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Australian Beers Take Out Top Honours

Australian breweries topped the table at the world's second largest international beer competition – the Australian International Beer Awards – taking out 10 of the 15 trophies, announced at a presentation dinner last night.

With 1,140 entries this year, across 39 countries, the results confirmed that Australians know how to make a winning brew.

Presented by the Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria (RASV) – in conjunction with the University of Ballarat – the 2009 Australian International Beer Awards attracted the best beers from around the world, showcasing entries from countries such as Nigeria, Columbia, Czech Republic, Poland, Cambodia, Bolivia and Puerto Rico.

For the third consecutive year, a Western Australian brewery stole the show, with the Feral Brewing Company winning five trophies, including the 2009 Champion Exhibitor and Champion Small Brewery, proving that its not just the big players that are influencing the growth of the beer industry.

State by state, breweries from Western Australia took out six awards, Victoria won two and New South Wales and Queensland, one a piece.

Richmond-based brewery, Mountain Goat Beer Pty Ltd, was awarded the 2009 Premier's Trophy, for the best Victorian entry, for its beer, Rapunzel, while the state toasted its second success story with The Flying Horse Bar & Brewery of Warrambool, winning Champion Porter for its Dirty Angel beer.

Barons Brewery flew the flag for New South Wales, received the Champion Packaging Award for its Barons Black Wattle Original Ale and the Sunshine Coast Brewery's Sunshine Coast Summer Ale was the highest scoring Reduced Alcohol Beer.

Demonstrating the event's truly international flavour, countries outside of Australia that took out top honours in one or more categories included Honduras, Canada, Germany and the United States of America.

The Best New Exhibitor this year went to McAuslan Brewing, hailing from Montreal in Quebec, while Cerveceria Hondurena SA de CV of Honduras was the best performing international, taking out the Champion Lager and Champion Large Brewery.

Internationally recognised as the second largest beer awards of its kind in the world, the Australian International Beer Awards (AIBA) was established 16 years ago to reward excellence in the field of brewing and to assist in the promotion of the brewing industry.

Mark O'Sullivan, Chief Executive Officer, Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria, said: "The Australian International Beer Awards is the largest of its kind in Australia and continues to grow each year. The high level of participation from international breweries demonstrates the competition's stature and relevance on a global scale."

Impressed with the list of winners from around the world, Professor David Battersby, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ballarat, said: "The University of Ballarat is delighted to partner the RASV in presenting the Australian International Beer Awards. As the providers of Australia's premier brewing course, the University has a long established tradition in the field.

"We congratulate all of this year's award winners and thank all entrants for their valued participation," Professor Battersby said.



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Tasked with the job of selecting the winners was an expert panel of judges, including the UK's own "Beer Doctor", Dr George Philliskirk, gathered in Melbourne and Ballarat in February to judge beers across 18 classes.

The winners were announced last night (Thursday, 19 March 2009) at a gala dinner held at Crown Palladium, including:

- **2009 Champion Large Brewery** – Cerveceria Hondurena SA de CV, Honduras
- **2009 Champion Small Brewery** – Feral Brewing Company, Western Australia
- **2009 Champion Lager** – Imperial, Cerveceria Hondurena SA de CV, Honduras
- **2009 Champion Ale** – Feral Hop Hog, Feral Brewing Company, Western Australia
- **2009 Champion Porter** – Dirty Angel, The Flying Horse Bar & Brewery, Victoria
- **2009 Champion Stout** – Blackwood Stout, Blackwood Valley Brewing Company, Western Australia
- **2009 Champion Reduced & Low Alcohol Beer** – Sunshine Coast Summer Ale, The Sunshine Coast Brewery, Queensland
- **2009 Champion Wheat Beer** – Weihenstephan Dunkel, Weihenstephan Brewery, Germany
- **2009 Champion Belgian & French Ale** – Brother David's Double Abbey Style Ale, Anderson Valley Brewing Co, United States of America
- **2009 Champion Scotch & Barley Wines** – Razorback, Feral Brewing Company, Western Australia
- **2009 Champion Hybrid Beer** – Feral White, Feral Brewing Company, Western Australia
- **2009 Champion Packaging Award** – Barons Black Wattle Original Ale, Barons Brewery, New South Wales
- **2009 Premier's Trophy** – Rapunzel, Mountain Goat Beer Pty Ltd, Victoria
- **2009 Gary Sheppard Memorial Trophy** – McAuslan Brewing, Quebec
- **2009 Champion Exhibitor Trophy** – Feral Brewing Company, Western Australia

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