

FINALISTS

AHA (Vic) would like to congratulate all finalists of the 2018 State Awards for Excellence and we wish you the best of luck on the night.

If you are yet to purchase tickets to the big event, you can do so [here](#).

Burger of the Year

American Hotel - Echuca
 Beer DeLuxe Fed Square - Melbourne
 Blue Duck Hotel - Ararat
 Grand Hotel Warrandyte
 Grosvenor Hotel - St Kilda East
 Hophaus Bier Bar Grill - Southbank
 Kelly's Hotel - Cranbourne
 The Cheeky Squire - Frankston
 The Pumphouse Hotel - Fitzroy
 The Royal Standard Hotel - Toora

Best Casual Dining - Regional

American Hotel - Echuca
 Central Hotel - Lakes Entrance
 Country Club Hotel - Yea
 Oscars Hotel - Ballarat
 Queenscliff Brewhouse
 San Remo Hotel-Motel
 The Creekside Hotel - Warracknabeal
 The Middle Hotel - Korumburra
 The Royal Standard Hotel - Toora
 Windermere Hotel

Best Casual Dining - Metropolitan

Cardinia Park Hotel - Beaconsfield
 Clifton Hill Brewpub
 Glenferrie Hotel - Hawthorn
 Grand Hotel Warrandyte
 Hallam Hotel
 Platform 28 - Docklands
 Queensberry Hotel - Carlton
 Rosstown Hotel - Carnegie
 Taylors Lakes Hotel
 Temperance Hotel - South Yarra

Best Outdoor Experience

American Hotel - Echuca
 Bells Hotel - South Melbourne
 Country Club Hotel - Yea
 Glenferrie Hotel - Hawthorn
 Queensberry Hotel - Carlton
 Railway Club Hotel & Chase Nightclub - Seymour
 The Precinct Hotel - Richmond
 Village Belle Hotel - St Kilda
 Woolshed - Docklands

Best Rooftop Experience

American Hotel - Echuca
 Corner Hotel - Richmond
 Platform 28 - Docklands
 The Albion - South Melbourne
 The Provincial Hotel - Fitzroy
 Transport Public Bar/Transit Rooftop Bar - Melbourne

Best PubTAB - Regional

Austral Top Pub - Korumburra
 San Remo Hotel-Motel
 The Grovedale Hotel
 The Park Hotel - Ballarat
 Western Hotel - Ballarat
 Zagame's Ballarat Hotel

Best PubTAB - Metropolitan

Bridge Inn Hotel - Mernda
 Castello's Pakenham Hotel
 Cross Keys Hotel - Essendon
 Long Beach Hotel - Chelsea
 Newmarket Tavern
 Taylors Lakes Hotel
 The Dava Hotel - Mouth Martha
 Watergardens Hotel - Taylors Lakes

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Best Hotel - Pub Style Accommodation

Coolaroo Hotel
 Glenferrie Hotel - Hawthorn
 Marlo Hotel
 Middle Park Hotel
 Oscars Hotel - Ballarat
 Yea Peppercorn Hotel

Best Marketed Hotel

Fargo and Co - Richmond
 Kelly's Hotel - Cranbourne
 Platform 28 - Docklands
 Queensberry Hotel - Carlton
 The Dava Hotel - Mouth Martha
 The Glasshouse Caulfield
 The Quiet Man Irish Pub - Flemington
 Woolshed - Docklands

Best Innovative Retail Space

Great Ocean Road Brewhouse - Apollo Bay
 Grosvenor Hotel - St Kilda East
 Old England Hotel - Heidelberg
 Queenscliff Brewhouse

Best Live Entertainment Venue

Corner Hotel - Richmond
 Elephant & Wheelbarrow - Melbourne
 P.J. O'Brien's - Melbourne
 The Croxton Bandroom - Thornbury
 The Westernport Hotel - San Remo
 Village Green Hotel - Mulgrave

Best Gaming Venue - with 50 machines or less - Regional

Somerville Hotel
 The Blue Bell Hotel - Wendouree
 The Foundry Hotel - Bendigo
 The Middle Hotel - Korumburra
 Valley Inn Hotel - Geelong
 Victoria Hotel - Shepparton
 Windermere Hotel

Best Gaming Venue - with 50 machines or less - Metropolitan

Cross Keys Hotel - Essendon
 Grosvenor Hotel - St Kilda East
 Long Beach Hotel - Chelsea
 St Albans Hotel
 The Clayton Hotel
 The Dava Hotel - Mouth Martha

Best Gaming Venue - with 51 machines or more - Regional

Steeple's Mornington
 The Grovedale Hotel
 Zagame's Ballarat Hotel

Best Gaming Venue - with 51 machines or more - Metropolitan

Bridge Inn Hotel - Mernda
 Castello's Pakenham Hotel
 Excelsior Hotel - Thomastown
 Hallam Hotel
 Highways - Springvale
 Taylors Lakes Hotel
 The Croydon Hotel
 Watergardens Hotel - Taylors Lakes
 Welcome Stranger Hotel - Melbourne
 Zagame's Boronia Club Hotel

Best Sports Bar - Regional

San Remo Hotel-Motel
 The Foundry Hotel - Bendigo
 The Grovedale Hotel
 Valley Inn Hotel - Geelong

Best Sports Bar - Metropolitan

Castello's Pakenham Hotel
 Chelsea Heights Hotel
 Imperial Hotel - Melbourne
 Lower Plenty Hotel
 Sandbelt Hotel - Moorabbin
 Taylors Lakes Hotel
 The Crafty Squire - Melbourne
 Turf Sports Bar and Grill - Melbourne

