

**THE 2026 NIKAKIS BENCHMARK AWARD**

**ROB PITT**

**PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD**

*PRESENTED BY TREASURY COLLECTIVE*

**WINNER: THE OXFORD SCHOLAR, MELBOURNE**

**TOM PAYNE OAM OVERALL HOTEL OF THE YEAR  
METROPOLITAN**

*PRESENTED BY ASAHI BEVERAGES*

**Cherry Hill Hotel**, Doncaster  
**The Clifton Hill Hotel**, Clifton Hill  
**The Continental Sorrento**, Sorrento  
**The Dousta Galla Hotel**, Kensington  
**The Fifth Province**, St Kilda  
**The Grand Hotel Warrandyte**, Warrandyte  
**Hotel Sorrento**, Sorrento  
**London Tavern Hotel**, Richmond

**Lower Plenty Hotel**, Lower Plenty  
**Notting Hill Hotel**, Notting Hill  
**Rosstown Hotel**, Carnegie  
**Taxi Kitchen**, Melbourne  
**The Terminus North Fitzroy**, North Fitzroy  
**The Waterside Hotel**, Melbourne  
**WestWaters Hotel & Entertainment Complex**, Caroline Springs

**WINNER: THE GRAND HOTEL WARRANDYTE**

**IAN LARKIN OVERALL HOTEL OF THE YEAR  
REGIONAL**

*PRESENTED BY ASAHI BEVERAGES*

**All Seasons Resort Hotel Bendigo**, Strathdale  
**Grovedale Hotel**, Grovedale  
**Hogans Hotel**, Wallan  
**Macedon Village Hotel**, Macedon  
**The Middle Hotel Korumburra**, Korumburra

**Old Faithfulls Brew Bar**, Wangaratta  
**San Remo Hotel**, San Remo  
**Whalers Hotel**, Warrnambool  
**The Yackandandah Hotel**, Yackandandah

