



Merri Mashers
IPA Competition 2026
Results

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MOLLY ROSE
BREWED IN MELBOURNE

**Chris
Schwinghamer**
Merri Mashers
8 Points

**Rebrew of best scoring beer by
Champion Brewer**

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Adam Clark
Merri Mashers
American IPA
124.5 Points

Commercial Rebrew

**Best
Novice**



\$200 Voucher

Bradley Glossop



\$100 Prize Money

**Club of
Show**



Ingredients Prize Pack

Merri Mashers
(29 Points)
Runner Up **Melbourne
Brewers**
(5 Points)



**JOE WHITE
MALTINGS**



American IPA (Sponsored by Joe White & Bintani): 23 entries

Judges: Dean Smith (BJCP), Alex Garner (BJCP), Brian Murray (BJCP), David Hinchey (BJCP), Hugh Watson, Kris Domagala (BJCP), Mark Hibberd (BJCP), Ruixing Liu (BJCP), Tito Orellana (BJCP)

Place	Entrant	Entry #	Style	Club	Score
1	Adam Clark	1269	American IPA	Merri Mashers	124.5
2	Andrew Barker	1334	American IPA	Merri Mashers	122
3	Troy Poulier	1242	American IPA	Bayside Brewers	118
4	Daniel Horridge	1259	American IPA	Merri Mashers	109
5	Brett Elliott	1307	American IPA	Bayside Brewers	107
6	Nathan Pearce-Boltec	1249	American IPA	Merri Mashers	103.5
7	Eric Beck	1266	American IPA	Merri Mashers	103
8	Neil Milne	1322	American IPA	Bayside Brewers	102
9	Kris Kristinsson	1290	American IPA	Bayside Brewers	98.5
10	Paul Gowers	1294	American IPA	Bayside Brewers	95
11	Craig Bates	1338	American IPA	Melbourne Brewers	95
12	Sharif Slamet	1260	American IPA	Merri Mashers	94
13	Steven Pouniotis	1272	American IPA	(T)Hursty Brewers	93.5
14	Chris Schwinghamer	1302	American IPA	Merri Mashers	92.5
15	Mark Chapman	1284	American IPA	Yarra Valley Brewers	91.5
16	Darren Lammertse	1252	American IPA	No Club	91
17	Jack Maccauley	1323	American IPA	Merri Mashers	90
18	Michael Horn	1304	American IPA	Merri Mashers	89
19	Andries Ellis	1240	American IPA	Melbourne Brewers	88.5
20	Matt Zuerrer	1275	American IPA	Merri Mashers	88
21	Sean Dawson	1255	American IPA	Merri Mashers	84
22	Scott Trainor	1331	American IPA	No Club	77
23	Adam Gaffey	1280	American IPA	MIA brewers	64



Black IPA (Sponsored by Crafty Pint): 11 entries

Judges: Brian Murray (BJCP), Nikolai McHerron (BJCP), Richard Lynes (BJCP)

Place	Entrant	Entry #	Style	Club	Score
1	Jo Skuse	1247	Black IPA	(T)Hursty Brewers	106
2	Jason Ayres	1237	Black IPA	Bayside Brewers	98
3	Daniel Horridge	1258	Black IPA	Merri Mashers	93*
4	John Killmister	1236	Black IPA	Bayside Brewers	93*
5	Matt Zuerrer	1277	Black IPA	Merri Mashers	89
6	Paul Gowers	1295	Black IPA	Bayside Brewers	88
7	Adam Macfarlane-Hill	1314	Black IPA	Merri Mashers	86
8	Mark Chapman	1285	Black IPA	Yarra Valley Brewers	84.5
9	Justin Manzano	1279	Black IPA	Merri Mashers	83
10	Cameron Eldridge	1246	Black IPA	Merri Mashers	78
11	Andries Ellis	1239	Black IPA	Melbourne Brewers	68.5

* Countback for 3rd



Double IPA (Sponsored by Bintani Australia): 7 entries

Judges: Dean Smith (BJCP), Alex Garner (BJCP), Brian Murray (BJCP), David Hinchey (BJCP), Hugh Watson, Kris Domagala (BJCP), Mark Hibberd (BJCP), Ruixing Liu (BJCP), Tito Orellana (BJCP)

