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That's gold! Queensland ale named Australia's best beer

For the second time in three years, husband and wife brewers Shaz and Matt Wilson from Moffat Beach Brewing Co have produced the beer judged Australia's finest at the Brisbane Showgrounds today.

Their Moff's Summer Ale first won the prestigious crown in 2020 and today was once again crowned the best of the best at the RNA's Royal Queensland Beer Awards presented by Rallings Labels, Stickers and Packaging.

Named the Rallings Grand Champion Beer of Show, Moff's Summer Ale can lay claim to being Australia's best, along with the brewery picking up a \$5,000 Lion bursary and further opportunities to be showcased during Queensland's largest event – the Royal Queensland Show (Ekka).

Judge Steve Henderson said it was a well-made, easy drinking beer produced by a team of very talented brewers.

"Moffat Beach Brewing Co has demonstrated in this competition they can make a good beer, year after year," Mr Henderson said.

"The fact they won Grand Champion in 2020 and have backed it up again this year, shows they're a high-quality brewery consistently outperforming the rest of the industry."

The Grand Champion trophy was just one of four awards for the Sunshine Coast couple who also picked up Best Queensland Beer, Best Session Beer and Best Small to Medium Brewery.

It was fierce competition in this year's Royal Queensland Beer Awards, with a record 663 beers entered, an increase of more than 15 per cent compared to last year.

A team of 50 experienced brewers, sensory experts and industry figures judged the brews over two days this week.

Mr Henderson said not only did the number of entries rise this year, but so too did the quality of beers.

"There was a marked improvement in the standard of beers this year," he said.

"One of the areas that improved the most was non-alcoholic beer, which has just gone from strength to strength.

"You don't even know they're non-alcoholic beers when tasting them - it wasn't like that a few years ago."



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The Royal Queensland Beer Awards also recognises up and coming brewers, through The Star Entertainment Group Best New Queensland Craft Brewer of the Year.

Josh Batten from 10 Toes Brewery on the Sunshine Coast claimed the award and will now have his beers sold at a vast array of The Star outlets across southeast Queensland.

RNA Chief Executive Brendan Christou said the Royal Queensland Awards showcase Australia's best.

"As one of the most prestigious food, wine and beer awards in Australia, the Royal Queensland Awards is dedicated to unearthing the nation's top food, beer and wine products year after year," Mr Christou said.

"Our awards date back to 1875, and the RNA continues to give Australian brewers a platform to shine, be judged against their peers and get great consumer market exposure."

Below are the 2023 trophy winners. The full results catalogue is now available here <https://www.rqa.com.au/competitions/beer-awards/>

TROPHY WINNERS

CHAMPION PALE ALE SUPPORTED BY YAKIMA CHIEF HOPS

Glass House Brewery - Tropical Pale Ale Draught

CHAMPION AMBER DARK-ALE

Stomping Ground Brewing Co - Upside Down Brown Draught

CHAMPION PORTER-STOUT SUPPORTED BY KONVOY KEGS

Black Brewing Co - Black Brewing Co Bao Bao Milk Stout Draught

CHAMPION HYBRID BEER SUPPORTED BY SHOOBRIDGE TRANSPORT

Bacchus Brewing Company - Critical Damage Packaged

CHAMPION LAGER SUPPORTED BY BARRET BURSTON MALTING

Stomping Ground Brewing Co - Czech Pilsner Draught

CHAMPION INDIA PALE ALE SUPPORTED BY HPA

Range Brewing - Power Trip Packaged

CHAMPION EUROPEAN-STYLE ALE SUPPORTED BY BREWS NEWS

Nail Brewing Australia - Billabong Wheat Draught

CHAMPION SESSION BEER SUPPORTED BY YAKIMA CHIEF HOPS

Moffat Beach Brewing Co - Moff's Summer Ale Draught

CHAMPION STRONG BEER

All Inn Brewing Co - All Inn Brewing Co Red IPA Draught



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CHAMPION MIXED CULTURE BEER SUPPORTED BY KEGSTAR
Hound & Stag Brewing Co - Red Baron Draught

THE STAR ENTERTAINMENT GROUP BEST QUEENSLAND BEER OF SHOW
Moffat Beach Brewing Co – Moff's Summer Ale Draught

KONVOY KEGS BEST NEW BREWERY
Scarborough Harbour Brewing Co

HPA CHAMPION SMALL/MEDIUM BREWERY
Moffat Beach Brewing Co

CRYER MALT CHAMPION LARGE BREWERY
Stomping Ground Brewing Co

CHAMPION BREWPUB
Scarborough Harbour Brewing Co

THE STAR ENTERTAINMENT GROUP BEST NEW QUEENSLAND CRAFT BREWER OF THE YEAR
Josh Batten - 10 Toes Brewery

RALLINGS GRAND CHAMPION BEER
Moffat Beach Brewing Co – Moff's Summer Ale Draught

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