

NSW State Homebrew Competition 2025

Thanks to all who participated in the NSW State Homebrew Competition 2025.



There were **179** entries judged and **59** registered participants, judges, and stewards.

Best of Show Winners

Best of Show – Beer

Place ▲	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
 1st	Sebastian Pilz	Schwarz Bier	308: Schwarzbier [BJCP 8B]	Extra Special Brewers (ESB) [Australia]
 2nd	Adam Gaffey	Red Flags	706: Red IPA, Specialty IPA [BJCP 21B]	Grainmother Brewing Supplies
 3rd	Craig Symonds	Brown Ale	904: British Brown Ale [BJCP 13B]	Inner Sydney Brewers (ISB) [Australia]
 HM	Brenden White	Oak Aged Bourbon Imperial Stout	1804: Specialty Wood-Aged Beer [BJCP 33B]	Flat Rock Brew Club

Champion Brewer (38 Participating Brewers)

Place	Brewer	1st	2nd	3rd	HM	Score	Club
 1st	Allan Wade	2	3	4	0	16.00	Hunter United Brewers (HUB) [Australia]
 2nd	Adam Gaffey	3	1	2	0	13.00	Grainmother Brewing Supplies
	Barry Cranston	2	3	1	1	13.00	Extra Special Brewers (ESB) [Australia]

Scores and tie-breakers have been applied in accordance with the scoring methodology. Numbers reflected are rounded to the hundredth place. Hover over or tap the question mark icon (❓) for the actual calculated value.

Best Club (11 Participating Clubs)

Place	Club	1st	2nd	3rd	HM	Score
🏆 1st	Extra Special Brewers (ESB) [Australia]	6	8	4	2	38.00
🏆 2nd	Hunter United Brewers (HUB) [Australia]	2	3	4	0	16.00
🏆 3rd	Grainmother Brewing Supplies	3	1	2	0	13.00

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Winning Entries

Table 1: Low Alcohol (5 entries)

Place ^	Brewer	Name	Style	Club
🏆 1st	Adam Gaffey	Yep I'm Done!	107: German Leichtbier [BJCP 5A]	Grainmother Brewing Supplies
🏆 2nd	Peter Symons	Bronzed Bitter	109: Ordinary Bitter [BJCP 11A]	Extra Special Brewers (ESB) [Australia]
🏆 3rd	Kyle Freeman	Hopefully Lagery	107: German Leichtbier [BJCP 5A]	

Table 2: Pale Lager (18 entries)

Place ^	Brewer	Name	Style	Club
🏆 1st	Ian Mooney	Czech Premium Lager	207: Czech Premium Pale Lager (Boh. Pils) [BJCP 3B]	Extra Special Brewers (ESB) [Australia]
🏆 2nd	Ian Mooney	German Pilsner	206: German Pils [BJCP 5D]	Extra Special Brewers (ESB) [Australia]

Place ▲	Brewer	Name	Style	Club
 3rd	Allan Wade	Czech Premium Pale Lager	207: Czech Premium Pale Lager (Boh. Pils) [BJCP 3B]	Hunter United Brewers (HUB) [Australia]

Table 3: Amber & Dark Lager (12 entries)

Place ▲	Brewer	Name	Style	Club
 1st	Sebastian Pilz	Schwarz Bier	308: Schwarzbier [BJCP 8B]	Extra Special Brewers (ESB) [Australia]
 2nd	Barry Cranston	The Third Man	305: Vienna Lager [BJCP 7A]	Extra Special Brewers (ESB) [Australia]
 3rd	Ian Mooney	Marzen	306: Märzen [BJCP 6A]	Extra Special Brewers (ESB) [Australia]

Table 4: Pale Ale (14 entries)

Place ▲	Brewer	Name	Style	Club
 1st	Peter Symons	Conneries De Chiens	404: Belgian Pale Ale [BJCP 24B]	Extra Special Brewers (ESB) [Australia]
 2nd	Allan Wade	Belgian Blond Ale	408: Belgian Blond Ale [BJCP 25A]	Hunter United Brewers (HUB) [Australia]
 3rd	Andrew Clifton	Cream Ale	401: Cream Ale [BJCP 1C]	