Place	Entrant	Entry #	Style	Club	Score
1	Scott Trainor	1332	Double IPA	No Club	110.5
2	Adam Gaffey	1282	Double IPA	MIA brewers	98
3	Jack Maccauley	1326	Double IPA	Merri Mashers	96
4	Eric Beck	1261	Double IPA	Merri Mashers	95
5	Matt Zuerrer	1274	Double IPA	Merri Mashers	91.5
6	Matt Collinson	1340	Double IPA	Westgate Brewers	84
7	Andries Ellis	1241	Double IPA	Melbourne Brewers	65



Hazy IPA
(Sponsored by Co-Conspirators Brewing & Bluestone Yeast):
21 entries

Judges: Nykolai McHerron (BJCP), Marcus Cox, Matthew Arnold (BJCP), Richard Lynes (BJCP),
Kevin Hawley (BJCP), Ty Broderson (BJCP)

Place	Entrant	Entry #	Style	Club	Score
1	Chris Schwinghamer	1297	Hazy IPA	Merri Mashers	115
2	Brad Washington	1293	Hazy IPA	Melbourne Brewers	109.5
3	Sean Dawson	1244	Hazy IPA	Merri Mashers	107.5
4	Brian Murray	1233	Hazy IPA	Merri Mashers	106
5	David Hinchey	1312	Hazy IPA	Merri Mashers	102.5
6	Bradley Glossop	1254	Hazy IPA	Bayside Brewers	101
7	Neil Milne	1321	Hazy IPA	Bayside Brewers	97
8	Jack Maccauley	1328	Hazy IPA	Merri Mashers	95
9	Daniel Horridge	1256	Hazy IPA	Merri Mashers	94
10	Nathan Pearce-Boltec	1296	Hazy IPA	Merri Mashers	94
11	Peter Hansen	1234	Hazy IPA	Yarra Valley Brewers	89
12	Matt Zuerrer	1273	Hazy IPA	Merri Mashers	89
13	Andrew Barker	1335	Hazy IPA	Merri Mashers	82
14	Michael Horn	1303	Hazy IPA	Merri Mashers	82
15	Scott Trainor	1333	Hazy IPA	No Club	80
16	Ellie MacCauley	1329	Hazy IPA	Merri Mashers	79.5
17	Eric Beck	1264	Hazy IPA	Merri Mashers	79
18	Brett Elliott	1308	Hazy IPA	Bayside Brewers	77
19	Christopher Holmes	1311	Hazy IPA	Melbourne Brewers	75
20	Richard Bailey	1243	Hazy IPA	Melbourne Brewers	69
21	Andries Ellis	1238	Hazy IPA	Melbourne Brewers	58



Red & Rye IPA (Sponsored by 3 Ravens): 16 entries

Judges:: Alex Garner (BJCP), Hugh Watson, Marcus Cox, Matthew Arnold (BJCP), Scott Trainor, Ty Broderson (BJCP)

Place	Entrant	Entry #	Style	Club	Score
1	Todd Wade	1319	Red IPA	Merri Mashers	121.5
2	Eric Beck	1262	Red IPA	Merri Mashers	118
3	Jack Maccauley	1324	Red IPA	Merri Mashers	112
4	Daniel Horridge	1257	Red IPA	Merri Mashers	103
5	Richard Bailey	1271	Red IPA	Melbourne Brewers	102
6	Adam Clark	1270	Red IPA	Merri Mashers	100
7	Adam Macfarlane-Hill	1316	Red IPA	Merri Mashers	98
8	Adam Gaffey	1283	Rye IPA	MIA brewers	96
9	Adam Gaffey	1281	Red IPA	MIA brewers	94
10	Todd Wade	1320	Rye IPA	Merri Mashers	93
11	Chris Schwinghamer	1300	Red IPA	Merri Mashers	89.5
12	Justin Manzano	1278	Red IPA	Merri Mashers	88
13	Christopher Holmes	1309	Rye IPA	Melbourne Brewers	87.5
14	Adam Macfarlane-Hill	1317	Rye IPA	Merri Mashers	86
15	Eric Beck	1263	Rye IPA	Merri Mashers	79.5
16	Christopher Holmes	1310	Red IPA	Melbourne Brewers	69



