

## Blue Sky Brewery

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- Boutique beers brewed onsite
- Comprehensive wine cellar
- Bar, restaurant & function rooms
- Regular brewery tours

# MEDIA RELEASE

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## BLUE SKY BREWERY BLITZES BEER AWARDS

Cairns' Blue Sky Brewery Bar & Restaurant won 9 prestigious medals at the Australian International Beer Awards (AIBA) in Melbourne last week.

The micro-brewery, located in Lake Street, won 4 silver and 5 bronze medals in the pre-eminent showcase for premium beer and brewing excellence in the Asia Pacific Region.









With 1140 entries from 39 countries, the AIBAs are the second largest beer competition in the world, and were hosted by Paul Mercurio at the Palladium Crown Casino to a packed audience of 700 guests.

Blue Sky Brewery Brewmaster Hayden Mocaraka said Cairns beers were now on the world stage.

"We have only been open for 7 months, and already our beers have achieved higher medals than more established and bigger breweries," he said.

"I am very proud to have been recognised for brewing award-winning beers, and especially bringing medals home for the people of Cairns."

The winning medals were as follows:

 <p>German Style Hefeweizen - Blue Sky Wheat Beer alongside Ibev Deutschland Germany Brewery</p>	 <p>Low Carb/Dry - Reef Blonde alongside Hahn Super Dry (Castlemaine Perkins)</p>	 <p>Reduced/Low Alcohol Draught - Cairns Gold &amp; Mop Brothers Light alongside Hahn Premium Light (Tooheys)</p>	 <p>Porter Draught - True Blue Stout</p>
 <p>European Style Lager - FNQ Lager alongside Tiger Beer (Asian Pacific Breweries) and Becks Beer (Lion Nathan)</p>	 <p>Pilsner - Blue Sky Pilsner</p>	 <p>Amber Ale - Woody Ale alongside VB Gold (Fosters)</p>	 <p>Reduced/Low Alcohol Packaged - Cairns Gold</p>

For more information or to arrange an interview or images, please contact Blue Sky Brewery General Manager Gregg Funston on 07 4057 0500.