Table 5: American Pale Ale (7 entries)

Place ▲	Brewer	Name	Style	Club
 1st	Allan Wade	American Pale Ale	501: American Pale Ale [BJCP 18B]	Hunter United Brewers (HUB) [Australia]
 2nd	Mark Davis MHP	American Pale Ale	501: American Pale Ale [BJCP 18B]	


Place ▲	Brewer	Name	Style	Club
 3rd	Andrew Clifton	APA	501: American Pale Ale [BJCP 18B]	

Table 6: IPA (8 entries)

Place ▲	Brewer	Name	Style	Club
 1st	Arron Stephenson	Beskar	603: Double IPA [BJCP 22A]	Flat Rock Brew Club
 2nd	Arron Stephenson	Diamond	602: American IPA [BJCP 21A]	Flat Rock Brew Club
 3rd	James Overton	American IPA	602: American IPA [BJCP 21A]	Canberra Brewers Club

Table 7: Speciality IPA (14 entries)

Place ▲	Brewer	Name	Style	Club
 1st	Adam Gaffey	Red Flags	706: Red IPA, Specialty IPA [BJCP 21B]	Grainmother Brewing Supplies
 2nd	John Dietz	Johnny NEIPA	701: Hazy IPA [BJCP 21C]	
 3rd	Arron Stephenson	Ruby	705: Brown IPA, Specialty IPA [BJCP 21B]	Flat Rock Brew Club
 HM	Phil Hammond	Red Rye	706: Red IPA, Specialty IPA [BJCP 21B]	Extra Special Brewers (ESB) [Australia]

Table 8: Amber & Brown Ale (9 entries)

Place ▲	Brewer	Name	Style	Club
 1st	Craig Symonds	Brown Ale	904: British Brown Ale [BJCP 13B]	Inner Sydney Brewers (ISB) [Australia]



Place ▲	Brewer	Name	Style	Club
 2nd	Barry Cranston	Henwoodie	902: Scottish Export [BJCP 14C]	Extra Special Brewers (ESB) [Australia]
 3rd	Adam Gaffey	They Can't All Be Wrong!	803: Altbier [BJCP 7B]	Grainmother Brewing Supplies

Table 10: Porter & Stouts (8 entries)





Place ▲	Brewer	Name	Style	Club
 1st	David Tetley	Scandinavian Scourge	1004: Baltic Porter [BJCP 9C]	Extra Special Brewers (ESB) [Australia]
 2nd	Allan Wade	Baltic Porter	1004: Baltic Porter [BJCP 9C]	Hunter United Brewers (HUB) [Australia]
 3rd	Phil Hammond	Oatboy	1103: Oatmeal Stout [BJCP 16B]	Extra Special Brewers (ESB) [Australia]

Table 12: Strong Stout (6 entries)

Place ▲	Brewer	Name	Style	Club
 1st	Barry Cranston	RIS	1204: Imperial Stout [BJCP 20C]	Extra Special Brewers (ESB) [Australia]
 2nd	David Tetley	The Beast	1204: Imperial Stout [BJCP 20C]	Extra Special Brewers (ESB) [Australia]
 3rd	Allan Wade	Imperial Stout	1204: Imperial Stout [BJCP 20C]	Hunter United Brewers (HUB) [Australia]

Table 13: Wheat & Rye Beer (15 entries)

Place ▲	Brewer	Name	Style	Club
 1st	Adam Gaffey	He Took The Potato Peeler!	1302: Witbier [BJCP 24A]	Grainmother Brewing Supplies



Place ▲	Brewer	Name	Style	Club
 2nd	Sebastian Pilz	Weizen	1301: Weissbier [BJCP 10A]	Extra Special Brewers (ESB) [Australia]
 3rd	Allan Wade	Weissbier	1301: Weissbier [BJCP 10A]	Hunter United Brewers (HUB) [Australia]

