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Thirsty work to crown Australia's best beer

Today, judging has started to see which of the country's breweries have raised the bar to be crowned Australia's best beer, with the Royal Queensland Food and Wine Show (RQFWS) Beer Awards getting underway in Brisbane.

More than 30 judges will taste 402 entries from 51 breweries over the next two days.

Entries are up 20 per cent on last year and RQFWS Beer Advisory Group member and judge Steve Henderson said he wasn't surprised.

"The beer industry is growing in Queensland and Australia, with an average of one brewery opening in the nation each week," he said.

"More breweries also now realise that gaining an industry recognised award is good for their brand."

Seventeen south east Queensland breweries will compete in the Desalinated Water Feature Category presented by Seqwater, ensuring the sustainability of beer production.

"I'm really looking forward to seeing what beers have been created using desalinated water and I'm excited by the strong interest breweries have shown in this category," Mr Henderson said.

The awards also feature two educational bursaries, with \$10,000 awarded to the winner of the desalinated water category, and \$5,000 to the winner of the Grand Champion beer.

The winners will be announced at an awards presentation this Wednesday 4 March at the Brisbane Showgrounds.

Some of the medal-winners will also feature at the RQFWS's new Kingdom of Beers event on Saturday 7 March in the Exhibition Building, with consumers given the chance to taste around 100 beers from more than 20 of the nation's best breweries. Tickets are still on sale at www.kingdomofbeers.com.au

WHAT: RQFWS Beer Awards judging

WHEN: Today (2 March) until 5pm and tomorrow (3 March) from 8.30am to 2pm

WHERE: Upper Exhibition Building, Brisbane Showgrounds - 600 Gregory Terrace, Bowen Hills

The awards presentation including the announcement of Australia's best beer will be held this Wednesday 4 March from 12.30pm to 2.30pm in the Ernest Baynes Dining Room, Brisbane Showgrounds.

Editors please note, media are welcome to attend the judging and awards presentation.



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