**WINNER: MACEDON VILLAGE HOTEL**

## INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYEE AWARDS

### APPRENTICE OF THE YEAR

PRESENTED BY COOKERS OIL

**Alexander D'Amelio**, A Cut Above -Bar & Grill, Berwick

**Anthony Pappas**, Taxi Kitchen, Melbourne

**Olivia Hansen**, The Victoria Hotel, Woodend

**WINNER: OLIVIA HANSEN, THE VICTORIA HOTEL, WOODEND**

### CHEF OF THE YEAR

PRESENTED BY PFD FOOD SERVICES

**Dulan Mudalige**, The 1860 Hotel, Romsey

**Con Derlis**, The Camden Hotel, Caulfield South

**Benjiman Lewis**, A Cut Above -Bar & Grill, Berwick

**Sunny Ghotra**, The Dousta Galla Hotel, Kensington

**Rory Brown**, Five Flags Hotel, Campbells Creek

**Sudeep Khanal**, Glenferrie Hotel, Hawthorn

**David Maclean**, Kilcunda Ocean View Hotel, Kilcunda

**Simon Poynting**, Lockington Community Hotel, Lockington

**Mark Smith**, The Middle Hotel Korumburra, Korumburra

**Andy Tsai**, Notting Hill Hotel, Notting Hill

**Damien Jayasuriya**, Roxburgh Park Hotel, Coolaroo

**Nick Anthony**, The Social Bar & Eating House, Bendigo

**Adam Jackson**, The Star Hotel Sale, Sale

**Tony Twitchett**, Taxi Kitchen, Melbourne

**Marius Daniulaitis**, The Terminus North Fitzroy, North Fitzroy

**Sarah Chan**, The Waterside Hotel, Melbourne

**Jonathan Laureyssens**,  
WestWaters Hotel & Entertainment Complex, Caroline Springs

**Cameron O'Flaherty**, Whalers Hotel, Warrnambool

**Chris Hudich**, Wharf Shed, Geelong

**Ryan Philippe**, The Woolli Tavern, Cape Woolamai

**WINNER: TONY TWITCHETT, TAXI KITCHEN, MELBOURNE**

### PETER BURNETT AM EMERGING LEADER OF THE YEAR

PRESENTED BY WILLIAM ANGLISS INSTITUTE

**Brayden Davis**, The 1860 Hotel, Romsey

**Shelby Clarkson**, Berwick Springs Hotel, Berwick

**Ellie Searle**, Cherry Hill Hotel, Doncaster

**Kari Brown**, The Club Hotel, Ferntree Gully

**Zenna Mann**, Esplanade Hotel -Inverloch, Inverloch

**Tom Rolton**, London Tavern Hotel, Richmond

**Cody Gebert**, Macedon Village Hotel, Macedon

**Charlie Hall**, Poowong Hotel, Poowong

**Lauren Ward**, Royal Hotel Koo Wee Rup, Koo Wee Rup

**Erin Ladson**, The Terminus North Fitzroy, North Fitzroy

**Jesse Lloyd**, Western Hotel, Ballarat

**WINNER: ELLIE SEARLE, CHERRY HILL HOTEL, DONCASTER**

## INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYEE AWARDS

### EXCELLENCE IN SERVICE

PRESENTED BY DXC CLAIMS MANAGEMENT SERVICES

**Alexis Melissa**, Cherry Hill Hotel, Doncaster

**Gina Cimarosti**, London Tavern Hotel, Richmond

**Debbie Etheve**, Macedon Village Hotel, Macedon

**Paras Chopra**, The Middle Hotel Korumburra, Korumburra

**Runcha Jivaanan**, Mail Exchange Hotel, Melbourne

**Danielle Du Bois**, Notting Hill Hotel, Notting Hill

**Shae Wells**, Royal Hotel Koo Wee Rup, Koo Wee Rup

**Ines Stuer**, Taxi Kitchen, Melbourne

**Lauren Webster**, The Waterside Hotel, Melbourne

**Skye Dubignon**, Welshpool Hotel, Welshpool

**WINNER: GINA CIMAROSTI, LONDON TAVERN HOTEL, RICHMOND**

### LOCAL LEGENDS AWARD

PRESENTED BY THIRSTY CAMEL

**Jim & Anne McIlroy**, The Caledonian Inn, Port Fairy

**Beverly Joy Hurley**, Dargo Hotel, Dargo

**Dean Belle**, The Delatite Hotel, Mansfield

**Tanya McAlpin**, Old Faithfulls Brew Bar, Wangaratta

**Barry & Veronica Williams**, San Remo Hotel, San Remo

**WINNER: JIM & ANNE MCILROY, THE CALEDONIAN INN, PORT FAIRY**

### VENUE MANAGER OF THE YEAR

PRESENTED BY THIRSTY CAMEL

**Shannon Winbank**, Boronia Hotel, Boronia

**Christopher O'Brien**, Botanical Hotel Bendigo, White Hills

**Ben Lougoon**, The Doutta Galla Hotel, Kensington

**Darren Freestone**, Hogans Hotel, Wallan

**Gina Cimarosti**, London Tavern Hotel, Richmond

**Kris Chapman**, Notting Hill Hotel, Notting Hill

**Neil O'Connor**, Palace Hotel, Camberwell

**Rachael Grisold**, Sir Henry Barkly Hotel, Heidelberg

**Nic Rhodes**, The Terminus North Fitzroy, North Fitzroy

**Brett Thompson**, The Woolli Tavern, Cape Woolamai

**Imran Nicholls**, Transport Hotel, Melbourne

**WINNER: RACHAEL GRISOLD, SIR HENRY BARKLY HOTEL, HEIDELBERG**

## DINING AWARDS

### BEST CASUAL DINING - METROPOLITAN

PRESENTED BY COCA-COLA EUROPACIFIC PARTNERS AUSTRALIA

**Alpine Hotel Warburton**, Warburton  
**The Clifton Hill Hotel**, Clifton Hill  
**The Continental Sorrento**, Sorrento  
**Epping Plaza Hotel**, Epping  
**The Fox Hotel**, Collingwood  
**The Heritage Balnarring**, Balnarring  
**Launching Place Home Hotel**, Launching Place  
**London Tavern Hotel**, Richmond  
**Malvern Hotel**, Toorak

**Nixon Hotel**, Docklands  
**Palace Hotel**, Camberwell  
**Rosstown Hotel**, Carnegie  
**Sir Henry Barkly Hotel**, Heidelberg  
**St Andrews Hotel**, Fitzroy  
**Teller**, Brunswick East  
**The Terminus North Fitzroy**, North Fitzroy  
**The Wild Geese Hotel**, Brunswick  
**WestWaters Hotel & Entertainment Complex**, Caroline Springs