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Best Specialty Bar

Clifton Hill Brewpub
 Elephant & Wheelbarrow - Melbourne
 Hophaus Bier Bar Grill - Southbank
 Irish Murphy's Ballarat
 P.J. O'Brien's - Melbourne
 Queenscliff Brewhouse
 The Quiet Man Irish Pub - Flemington

Best Presented Beer

Clifton Hill Brewpub
 Grand Hotel Warrandyte
 Hophaus Bier Bar Grill - Southbank
 Kelly's Hotel - Cranbourne
 Platform 28 - Docklands
 The Cheeky Squire - Frankston
 The Lincoln Hotel - Carlton
 The Quiet Man Irish Pub - Flemington
 Young & Jackson Hotel - Melbourne

Best Keno Venue - Regional

The Middle Hotel - Korumburra
 Windermere Hotel

Best Keno Venue - Metropolitan

Coolaroo Hotel
 Highways - Springvale
 Newmarket Tavern
 Nixon Hotel - Docklands
 The Golden Nugget - Melbourne
 Welcome Stranger Hotel - Melbourne

Heart Of The Community

College Lawn Hotel - Prahran
 Irymple Hotel
 Kelly's Hotel - Cranbourne
 The Grand Hotel - Frankston

Outstanding Achievement in Training

ALH Group
 Garden State Hotel - Melbourne
 Kelly's Hotel - Cranbourne
 The Golden Fleece - Melton
 True South - Black Rock
 Zagame Corporation

Emerging Leader of the Year

Francis Degan - Cardinia Park Hotel -
 Beaconsfield
 James Iriyadi - The Glasshouse Caulfield
 Tregan Dickson - Red Lion Hotel - Ballarat

Best Function and Event Space

Garden State Hotel - Melbourne
 Hotel Brighton
 Oscars Hotel - Ballarat
 Platform 28 - Docklands
 Taylors Lakes Hotel
 The Pumphouse Hotel - Fitzroy
 Woolshed - Docklands
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Excellence in Service

Daniel Foley - Red Lion Hotel - Ballarat
 Di Jones - Highways - Springvale
 Jai Rapson - The Middle Hotel - Korumburra
 Jasmine Flemming - Watergardens Hotel -
 Taylors Lakes
 Jason Bentley - The Creekside Hotel -
 Warracknabeal
 Laura Luxton - Woolshed - Docklands
 Lee Barclay - Village Green Hotel - Mulgrave

Chef of the Year

Chris Bonello - MPD Steak Kitchen, Zagames -
 Berwick
 Matthew Macartney - Village Belle Hotel - St Kilda
 Simon Tarlington - Railway Hotel - Windsor

Best Family Dining

Castello's Pakenham Hotel
 Flinders Hotel
 Ivanhoe Hotel
 Long Beach Hotel - Chelsea
 The Croydon Hotel
 The Dava Hotel - Mouth Martha
 The Glasshouse Caulfield
 The Park Hotel - Ballarat
 Zagame's Ballarat Hotel
 Zagame's Boronia Club Hotel

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Best Hotel Accommodation

The Cheeky Squire - Frankston
 Nightcap at Matthew Flinders Hotel
 The Rye Hotel
 Taylors Lakes Hotel

Best Pub Restaurant - Regional

Sawyers Arms Tavern - Geelong
 The Grovedale Hotel
 Yea Peppercorn Hotel

Best Pub Restaurant - Metropolitan

Black Horse Hotel - Bulla
 Bridge Inn Hotel - Mernda
 Hophaus Bier Bar Grill - Southbank
 MPD Steak Kitchen, Zagames - Berwick
 Mr McCracken - Essendon Fields
 O'Connell's Centenary Hotel - South Melbourne
 Platform 28 - Docklands
 Railway Hotel - Windsor
 The Lincoln Hotel - Carlton
 The Malvern Hotel
 True South - Black Rock

Best Pub Bar - Regional

American Hotel - Echuca
 Apollo Bay Hotel Great Ocean Rd - Victoria
 Austral Top Pub - Korumburra
 Happy Valley Hotel - Ovens
 San Remo Hotel-Motel
 Somerville Hotel
 The Park Hotel - Ballarat
 Western Hotel - Ballarat

Best Pub Bar - Metropolitan

Cross Keys Hotel - Essendon
 Garden State Hotel - Melbourne
 Queensberry Hotel - Carlton
 Taylors Lakes Hotel
 Temperance Hotel - South Yarra
 The Elsternwick Hotel
 The Lincoln Hotel - Carlton
 The Quiet Man Irish Pub - Flemington
 Village Belle Hotel - St Kilda
 Woolshed - Docklands

Best Redeveloped Hotel - Food & Beverage

Country Club Hotel - Yea
 Flinders Hotel
 Irymple Hotel
 The Pumphouse Hotel - Fitzroy
 Transport Public Bar/Transit Rooftop Bar - Melbourne
 Woolshed - Docklands

Best Redeveloped Hotel - Gaming

Bells Hotel - South Melbourne
 Castello's Pakenham Hotel
 Hallam Hotel
 Richmond Social
 The Cheeky Squire - Frankston
 The Foundry Hotel - Bendigo
 Valley Inn Hotel - Geelong
 Village Belle Hotel - St Kilda
 Zagame's Ballarat Hotel

Best Hotel Group Operator

ALH Group
 Pegasus Leisure Group
 Sand Hill Road
 Zagame Corporation