
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WINNER: BELLS HOTEL, SOUTH MELBOURNE

Best Specialty Bar	Presented by Johnnie Walker Blue
Belgian Beer Cafe Melbourne, Southbank	Jimmy O'Neills Whiskey And Alehouse, St Kilda
Bridie O'Reilly's, South Yarra	Melbourne Central Lion Hotel, Melbourne Central
Clifton Hill Brewpub, Clifton Hill	Mitchell River Tavern, Bairnsdale
The Cross, St Kilda	The Quiet Man Irish Pub, Flemington
Elephant and Wheelbarrow, Melbourne	Trinity St Kilda, St Kilda
The Fifth Province, St Kilda	

WINNER: MITCHELL RIVER TAVERN, BAIRNSDALE



GENERAL AWARDS

Best Sports Bar - Metropolitan

Presented by Foxtel Business

Cross Keys Hotel, Essendon	The Precinct Hotel, Cremorne
Highpoint Hotel, Maribyrnong	Rosstown Hotel, Carnegie
The King Hotel, Melbourne	The Sporting Globe Bar & Grill Northland, Northland
Pink Hill Hotel, Beaconsfield	Turf Sports Bar, Melbourne

WINNER: ROSSTOWN HOTEL. CARNEGIE

Best Sports Bar - Regional

Crown Hotel, Traralgon

The Drouin Family Hotel, Drouin

Grand Junction Hotel, Traralgon

Grovedale Hotel, Grovedale

San Remo Hotel, San Remo

Presented by Foxtel Business

WINNER: CROWN HOTEL, TRARALGON

Bush Pub of the Year

Barmah Hotel, Barmah

Commercial Hotel Woods Point, Woods Point

Mountain View Hotel, Whitfield

Victoria Hotel, Dimboola

Woodside Beach Hotel, Woodside Beach

Presented by CRE Brokers

WINNER: COMMERCIAL HOTEL WOODS POINT

Parma of The Year

Presented by Adroit Insurance & Risk

The Albion Hotel, Kyneton	The Middle Hotel Korumburra, Korumburra
The Bay Hotel Mornington, Mornington	The Old Town 'N' Country Tavern, Wangaratta
Crown Hotel, Traralgon	Paradise Valley Hotel, Clematis
The Drouin Family Hotel, Drouin	Poowong Hotel, Poowong
The Fifth Province, St Kilda	Racecourse Hotel, Malvern East
The Grand Central Hotel Cobram, Cobram	Royal Hotel Drouin, Drouin
The Grand Hotel Warrandyte, Warrandyte	Western Hotel, Ballarat
Grand Junction Hotel, Traralgon	The Windsor Alehouse, Windsor

WINNER: THE MIDDLE HOTEL KORUMBURRA





ACCOMMODATION AWARDS

Best Hotel Accommodation

Hotel Sorrento, Sorrento

Portarlington Grand Hotel, Portarlington

Presented by Penfolds Wines

WINNER: HOTEL SORRENTO

Best Hotel - Pub Style Accommodation

Presented by Hostplus

Royal Hotel, Essendon
Royal Hotel, Essendon
Sands Hotel, Carrum Downs
York on Lilydale, Mt Evelyn

WINNER: OSCARS HOTEL & CAFE BAR, BALLARAT



GAMING AND WAGERING AWARDS

Best Gaming Venue - Metropolitan	Presented by MAX
The Camden Hotel, Caulfield South	Mail Exchange Hotel, Melbourne
Dingley Hotel, Dingley	Old England Hotel, Heidelberg
Epping Plaza Hotel, Epping Plaza	Racecourse Hotel, Malvern East
Grosvenor Hotel, St Kilda East	Rosstown Hotel, Carnegie
Hallam Hotel, Hallam	Sir Henry Barkly Hotel, Heidelberg
Kelly's Motor Club Hotel, Cranbourne	

WINNER: THE CAMDEN HOTEL, CAUFIELD SOUTH

Best Gaming Venue - Regional

Presented by MAX

The Middle Hotel Korumburra, Korumburr
Torquay Hotel, Torquay

WINNER: GRAND JUNCTION HOTEL, TRARALGON

Best PubTab - Metropolitan

Presented by TAB

Bells Hotel, South Melbourne	Railway Hotel Pakenham, Pakenham
Cross Keys Hotel, Essendon	Rosstown Hotel, Carnegie
Kealba Hotel, Kealba	Templestowe Hotel, Templestowe
Nixon Hotel, Docklands	Zagame's Caulfield, Caulfield

JOINT WINNERS:

CROSS KEYS HOTEL, ESSENDON | TEMPLESTOWE HOTEL

Best PubTab - Regional

Presented by TAB

The Beach Hotel Jan Juc, Jan Juc	Grovedale Hotel, Grovedale
Barwon Heads Hotel, Barwon Heads	The Old Town 'N' Country Tavern, Wangaratta
Cremorne Hotel, Newtown	San Remo Hotel, San Remo
Grand Junction Hotel, Traralgon	Torquay Hotel, Torquay

WINNER: GROVEDALE HOTEL



PERFORMANCE AWARDS

All Abilities Hotel

Corner Hotel, Richmond

The Drouin Family Hotel, Drouin

Presented by DXC Technology

WINNER: CORNER HOTEL, RICHMOND

Best Function and Event Space

Presented by Campari

The Blacksmith Bar, Richmond	The Oxford Scholar, Melbourne	
The Continental Sorrento, Sorrento	Panton Hill Hotel, Panton Hill	
The Grand Hotel Warrandyte, Warrandyte	Taxi Kitchen, Melbourne	
Hophaus, Southgate	Transit Rooftop Bar, Melbourne	
Ludlow, Southbank	True South, Black Rock	

WINNER: THE OXFORD SCHOLAR, MELBOURNE

Best Hotel Group Operator

JBS Hospitality Group

Kickon Group

Morris Hospitality

Presented by Bepoz Oolio

WINNER: KICKON GROUP

Best Marketed Hotel

Presented by Hostplus

The Bay Hotel Mornington, Mornington	London Tavern Hotel, Richmond
Bells Hotel, South Melbourne	Portsea Hotel, Portsea
The Continental Sorrento, Sorrento	The Terminus North Fitzroy, North Fitzroy
The Grand Hotel Warrandyte, Warrandyte	Transport Hotel, Melbourne
Hotel Brighton, Brighton	

WINNER: LONDON TAVERN HOTEL, RICHMOND



PERFORMANCE AWARDS

Heart of The Community

Presented by Keno

The Camden Hotel, Caulfield South	The Middle Hotel Korumburra, Korumburra
The Grand Hotel Warrandyte, Warrandyte	San Remo Hotel, San Remo
Hogans Hotel, Wallan	The Terminus North Fitzroy, North Fitzroy

WINNER: THE GRAND HOTEL WARRANDYTE

Outstanding Achievement in Training

Presented by H&L

American Hotel Echuca, Echuca	The Terminus North Fitzroy, North Fitzroy
The Bank on Collins, Melbourne	York on Lilydale, Mt Evelyn
Kennington Tayern Kennington	

WINNER: AMERICAN HOTEL ECHUCA