**WINNER: ALPINE HOTEL WARBURTON**

### BEST CASUAL DINING - REGIONAL

PRESENTED BY COCA-COLA EUROPACIFIC PARTNERS AUSTRALIA

**Barmah Hotel**, Barmah  
**The Buninyong Hotel**, Buninyong  
**Erica Hotel Motel**, Erica  
**Esplanade Hotel - Inverloch**, Inverloch  
**Five Flags Hotel**, Campbells Creek  
**Grovedale Hotel**, Grovedale  
**Hogans Hotel**, Wallan  
**Lockington Community Hotel**, Lockington

**The Mansfield Hotel**, Mansfield  
**The Middle Hotel Korumburra**, Korumburra  
**Poowong Hotel**, Poowong  
**The Social Bar & Eating House**, Bendigo  
**The Star Hotel Bright**, Bright  
**Western Hotel**, Ballarat  
**Whalers Hotel**, Warrnambool

**JOINT WINNERS: WESTERN HOTEL, BALLARAT  
& FIVE FLAGS HOTEL, CAMPBELLS CREEK**

### BEST FAMILY DINING

PRESENTED BY SUPAGAS

**Castello's Croydon Hotel**, Croydon  
**Castello's Victorian Tavern**, Gisborne  
**The Drouin Family Hotel**, Drouin  
**Lower Plenty Hotel**, Lower Plenty  
**Orbost Club Hotel**, Orbost  
**Panton Hill Hotel**, Panton Hill

**The Sphinx Hotel**, North Geelong  
**The Star Hotel Sale**, Sale  
**Sugar Gum Hotel**, Hillside  
**The Old Town 'N' Country Tavern**, Wangaratta  
**WestWaters Hotel & Entertainment Complex**, Caroline Springs

**WINNER: CASTELLO'S VICTORIAN TAVERN, GISBORNE**

DINING AWARDS

BEST PUB RESTAURANT - METROPOLITAN

PRESENTED BY ASAHI BEVERAGES

**Signor Fox, Boundary Hotel**, Bentleigh East  
**The Camden Hotel**, Caulfield South  
**Ember, The Continental Sorrento**, Sorrento  
**Hofbräuhaus Melbourne**, Melbourne  
**Hotel Sorrento**, Sorrento  
**London Tavern Hotel**, Richmond

**Mr McCracken**, Essendon Fields  
**Steakhouse, Notting Hill Hotel**, Notting Hill  
**St Andrews Hotel**, Fitzroy  
**Cinder, The Terminus North Fitzroy**, North Fitzroy  
**True South**, Black Rock  
**The Wild Geese Hotel**, Brunswick

WINNER: ST ANDREWS HOTEL, FITZROY

BEST PUB RESTAURANT - REGIONAL

PRESENTED BY COMCATER

**Two Noble, Sawyers Arms Tavern**, Newtown  
**The Victoria Rutherglen**, Rutherglen  
**The Yackandandah Hotel**, Yackandandah

