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THE SEARCH FOR THE STATE'S FAVOURITE PUB IS UNDERWAY

Pub-goers across NSW are again having their say on their favourite local in this year's AHA NSW Awards for Excellence.

Introduced in 2022, the special 'People's Choice Award' gives members of the community a chance to get behind their favourite local pub by voting it the best in the state.

In 2022, with more than 10,000 total votes, country favourite the Collie Hotel took top honours, while this year pubs from Sydney to the Hunter, the Snowy Mountains, Parkes and just about everywhere in between have made the top twelve list of finalists.

The state's most beloved watering hole will be crowned at the gala awards event to be held on Tuesday, 31 October at Royal Randwick Racecourse.

AHA NSW CEO John Whelan said it was great to see patrons getting behind their local pub and making their vote count.

"The introduction of this category last year proved incredibly popular - because people are extremely passionate about their local pub," Mr Whelan said.

"With this award the public decides the winner, so I encourage everyone who loves their local to vote and let all of NSW know their pub is the best in the state."

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

- **Banjo Paterson Inn, Jindabyne**
- **Bogan Gate Pub, Bogan Gate**
- **Bull and Bush Hotel, Medowie**
- **Camellia Hotel, Rosehill**
- **Coachman Hotel Motel, Parkes**
- **Cooee Hotel, St Georges Basin**
- **Gerogery Hotel, Gerogery**
- **Lakeside Village Tavern, Raymond Terrace**
- **Lawrence Tavern, Lawrence**
- **The Bradford Hotel, Rutherford**
- **The Fiddler, Rouse Hill**
- **Wharf Bar, Manly**

Voting in the "People's Choice" category is now open. It ends at 11.59pm on **Friday, 29 September 2023**. All voters have the chance to win a prize.

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

The 2023 AHA NSW Awards for Excellence sees more than 500 finalists across a record 46 categories including metro and regional hotels of the year and food categories like Best Burger and Best Chef.

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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