



150th CELEBRATION
2026 STANTHORPE SHOW
Friday 30 January – Sunday 1 February 2026

BEER

Beer Steward

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How to enter

This year you can enter online at the link below.

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Click OPEN FOR ENTRIES and select QUEENSLAND.

Find STANTHORPE SHOW 2026 and click PROCEED TO ENTRIES.

Entry Fees

All Classes: \$1.00 per entry.

Fees to be paid when delivering entries, please have the correct money.

Delivery of entries

Two bottles for each entry must be submitted.

Entries to be delivered to: Stanthorpe Showgrounds, Wine Pavilion from 4:00pm to 5:30pm
on Monday 26/01/26 & Tuesday 27/01/26.

Judging

Will take place Wednesday 28/01/2026 at 6:00pm.

Prize money

Prizes to be confirmed.

Awards presentation

Held at 3:00pm Friday 30/01/26 at the Wine Pavilion, followed by a public tasting.

Gate admission fees apply on Friday & Saturday. Stanthorpe Agricultural Society members free.

Class 7200 German - style pilsener

(Commercial beer in this style: Pilsner Urquell, Heineken, Stella Artois)

- Colour: Straw to pale.
- Clarity: Appearance should be bright; chill haze not present.
- Perceived malt aroma & flavour: A malty sweet aroma and flavour should be present.
- Perceived hop aroma & flavour: Hop aroma and flavour is moderate and pronounced, derived from late hopping (not dry hopping) with noble-type hops.
- Perceived bitterness: Medium to high.
- Fermentation characteristics: Very low levels of DMS aroma and flavour, usually below most people's thresholds, may be detectable by trained or sensitive palates. Other fermentation or hop-derived sulphur aromas and flavours may be perceived at low levels. Fruity-estery aromas and flavours should not be perceived. These are well attenuated beers.
- Body: Medium-light

Additional notes:

- The head should be dense, pure white and persistent.
- Original gravity (°Plato) 1.044-1.055(11-13.6 °Plato).
- Apparent extract/final gravity (°Plato) 1.006-1.012(1.5-3.1 °Plato).
- Alcohol by weight (Volume) 3.6%-4.2% (4.6%-5.3%).
- Bitterness (IBU) 25-40.
- Colour SRM (EBC) 3-4(6-8 EBC).

Class 7201 American - style light lager

(Commercial beer in this style: XXXX Gold, Fosters, Carlton Mid)

- Colour: Very light to pale.
- Clarity: Chill haze should not be present.
- Perceived malt aroma & flavour: Very low.
- Perceived hop aroma & flavour: Absent to very low.
- Perceived bitterness: Absent too very low.
- Fermentation characteristics: Low fruity-estery aromas and flavours are acceptable. Diacetyl should be absent. Corn, rice, or other grain or sugar adjuncts are often used. These beers are characterized by an extremely high degree of attenuation. Final gravity is often less than 1.000 (0 °Plato).
- Body: Low with dry mouthfeel.

Additional notes:

- These beers are high in carbonation. Flavour attributes typical of beer are usually very low when present. Calories should not exceed 125 per 12-ounce serving. Low carb beers should have a maximum carbohydrate level of 3.0 gm per 12 oz. (356 ml).
- Original gravity (°Plato) 1.024-1.040(6.1-10 °Plato).
- Apparent extract/final gravity (°Plato) 0.992-1.008 (minus 2.1-2.1 °Plato).
- Alcohol by weight (Volume) 2.8%-3.5% (3.5%-4.4%).
- Bitterness (IBU) 4-10.
- Colour SRM (EBC) 1.5-4(3-8 EBC).

Class 7202 American - style pale ale

(Commercial beer in this style: Sierra Nevada Pale Ale, Mountain Goat Pale Ale)

- Colour: Deep golden to copper or light brown.
- Clarity: Chill haze is acceptable at low temperatures. Hop haze is allowable at any temperature.
- Perceived malt aroma & flavour: Low caramel malt aroma is allowable. Low to medium maltiness, may include low caramel malt character.
- Perceived hop aroma & flavour: Hop aroma and flavour is high, exhibiting floral, fruity (berry, tropical, stone fruit and other), sulphur/diesel-like, onion-garlic-catty, citrusy, piney or resinous character that was originally associated with American-variety hops. Hops with these attributes now originate from countries other than the USA.
- Perceived bitterness: Medium to medium-high.
- Fermentation characteristics: Fruity-estery aroma and flavour may be low to high. Diacetyl should not be perceived.
- Body: Medium.
- Original gravity (°Plato) 1.044-1.050 (11-12.4 °Plato).
- Apparent extract/final gravity (°Plato) 1.008-1.014 (2.1-3.6 °Plato).
- Alcohol by weight (Volume) 3.5%-4.3% (4.4%-5.4%).
- Bitterness (IBU) 30-50.
- Colour SRM (EBC) 6-14 (12-28 EBC).

Class 7203 Australian - style pale ale

(Commercial beer in this style: James Squire One Fifty lashes, Cascade Pale Ale, Matilda Bay Fat Yak Pale Ale and Coopers Pale Ale)

- Colour: Straw to medium amber.
- Clarity: Yeast, chill and/or hop haze may be present in this style at low levels but are not essential.
- Perceived malt aroma & flavour: Very low to medium.
- Perceived hop aroma & flavour: Medium-low to medium-high, exhibiting attributes typical of modern Australian hop varieties such as tropical fruit, mango, passionfruit, and/or stone-fruit.
- Perceived bitterness: Low to medium-high.
- Fermentation characteristics: Very low to low fruity estery Flavour and aroma are acceptable but not essential.
- Body: Low to low medium with a dry finish.