WINNER: THE VICTORIA RUTHERGLEN

**GENERAL AWARDS**

**COCKTAIL MENU OF THE YEAR**

PRESENTED BY AUSTRALIAN LIQUOR MARKETERS ON-PREMISE

**3 Social**, Sunbury

**American Hotel Echuca**, Echuca

**Central Hotel Beaconsfield**, Beaconsfield

**The Continental Sorrento**, Sorrento

**Cookie**, Melbourne

**The Grand Hotel Warrandyte**, Warrandyte

**Hogans Hotel**, Wallan

**Macedon Village Hotel**, Macedon

**The Middle Hotel Korumburra**, Korumburra

**Old Faithfulls Brew Bar**, Wangaratta

**Panton Hill Hotel**, Panton Hill

**The Terminus North Fitzroy**, North Fitzroy

**The Waterside Hotel**, Melbourne

**The Yackandandah Hotel**, Yackandandah

**WINNER: THE YACKANDANDAH HOTEL**

**BEST FUNCTION AND EVENT SPACE - METROPOLITAN**

PRESENTED BY CAMPARI

**The Continental Sorrento**, Sorrento

**The Doutta Galla Hotel**, Kensington

**The Grand Hotel Warrandyte**, Warrandyte

**Hotel Sorrento**, Sorrento

**Ludlow Bar**, Southbank

**Notting Hill Hotel**, Notting Hill

**Panton Hill Hotel**, Panton Hill

**Republica St Kilda**, St Kilda

**Taxi Kitchen**, Melbourne

**The Terminus North Fitzroy**, North Fitzroy

**Transit Rooftop Bar**, Melbourne

**The Waterside Hotel**, Melbourne

**WINNER: THE CONTINENTAL SORRENTO**

**BEST FUNCTION AND EVENT SPACE - REGIONAL**

PRESENTED BY CAMPARI

**1915 Restaurant and Bar**, North Geelong

**All Seasons Resort Hotel Bendigo**, Strathdale

**Alpine Hotel Bright**, Bright

**The Middle Hotel Korumburra**, Korumburra

**The Victoria Hotel**, Woodend

**WINNER: THE MIDDLE HOTEL KORUMBURRA**

## GENERAL AWARDS

### BEST LIVE ENTERTAINMENT VENUE

PRESENTED BY COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA

**Barwon Heads Hotel**, Barwon Heads  
**The Continental Sorrento**, Sorrento  
**Corner Hotel**, Richmond  
**Croxton Park Hotel**, Thornbury  
**The Doutta Galla Hotel**, Kensington  
**Elephant and Wheelbarrow**, Melbourne

**The Fifth Province**, St Kilda  
**Republica St Kilda**, St Kilda  
**Riverview Hotel**, Tarwin Lower  
**Torquay Hotel**, Torquay  
**Transport Hotel**, Melbourne  
**Whalers Hotel**, Warrnambool

**WINNER: THE FIFTH PROVINCE, ST KILDA**

### BEST OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE - METROPOLITAN

PRESENTED BY ONYX GAMING

**Alpine Hotel Warburton**, Warburton  
**Bridie O'Reilly's**, South Yarra  
**The Grand Hotel Warrandyte**, Warrandyte  
**The Heritage Balnarring**, Balnarring  
**London Tavern Hotel**, Richmond  
**Lower Plenty Hotel**, Lower Plenty

**Notting Hill Hotel**, Notting Hill  
**Panton Hill Hotel**, Panton Hill  
**Platform 28**, Docklands  
**Railway Hotel Pakenham**, Pakenham  
**Republica St Kilda**, St Kilda  
**Rosstown Hotel**, Carnegie

**WINNER: NOTTING HILL HOTEL**

### BEST OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE - REGIONAL

PRESENTED BY SUNTORY OCEANIA

**The 1860 Hotel**, Romsey  
**American Hotel Echuca**, Echuca  
**Botanical Hotel Bendigo**, White Hills  
**The Caledonian Inn**, Port Fairy  
**The Commercial Hotel - Glengarry**, Glengarry  
**Grand Pacific Hotel**, Lorne

**Macedon Village Hotel**, Macedon  
**The Middle Hotel Korumburra**, Korumburra  
**The One Tree Hill Hotel**, Spring Gully  
**San Remo Hotel**, San Remo  
**Western Hotel**, Ballarat

**WINNER: SAN REMO HOTEL**

## GENERAL AWARDS

### BEST PRESENTED BEER

PRESENTED BY CRE BROKERS

**All Seasons Resort Hotel Bendigo**, Strathdale  
**American Hotel Echuca**, Echuca  
**The Bay Hotel Mornington**, Mornington  
**Belgian Beer Café Melbourne**, Southbank  
**Botanical Hotel Bendigo**, White Hills  
**Bridie O'Reilly's**, South Yarra  
**Central Hotel Beaconsfield**, Beaconsfield  
**The Clifton Hill Hotel**, Clifton Hill  
**Cookie**, Melbourne

**The Doutta Galla Hotel**, Kensington  
**The Fifth Province**, St Kilda  
**Five Flags Hotel**, Campbells Creek  
**Macedon Village Hotel**, Macedon  
**Mail Exchange Hotel**, Melbourne  
**The Middle Hotel Korumburra**, Korumburra  
**Railway Hotel Pakenham**, Pakenham  
**The Terminus North Fitzroy**, North Fitzroy

WINNER: THE TERMINUS NORTH FITZROY

### BEST PUB BAR - METROPOLITAN

PRESENTED BY LION AUSTRALIA

**Central Hotel Beaconsfield**, Beaconsfield  
**The Clifton Hill Hotel**, Clifton Hill  
**The Doutta Galla Hotel**, Kensington  
**The Fifth Province**, St Kilda  
**The Fox Hotel**, Collingwood  
**Lower Plenty Hotel**, Lower Plenty  
**Mail Exchange Hotel**, Melbourne