White & Belgian IPA (Sponsored by Stomping Ground): 8 entries

Judges: Mark Hibberd (BJCP), Ruixing Liu (BJCP), Todd Wade (BJCP)

Place	Entrant	Entry #	Style	Club	Score
1	Marc Newbrook	1288	Belgian IPA	Merri Mashers	115
2	Scott Trainor	1330	Belgian IPA	No Club	108
3	Chris Schwinghamer	1298	Belgian IPA	Merri Mashers	107
4	Matt Zuerrer	1276	Belgian IPA	Merri Mashers	104
5	Mark Chapman	1286	White IPA	Yarra Valley Brewers	103
6	Jack Maccauley	1325	White IPA	Merri Mashers	97.5
7	Michael Horn	1305	Belgian IPA	Merri Mashers	87
8	David Lunt	1337	Belgian IPA	No Club	82



English & Brown IPA (Sponsored by Voyager Craft Malt): 8 entries

Judges: Kevin Hawley (BJCP), Matt Zuerrer (BJCP), Nathan Pearce-Boltec

Place	Entrant	Entry #	Style	Club	Score
1	Brad Washington	1291	English IPA	Melbourne Brewers	112
2	Eric Beck	1265	Brown IPA	Merri Mashers	107
3	Chris Schwinghamer	1299	Brown IPA	Merri Mashers	105
4	Todd Wade	1318	Brown IPA	Merri Mashers	101
5	Jeremy Skuse	1287	English IPA	(T)Hursty Brewers	101
6	Adam Macfarlane-Hill	1315	Brown IPA	Merri Mashers	98
7	Geoff Donnellon	1235	English IPA	No Club	81
8	David Lunt	1336	English IPA	No Club	59



Brut & Specialty IPA (Sponsored by Keg King): 11 entries

Judges: Dean Smith (BJCP), Kris Domagala (BJCP), Tito Orellana (BJCP)

Place	Entrant	Entry #	Style	Club	Score
1	Chris Schwinghamer	1301	Milkshake fruited IPA. Hazy IPA with lactose, papaya and New World hops	Merri Mashers	116
2	Jack Maccauley	1327	Oat-Cream Milkshake IPA: Hazy IPA with oats and lactose	Merri Mashers	115
3	Jo Skuse	1248	Session Strength IPA with Saison Yeast	(T)Hursty Brewers	109
4	Jeremy Skuse	1250	Session IPA, base style 12C English IPA	(T)Hursty Brewers	103
5	Michael Horn	1306	Double Strength Brett IPA. Base Style Double Belgian IPA.	Merri Mashers	101
6	Anthony Bradstreet	1268	Session Red IPA	Merri Mashers	100.5
7	Brad Washington	1292	Pornstar Martini IPA: Galaxy Hops, Vanilla Pod and Passionfruit	Melbourne Brewers	95
8	Cameron Eldridge	1289	Whisky Barrel Aged Black IPA	Merri Mashers	92
9	Andries Ellis	1313	Brut IPA	Melbourne Brewers	88
10	Stephane Meyer	1251	Brut IPA	No Club	85
11	Jason Ayres	1267	Black IPA fermented with Honey. Mixed Style Beer: Black IPA/Mead	Bayside Brewers	81

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105 entries judged at The Woodlands Hotel, 84-88 Sydney Rd, Coburg VIC 3058, on Sunday the 22nd of March 2026.

Big thanks to our Judges, Stewards and Organisers –

Judges		
Alex Garner (BJCP)	Kris Domagala (BJCP)	Richard Lynes (BJCP)
Brian Murray (BJCP)	Marcus Cox	Ruixing Liu (BJCP)
David Hinchey (BJCP)	Mark Hibberd (BJCP)	Scott Trainor
Dean Smith (BJCP)	Matt Zuerrer (BJCP)	Tito Orellana (BJCP)
Hugh Watson	Matthew Arnold (BJCP)	Todd Wade (BJCP)
Kevin Hawley (BJCP)	Nathan Pearce-Boltec	Ty Broderson (BJCP)
Nykolai McHerron (BJCP)		

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See you all next year!

