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Hops to it for a chance to be crowned Australia's best beer

The nation's top brewers are invited to battle it out for the title of Australia's best, with entries opening today for the Royal Queensland Food and Wine Show (RQFWS) Beer Awards.

A team of highly experienced judges including brewers, sensory experts and industry figures will award trophies across 15 categories including Champion Brewpub and the coveted Grand Champion Beer.

RQFWS Beer Advisory Group member and judge Steve Henderson said winning a medal in the competition would help a brewery to enhance its brand.

"Award recipients can gain national recognition and the Grand Champion will also receive a \$5,000 bursary thanks to Lion," he said.

"All entrants receive objective feedback of their beers which helps them to benchmark their production and quality systems in their brewery."

The awards also offer a trustworthy guide for consumers, letting them know which beers to enjoy.

Mr Henderson said he expects to see a significant increase in entries in 2021.

"For the very first time the RQFWS is offering free inbound freight for breweries in New South Wales and Victoria," he said.

"This makes it easier for brewers that represent a large part of the Australian craft beer community to enter the competition and have their beers assessed by a talented judging pool."

The RQFWS Beer Awards were reinvigorated in 2019 after a five year hiatus, with the RNA revitalising the competition to once again showcase Australia's outstanding brewers and their products.

Entries must be in by Friday 29 January with judging taking place from Monday 1 March and the winners to be announced at an awards presentation on Wednesday 3 March.

To enter go to www.rqfws.com.au

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AWARDS PRESENTATION – WEDNESDAY 3 MARCH

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