**Network Sports Bar**, Docklands  
**Notting Hill Hotel**, Notting Hill  
**Platform 28**, Docklands  
**Railway Hotel Pakenham**, Pakenham  
**St Andrews Hotel**, Fitzroy  
**Temperance Hotel**, South Yarra  
**Transport Hotel**, Melbourne

WINNER: THE CLIFTON HILL HOTEL

### BEST PUB BAR - REGIONAL

PRESENTED BY ASAHI BEVERAGES

**Barmah Hotel**, Barmah  
**Brougham Arms Hotel**, Bendigo  
**Crown Hotel**, Traralgon  
**Esplanade Hotel - Inverloch**, Inverloch  
**Old Faithfulls Brew Bar**, Wangaratta  
**Poowong Hotel**, Poowong

**Royal Hotel Drouin**, Drouin  
**Royal Oak Hotel**, Ballarat Central  
**The Rosey Pub**, Rosedale  
**The Star Hotel Bright**, Bright  
**Tinamba Hotel**, Tinamba  
**The Yackandandah Hotel**, Yackandandah

WINNER: OLD FAITHFULLS BREW BAR, WANGARATTA

## GENERAL AWARDS

### BEST RETAIL LIQUOR OUTLET

PRESENTED BY AUSTRALIAN LIQUOR MARKETERS ON-PREMISE

Central Hotel Beaconsfield, Beaconsfield  
Lower Plenty Hotel, Lower Plenty  
Notting Hill Hotel, Notting Hill

Old England Hotel, Heidelberg  
Roxburgh Park Hotel, Coolaroo

WINNER: NOTTING HILL HOTEL

### BEST ROOFTOP EXPERIENCE

PRESENTED BY COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA

American Hotel Echuca, Echuca  
Corner Hotel, Richmond  
Hotel Sorrento, Sorrento

Platform 28, Docklands  
Transit Rooftop Bar, Melbourne  
The Waterside Hotel, Melbourne

WINNER: CORNER HOTEL, RICHMOND

### BEST SPECIALTY BAR

PRESENTED BY DIAGEO

Belgian Beer Café Melbourne, Southbank  
Bridie O'Reilly's, South Yarra  
The Cross, St Kilda  
Elephant and Wheelbarrow, Melbourne  
The Fifth Province, St Kilda  
Hofbräuhaus Melbourne, Melbourne

Hogans Hotel, Wallan  
Mexicams Restaurant and Fiesta, North Geelong  
P.J.O'Brien's Irish Pub, Southbank  
The Social Bar & Eating House, Bendigo  
The Wild Geese Hotel, Brunswick

WINNER: THE SOCIAL BAR & EATING HOUSE, BENDIGO

**GENERAL AWARDS**

**BEST SPORTS BAR - METROPOLITAN**

PRESENTED BY FOXTEL BUSINESS

**Berwick Springs Hotel**, Berwick  
**Bridge Inn Hotel**, Mernda  
**Caulfield Glasshouse**, Caulfield East  
**Harvey's Sports Bar & Grill**, St Kilda

**The King Hotel**, Melbourne  
**Notting Hill Hotel**, Notting Hill  
**Rosstown Hotel**, Carnegie

**WINNER: ROSSTOWN HOTEL, CARNEGIE**

**BEST SPORTS BAR - REGIONAL**

PRESENTED BY FOXTEL BUSINESS

**All Seasons Resort Hotel Bendigo**, Strathdale  
**Esplanade Hotel - Inverloch**, Inverloch  
**Grand Junction Hotel**, Traralgon  
**Grovedale Hotel**, Grovedale

**The One Tree Hill Hotel**, Spring Gully  
**San Remo Hotel**, San Remo  
**Western Hotel**, Ballarat  
**Whalers Hotel**, Warrnambool

**WINNER: GROVEDALE HOTEL**

**PARMA OF THE YEAR**

PRESENTED BY ADROIT INSURANCE & RISK

**The Albion Hotel**, Kyneton  
**All Seasons Resort Hotel Bendigo**, Strathdale  
**Bank Hotel Warragul**, Warragul  
**Barmah Hotel**, Barmah  
**The Bay Hotel Mornington**, Mornington  
**Botanical Hotel Bendigo**, White Hills  
**The Buninyong Hotel**, Buninyong  
**The Creekside Hotel**, Warracknabeal  
**Hogans Hotel**, Wallan  
**Lindenow Farmers Home Hotel**, Lindenow

