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WHERE IS THE MOST POPULAR PUB IN NSW?

Pub patrons have the chance to vote for their favourite local for the first time ever at the 2022 AHA NSW Awards for Excellence - and thousands of votes have been coming in for hotels from everywhere from Gulgong to Nambucca Heads.

It's the first time in its 150year+ history, the AHA NSW has had a "People's Choice Award" category at the awards – to be held at The Cutaway, Barangaroo on 24 October.

With almost 20,000 votes counted so far, it's a close race with only a few votes separating the leading venues.

AHA NSW CEO John Whelan said the current 'top 20' list includes hotels from across the state.

"It's exciting to see pub patrons really embrace this new category after what's been a hard few years for hotels," Mr Whelan said.

"Big and small venues, city and country – the number of votes coming in shows there's a lot of love out there for the local pub. I'd encourage everyone to get out and vote for their favourite hotel – any could win."

The current leading 'people's choice' locals (in alphabetical order) are:

- **Camden Valley Inn, Cawdor**
- **Collie Hotel, Collie**
- **Commercial Hotel Aberdeen, Aberdeen**
- **Fernhill Tavern, Port Macquarie**
- **Fortune of War, The Rocks**
- **Gerogery Hotel, Gerogery**
- **Hotel Steyne, Manly**
- **Huntlee Tavern, North Rothbury**
- **Lakeside Village Tavern, Raymond Terrace**
- **Oriental Hotel Mudgee, Mudgee**
- **Pippi's At The Point Hotel, Speers Point**
- **Ploughmans Rest Tavern, Wongarbron**

- The Burwood Inn, Merewether
- The Cauliflower Hotel, Waterloo
- The Fiddler, Rouse Hill
- The Marayong Hotel, Kings Park
- The Prince of Wales Hotel, Gulgong
- The Windsor Castle Hotel, East Maitland
- Universal Sydney, Darlinghurst
- V Wall Pavilion, Nambucca Heads

Voting in the “People’s Choice” category ends at 11.59pm **this Friday, 30 September 2022**. All voters have the chance to win a prize.

To vote for your favourite local go to <https://www.ahaawardsnsw.com.au/peoples-choice>

A full list of finalists for this year’s AHA NSW Awards for Excellence can be found at www.ahaawardsnsw.com.au

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