Additional notes:

- Overall impression is a well-integrated easy drinking, refreshing pale ale style with distinctive fruity Australian hop aromas and flavours. Diacetyl if present should be very low. DMS should not be present.
- Original gravity (°Plato) 1.040-1.052 (10-13 °Plato).
- Apparent extract/final gravity (°Plato) 1.006-1.010 (1.5-2.5 °Plato).
- Alcohol by weight (Volume) 3.2-4.7 (4-6).
- Bitterness (IBU) 15-40.
- Colour SRM (EBC) 3-9 (6-18 EBC).

Class 7204 English - style pale ale

(Commercial beer in this style: Gage Roads Sleeping Giant IPA)

- Colour: Gold to copper.
- Clarity: Chill haze is acceptable at low temperatures.
- Perceived malt aroma & flavour: Medium malt flavour should be present.
- Perceived hop aroma & flavour: Hop aroma and flavour is medium to high, and often flowery. Hops from a variety of origins may be used to contribute to a high hopping rate. Earthy and herbal English-variety hop character should be perceived but may result from the skilful use of hops of other origin.
- Perceived bitterness: Medium to high.
- Fermentation characteristics: Fruity estery flavours are moderate to very high. Traditional interpretations are characterized by medium to medium-high alcohol content. The use of water with high mineral content results in a crisp, dry beer with a subtle and balanced character of sulphur compounds. Diacetyl can be absent or may be perceived at very low levels.
- Body: Medium.

Additional notes:

- Non-English hops may be used for bitterness or for approximating traditional English hop character. The use of water with high mineral content may result in a crisp, dry beer rather than a malt-accentuated version.
- Original gravity (°Plato) 1.046-1.064(11.4-15.7 °Plato).
- Apparent extract/final gravity (°Plato) 1.012-1.018(3.1-4.6 °Plato).
- Alcohol by weight (Volume) 3.6%-5.6% (4.5%-7.1%).
- Bitterness (IBU) 35-63.
- Colour SRM (EBC) 6-14 (12-28 EBC).

Class 7205 Special bitter or best bitter

(Commercial beer in this style: XXXX Bitter)

- Colour: Deep gold to deep copper.
- Clarity: Chill haze is acceptable at low temperatures.
- Perceived malt aroma & flavour: Medium residual malt sweetness should be present.
- Perceived hop aroma & flavour: Very low to medium at the brewer's discretion.
- Perceived bitterness: Medium and not harsh.
- Fermentation characteristics: Low carbonation traditionally characterizes draft-cask versions, but in bottled versions, a slight increase in carbon dioxide content is acceptable.
- Fruity-estery aromas and Flavours and very low levels of diacetyl are acceptable but should be minimized in this form of Bitter. The absence of diacetyl is also acceptable.
- Body: Medium.
- Original gravity (°Plato) 1.038-1.045(9.5-11.2 °Plato).
- Apparent extract/final gravity (°Plato) 1.006-1.012 (1.5-3.1 °Plato).
- Alcohol by weight (Volume) 3.3%-3.8% (4.2%-4.8%).
- Bitterness (IBU) 28-40.
- Colour SRM (EBC) 6-14(12-28 EBC).

Class 7206 English - style brown ale

(Commercial beer in this style: Newcastle Brown Ale, Tooheys Old)

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- Colour: Copper to dark brown.
- Clarity: Chill haze is acceptable at low temperatures.
- Perceived malt aroma & flavour: Roast malt may contribute to a biscuit or toasted aroma profile. Roast malt may contribute to the flavour profile. Malt profile can range from dry to sweet.
- Perceived hop aroma & flavour: Very low.
- Perceived bitterness: Very low to low.
- Fermentation characteristics: Low to medium-low levels of fruity estery flavours are appropriate. Diacetyl, if evident, should be very low.
- Body: Medium.
- Original gravity (°Plato) 1.040-1.050(10-12.4 °Plato).
- Apparent extract/final gravity (°Plato) 1.008-1.014 (2.1-3.6 °Plato).
- Alcohol by weight (Volume) 3.3%-4.7% (4.2%-6.0%).
- Bitterness (IBU) 12-25.
- Colour SRM (EBC) 12-17(24-34 EBC).

Class 7207 British - style imperial stout

- (Commercial beer in this style: Guinness Stout)
- Colour: Ranging from dark copper typical of some historic examples, to very dark more typical of contemporary examples.
- Clarity: Opaque in darker versions. When clarity is perceivable, chill haze is acceptable at low temperatures.
- Perceived malt aroma & flavour: Extremely rich malty flavour, often expressed as toffee or caramel, and may be accompanied by very low roasted malt astringency.
- Perceived hop aroma & flavour: Very low to medium, with floral, citrus or herbal qualities.
- Perceived bitterness: Medium and should not overwhelm the overall balance. The bitterness may be higher in darker versions while maintaining balance with sweet malt.
- Fermentation characteristics: High alcohol content is evident. High fruity estery character may be present. Diacetyl should be absent.
- Body: Full.
- Original gravity (°Plato) 1.080-1.100(19.3-23.7 °Plato).
- Apparent extract/final gravity (°Plato) 1.020-1.030 (5.1-7.6 °Plato).
- Alcohol by weight (Volume) 5.5%-9.5% (7.0%-12.0%).
- Bitterness (IBU) 45-65.
- Colour SRM (EBC) 20-35+(40-70+ EBC).

Class 7208 Any other beer

Please specify style of beer on entry form, e.g. Brown Porter Ale

Class 7209 Ginger beer

Alcoholic or non-alcoholic

Class 7210 Novice - any beer

Open to all competitors who have not previously won a place at this show.

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Grand Champion – Beer