**Newborough Hotel**, Newborough  
**The One Tree Hill Hotel**, Spring Gully  
**The Oxford Scholar**, Melbourne  
**Poowong Hotel**, Poowong  
**Railway Hotel Pakenham**, Pakenham  
**San Remo Hotel**, San Remo  
**Sawyers Arms Tavern**, Newtown  
**The Star Hotel Bright**, Bright  
**The Star Hotel Sale**, Sale  
**The Windsor Alehouse**, Windsor

**WINNERS: LINDENOW FARMERS HOME HOTEL,  
 NEWBOROUGH HOTEL &  
 THE CREEKSIDE HOTEL, WARRACKNABEAL**

## ACCOMMODATION AWARD

### BEST HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

PRESENTED BY PENFOLDS

**All Seasons Resort Hotel Bendigo**, Strathdale  
**Glenferrie Hotel**, Hawthorn  
**Hotel Sorrento**, Sorrento

**Royal Oak Hotel**, Ballarat Central  
**The Victoria Rutherglen**, Rutherglen

#### WINNER: HOTEL SORRENTO

HOTEL SORRENTO HAS BEEN INDUCTED INTO THE HALL OF FAME AFTER WINNING THIS CATEGORY FOR THREE CONSECUTIVE YEARS.

## GAMING & WAGERING

### BEST GAMING VENUE - METROPOLITAN

PRESENTED BY MAX

**The Camden Hotel**, Caulfield South  
**Caulfield Hotel**, Caulfield East  
**Cherry Hill Hotel**, Doncaster  
**The Cove**, Pattersons Lakes  
**Epping Plaza Hotel**, Epping  
**Grosvenor Hotel**, St Kilda East  
**Lower Plenty Hotel**, Lower Plenty  
**Mail Exchange Hotel**, Melbourne

**Old England Hotel**, Heidelberg  
**Plough Hotel**, Mill Park  
**Rosstown Hotel**, Carnegie  
**Sir Henry Barkly Hotel**, Heidelberg  
**Skyways Hotel**, Airport West  
**Welcome Stranger Hotel**, Melbourne  
**WestWaters Hotel & Entertainment Complex**, Caroline Springs

#### WINNER: LOWER PLENTY HOTEL

### BEST GAMING VENUE - REGIONAL

PRESENTED BY MAX

**All Seasons Resort Hotel Bendigo**, Strathdale  
**The Drouin Family Hotel**, Drouin  
**Grand Junction Hotel**, Traralgon  
**Grovedale Hotel**, Grovedale

**Hogans Hotel**, Wallan  
**The Middle Hotel Korumburra**, Korumburra  
**Torquay Hotel**, Torquay  
**Whalers Hotel**, Warrnambool

#### WINNER: HOGANS HOTEL, WALLAN

**GAMING & WAGERING**

**BEST PUBTAB - METROPOLITAN**

PRESENTED BY TAB

**Berwick Springs Hotel**, Berwick  
**Caulfield Hotel**, Caulfield East  
**Kealba Hotel**, Kealba  
**The King Hotel**, Melbourne

**Mail Exchange Hotel**, Melbourne  
**Nixon Hotel**, Docklands  
**Rosstown Hotel**, Carnegie  
**WestWaters Hotel & Entertainment Complex**, Caroline Springs

**WINNER: KEALBA HOTEL**

**BEST PUBTAB - REGIONAL**

PRESENTED BY TAB

**All Seasons Resort Hotel Bendigo**, Strathdale  
**Grand Junction Hotel**, Traralgon  
**Grovedale Hotel**, Grovedale

**The Middle Hotel Korumburra**, Korumburra  
**The Sphinx Hotel**, North Geelong

**WINNER: ALL SEASONS RESORT HOTEL BENDIGO**

**PERFORMANCE AWARDS**

**BEST HOTEL GROUP OPERATOR**

PRESENTED BY BEPOZ OOLIO

ALH Hotels  
Deegan Hotel Group  
Francis Venues

JBS Hospitality Group  
Kickon Group  
Pegasus Leisure Group

**WINNER: KICKON GROUP**

**BEST MARKETING HOTEL**

PRESENTED BY HOSTPLUS

The Albion Hotel, Kyneton  
Alpine Hotel Warburton, Warburton  
Central Hotel Beaconsfield, Beaconsfield  
The Clifton Hill Hotel, Clifton Hill  
The Continental Sorrento, Sorrento  
The Dousta Galla Hotel, Kensington  
The Grand Hotel Warrandyte, Warrandyte  
Harvey's Sports Bar & Grill, St Kilda