Table 14: Belgian Ale (17 entries)

Place ▲	Brewer	Name	Style	Club
 1st	Mark Davis MHP	Silent Table	1404: Belgian Single [BJCP 26A]	
 2nd	Barry Cranston	Stayson Saison	1401: Saison [BJCP 25B]	Extra Special Brewers (ESB) [Australia]
 3rd	Simon Haynes	Tis The Saison	1401: Saison [BJCP 25B]	Flat Rock Brew Club

Table 15: Strong Ale & Lager (7 entries)





Place ▲	Brewer	Name	Style	Club
 1st	Allan Wade	English Barleywine	1508: English Barleywine [BJCP 17D]	Hunter United Brewers (HUB) [Australia]
 2nd	Allan Wade	Doppelbock	1503: Doppelbock [BJCP 9A]	Hunter United Brewers (HUB) [Australia]
 3rd	Adam Gaffey	Rich Bogans	1503: Doppelbock [BJCP 9A]	Grainmother Brewing Supplies
 HM	Barry Cranston	Whats Up Boc	1501: Helles Bock [BJCP 4C]	Extra Special Brewers (ESB) [Australia]

Table 16: Sour & Wild Ale (12 entries)

Place ▲	Brewer	Name	Style	Club
 1st	Barry Cranston	Embrace The Funk	1608: Brett Beer [BJCP 28A]	Extra Special Brewers (ESB) [Australia]
 2nd	Matty Reed Co-Brewer: Matty Reed	Flanders	1607: Oud Bruin [BJCP 23C]	Extra Special Brewers (ESB) [Australia]
 3rd	Dion Barlin Co-Brewer: Stuart Upton	Barrel Aged Golden Sour	1602: Lambic [BJCP 23D]	Inner Sydney Brewers (ISB) [Australia]





Table 17: Fruit & Spice Beer (8 entries)

Place ▲	Brewer	Name	Style	Club
 1st	James Overton	Earl Grey Lemon Sour	1703: Specialty Fruit Beer [BJCP 29C]	Canberra Brewers Club
 2nd	Alex Krickx	Pumpkin	1706: Autumn Seasonal Beer [BJCP 30B]	Inner Sydney Brewers (ISB) [Australia]
 3rd	Barry Cranston	Lemon Myrtle Saison	1702: Fruit and Spice Beer [BJCP 29B]	Extra Special Brewers (ESB) [Australia]

Table 18: Speciality Beer (9 entries)

Place ▲	Brewer	Name	Style	Club
 1st	Brenden White	Oak Aged Bourbon Imperial Stout	1804: Specialty Wood-Aged Beer [BJCP 33B]	Flat Rock Brew Club
 2nd	Adam Gaffey	Holt Road Massacre	1804: Specialty Wood-Aged Beer [BJCP 33B]	Grainmother Brewing Supplies
 3rd	Allan Wade	Barrel Aged Imperial Stout	1804: Specialty Wood-Aged Beer [BJCP 33B]	Hunter United Brewers (HUB) [Australia]

Table 20: Mead, Cider & Perry (10 entries)

Place 	Brewer	Name	Style	Club
 1st	Dion Barlin	Is Its Cause I'm Blackberry?	1909: Fruit and Spice Mead [BJCP M3A]	Inner Sydney Brewers (ISB) [Australia]
 2nd	Chris Chandler	Honeymoon	1902: Semi-Sweet Mead [BJCP M1B]	
 3rd	David Tetley	Common Cider	2001: Common Cider [BJCP C1A]	Extra Special Brewers (ESB) [Australia]

Account Registration Closed

Account registrations accepted 04/08/2025 10:00, AEST through 20/09/2025 10:00, AEST.

Registrations for judges or stewards accepted 04/08/2025 10:00, AEST through 21/09/2025 12:00, AEST.