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The Indies began in 2017 as a celebration of Australia's independent brewers. It is held every year to recognise and showcase the excellence of both the people and the products that make up this ever-evolving industry.

The competition allows brewers to be judged by their peers, providing sensory education and driving quality in our sector.



"The Indies are about driving quality and celebrating excellence in our sector".

The Technical Committee determines the makeup of the judging and associate judging panels, Style Guidelines and provides guidance on the structure and running of the competition.

2019 IBA INDIES TECH COMMITTEE

Michael Capaldo: Hop Products Australia

Jayne Lewis: Two Birds Brewing

Scotty Hargrave: Balter Brewing Co

Shawn Sherlock: Foghorn Brewhouse

Richard Watkins: Bentspoke Brewing

747 ENTRIES IN 2018
124 BREWERIES

Judged by a respected panel of national and international beer judges, the competition is an invaluable opportunity for brewers to benchmark their beers.

Increased media coverage of the Indies means that the Indies are a golden opportunity to expose key people to your support and offering within the supply chain.



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The Indies Awards Night is an important platform to build awareness of the quality, diversity and excellence of Independent Beer among retailers, venues, and the hospitality sector and consumers.

The IBA welcomes partners who wish to support our passionate community.

This is a great opportunity to show your support for a thriving industry at a pivotal point of its development, at a time when the sector is experiencing rapid growth. This year we have added 9 new trophies, bringing the total to 23: 4 Premium, 15 Champion and 4 IBA-nominated awards.

2019 INDIES SPONSOR EXPOSURE

- Naming rights to chosen trophy
- Company representative to present the chosen trophy at the presentation ceremony
- Inclusion of company name on chosen trophy
- Company logo inclusion on presentation screen when presenting chosen trophy
- Company logo acknowledgement in the Indies Awards partners directory online and in print
- Company mention in winners press release announcement
- Company name on the Indies webpage promoting the winners
- Four all-access BrewCon19 passes including access to the trade show and greenroom
- Four Indies Awards Presentation tickets
- Access to the Indies After Party
- Social media mention/tag of company with winner following the Indies Awards Presentation
- Four invitations to the Indies Judges dinner September 1, 2019.
- Access to the "Certified Independent" Supporters Seal to use across your company collateral

KEY DATES

ENTRIES OPEN: MAY 30

ENTRIES CLOSE: JULY 7

JUDGING: 1 - 2 SEPTEMBER, MELBOURNE

BREWCON19 CONFERENCE AND TRADE SHOW: 4 - 6 SEPTEMBER, MELBOURNE CONVENTION & EXHIBITION CENTRE

INDIE BEER AWARDS: 5 SEPTEMBER, MELBOURNE SHOWTIME EVENTS CENTRE SOUTH WHARF



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CHAMPION TROPHIES		\$7,500 EX GST
Premium: Champion Australian Indie Beer		RESERVED
Premium: Champion Independent Large Brewery		RESERVED
Premium: Champion Independent Small/Medium Brewery * AMENDED AWARD		RESERVED
Premium: Champion Independent Brewpub * NEW		
CHAMPION CLASSES		\$6,700 EX GST
Champion: Pale Ale		RESERVED
Champion: Amber Dark Ale		
Champion: Porter Stout		
Champion: Hybrid Beer		
Champion: Lager		RESERVED
Champion: India Pale Ale		RESERVED
Champion: European Style Ale		RESERVED
Champion: Session Beer		RESERVED
Champion: Mixed Culture Beer		
CHAMPION STATE / TERRITORY WINNERS		
Champion: Independent Brewery NSW * NEW		RESERVED
Champion: Independent Brewery QLD * NEW		RESERVED
Champion: Independent Brewery VIC * NEW		RESERVED
Champion: Independent Brewery WA * NEW		RESERVED
Champion: Independent Brewery ACT/NT * NEW		RESERVED
Champion: Independent Brewery SA * NEW		RESERVED
Champion: Independent Brewery TAS * NEW		RESERVED
IBA NOMINATED AWARDS		\$5,500 EX GST
Nominated Award: Service to Industry Award		
Nominated Award: IBA Young Gun of the Year Award * NEW		
Nominated Award: IBA Community Initiative of the year * NEW		
Nominated Award: True Indie Supporter * NEW		

IBA INDUSTRY NOMINATION AWARDS

The call for nominations is announced by the IBA approximately two months before the Indies. The IBA Board assesses the nominees against the Award criteria and votes to determine the winner.

IBA SERVICES TO THE INDUSTRY AWARD

The IBA Services to the Industry Award is presented each year to honour an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to the Australian beer industry. The award recipient may have been an early pioneer, spent a lifetime in the industry, or be a more recent contributor, however in each case their efforts align with the IBA's goals of supporting the industry and reach more broadly than the recipient's own core role/business.

Those efforts may include:

- Showing inspiration, enthusiasm and support that has fundamentally advanced the industry, whether in a particular region or throughout the country;
- Actively encouraging and driving a unified approach to issues affecting the industry;
- Working to better the industry, through idea generation and/or knowledge sharing; or
- Driving consumer education and awareness of Australian Independent beer in a manner that further enhances the market for Australian Independent brewers.

The Award is not limited by industry role and recipients may include brewers, brewery owners or employees, suppliers, journalists, regulators, venue operators and more.

IBA YOUNG GUN OF THE YEAR

Someone who is an employee of an IBA member and is under 35, who is a high achiever and displays behaviours and attitudes of indie beer - excellence in their field, a great team worker, strong promoter of indie beer, collaborative nature, and community minded.

Those efforts may include:

- Showing inspirational Leadership and motivation as a potential future industry leader
- Actively encouraging and driving a unified approach to issues affecting the industry;
- Takes pro-active, progressive, creative actions within and beyond their role
- Working to better the industry, through idea generation and/or knowledge sharing;
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IBA COMMUNITY INITIATIVE OF THE YEAR

An activity or program run by an IBA member that provided support to their community - targeted at a worthy cause that created real value (financial and other) which truly engaged their drinkers in supporting the cause.

The initiative should have:

- Fostered a stronger sense of community in their market place
- Raised awareness and or funding for a cause which provides a positive impact
- Engaged the broader communities (suppliers, customers, drinkers and team)
- Highlighted and built upon the role Independent Brewers can play in society

TRUE INDIE BEER SUPPORTER

Awarded to a retailer, publican or bar operator that strongly supports Indie Beer through representation of ranging and allocated space, but also in advocacy and promotion.

Those efforts may include:

- Showing inspiration, enthusiasm and support for Independent Beer
- Dedicating a significant proportion of range to Independent Beer
- Working with the industry to promote Independent Beer
- Driving consumer education and awareness of Australian Independent beer in a manner that further enhances the market for Australian Independent brewers.

FIND OUT MORE

If you want to secure your involvement in Australia's only independent beer awards or find out about other opportunities please contact the IBA team below.

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