London Tavern Hotel, Richmond  
Macedon Village Hotel, Macedon  
Notting Hill Hotel, Notting Hill  
The Old Town 'N' Country Tavern, Wangaratta  
The Terminus North Fitzroy, North Fitzroy  
Transport Hotel, Melbourne  
WestWaters Hotel & Entertainment Complex, Caroline Springs

**WINNER: TRANSPORT HOTEL, MELBOURNE**

**OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN TRAINING**

PRESENTED BY H&L AUSTRALIA

The Grand Hotel Warrandyte, Warrandyte  
Junction Hotel, Newport

The Old Town 'N' Country Tavern, Wangaratta  
The Terminus North Fitzroy, North Fitzroy

**WINNER: THE OLD TOWN 'N' COUNTRY TAVERN, WANGARATTA**

## PERFORMANCE AWARDS

### BEST REDEVELOPED HOTEL

PRESENTED BY BUNNINGS TRADE

**The Buninyong Hotel**, Buninyong  
**Cherry Hill Hotel**, Doncaster  
**The Dederang Hotel**, Dederang  
**The Doutta Galla Hotel**, Kensington  
**Grand Pacific Hotel**, Lorne  
**Hotel Sorrento**, Sorrento

**Macedon Village Hotel**, Macedon  
**Palace Hotel**, Camberwell  
**Royal FTG Hotel**, Ferntree Gully  
**The Waterside Hotel**, Melbourne  
**The Yackandandah Hotel**, Yackandandah

**METROPOLITAN WINNER: THE WATERSIDE HOTEL, MELBOURNE**  
**REGIONAL WINNER: MACEDON VILLAGE HOTEL**

### BEST REFURBISHED VENUE SPACE

PRESENTED BY HOSTPLUS

**Boundary Hotel**, Bentleigh East  
**London Tavern Hotel**, Richmond  
**Mexicans Restaurant and Fiesta**, North Geelong  
**Notting Hill Hotel**, Notting Hill  
**Old England Hotel**, Heidelberg

**Skyways Hotel**, Airport West  
**The Terminus North Fitzroy**, North Fitzroy  
**Transport Hotel**, Melbourne  
**Whalers Hotel**, Warrnambool

**WINNER: THE TERMINUS NORTH FITZROY**

### BUSH PUB OF THE YEAR

PRESENTED BY BEGA FOODSERVICE

**Barmah Hotel**, Barmah  
**Commercial Hotel Woods Point**, Woods Point  
**The Dederang Hotel**, Dederang  
**Lindenow Farmers Home Hotel**, Lindenow

**Lockington Community Hotel**, Lockington  
**Noojee Toolshed Bar, Bistro & Cabins**, Noojee  
**Victoria Hotel**, Dimboola

**WINNER: VICTORIA HOTEL, DIMBOOLA**

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**STATE AWARDS**  
*for excellence*

*Winners*

**PERFORMANCE AWARDS**

**HEART OF THE COMMUNITY**

PRESENTED BY KENO

**Barmah Hotel**, Barmah  
**The Caledonian Inn**, Port Fairy  
**The Commercial Hotel - Glengarry**, Glengarry  
**The Continental Sorrento**, Sorrento  
**Dargo Hotel**, Dargo  
**The Delatite Hotel**, Mansfield  
**The Grand Hotel Warrandyte**, Warrandyte  
**The Lancefield Hotel**, Lancefield  
**Launching Place Home Hotel**, Launching Place

**Lindenow Farmers Home Hotel**, Lindenow  
**The Middle Hotel Korumburra**, Korumburra  
**Notting Hill Hotel**, Notting Hill  
**Old Faithfulls Brew Bar**, Wangaratta  
**San Remo Hotel**, San Remo  
**The Terminus North Fitzroy**, North Fitzroy  
**Victoria Hotel**, Dimboola  
**Welshpool Hotel**, Welshpool

**METROPOLITAN WINNER: THE GRAND HOTEL WARRANDYTE**  
**REGIONAL WINNER: DARGO HOTEL**

