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21-year-old brewer wins contract at Treasury Brisbane

A Sunshine Coast brewer, whose hobby led to a dream job, has been named Queensland's best new craft brewer at the Royal Queensland Beer Awards.

21-year-old Josh Batten started brewing "for fun" two years ago before embarking on Queensland TAFE's craft brewing course to learn the trade and land a role with boutique brewery 10 Toes, based in an industrial shed at Alexandra Headland on the Sunshine Coast.

He's now Queensland's top young craft brewing talent.

The recipe and idea for 'Dark Star', a single hopped black IPA helped earn him the title of the Sunshine State's best new craft beer talent and a 12-month commercial contract at Treasury Brisbane to stock a range of 10 Toes craft beers.

"This award means a lot to me because I was nominated by my manager, who took me in and supported me and now I can help to expose the business to a wider audience of craft beer lovers, and hopefully push our products further afield," he said.

"My concept was to create something different and exciting with the flavours I wanted to incorporate into the IPA, but it can be difficult to brew," he said.

"It would be a black beer with a surprisingly mild flavour, it's not sweet, or heavy, but refreshing and zesty with hints of mandarin and citrus from a generous addition of Eclipse hops."

This is the third consecutive year The Star Entertainment Group has backed this award.

Chief Operating Officer Justine Russell said, "Treasury Brisbane is proud to support local producers, businesses and emerging talent, showcasing the best of Queensland."

"We look forward to offering craft beer from this talented young brewer and 10 Toes to our guests in some of Treasury Brisbane bars and restaurants."

RNA Chief Executive Brendan Christou said, "The Royal Queensland Beer Awards is regarded for showcasing the best of not only Queensland, but Australian beer, with a record 663 entries this year."

"The best new craft brewer category continues to go from strength to strength as talented new brewers continue to expand the industry.

"Josh's unique brew really impressed the judges, and he has a wonderful future ahead of him."

For more information about the 2023 Beer Awards, including a full list of beer award winners, visit www.rqfws.com.au.

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