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Two Birds Brewing awarded champion brewery at Australian International Beer Awards

- 'Champion Medium Brewery'
- Major Trophy Winner for 'Best Amber / Dark Ale' for Two Birds Sunset Ale
 - Gold Medal for Two Birds Golden Ale and Taco

Friday 20 May, 2016 - Australia's first female owned and operated beer brewing company, Two Birds Brewing, are this morning flying high after taking home a swag of awards at this year's Australian International Beer Awards (AIBA) - **Champion Medium Australian Brewery, Best Amber/Dark Ale for Two Birds Sunset Ale, Gold medal for Two Birds Golden Ale and Taco and a Silver and Bronze for specialty beers, Two Birds Hop Harvest and Two Birds Hopburn Springs ESB.**

The awards which come ahead of the brands 5th birthday next month (June 13) follow a long line of recent accolades for the duo who recently won 'Champion Large Brewery' at the annual Craft Beer Awards and 'Best Beer' at Weatherspoon's International Real Ale Festival in the UK.

Commenting on the wins at the AIBA's, Jayne Lewis said: "We are absolutely stoked and still a little speechless about the win. When Danielle and I started Two Birds Brewing almost five years ago, we would never have imagined the sort of growth that we have experienced to date.

Last night's awards are recognition of the hard work that takes place in the brewery and is a mark of the consistency and quality of the beers that we're producing. We couldn't have done it without our amazing team, customers and loyal fans, they are the reason that we exist."



Taking place at The Peninsula in Melbourne, the AIBA are presented annually by the Royal Agricultural Society (RASV) in partnership with Federation University Australia and is the largest competition of its kind in the Asia Pacific region and is renowned for celebrating beer and brewing excellence in Australia and around the world.

The AIBA provides brewers with an opportunity to benchmark their beers against international industry standards and aims to create greater consumer awareness of the quality and diversity of beer styles available in Australia and internationally.

Two Birds Brewing is the brainchild and passion of Jayne Lewis and Danielle Allen, who grew up and met in Perth over 16 years ago, when after a two-week tour of the West Coast of the United States in 2010, they embarked on their dream to own and run their own brewing company, which is based in Spotswood, Victoria.

Two Birds Brewing results at the 2016 Australian International Beer Awards

- Champion Trophy Winner: Champion Medium Australian Brewery
- Major Trophy Winner: 'Best Amber / Dark Ale for Two Birds Sunset Ale

- Gold Medal: Two Birds Golden Ale
- Gold Medal: Two Birds Taco
- Silver Medal: Two Birds Hop Harvest 2016
- Bronze Medal: Hopburn Springs ESB

For more information on Two Birds Brewing's range of beers, please visit www.twobirdsbrewing.com.au

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Danielle Allen Bio

Danielle Allen completed a Bachelor of Commerce, majoring in Marketing & Public Relations at Curtin University of Technology. Upon completion in 2000, Danielle first worked in marketing roles for global kitchenware brands such as Pyrex and Le Crueset. In 2001 Danielle moved to Sydney where she began working as a Marketing Assistant in the liquor industry. Danielle spent 4 years with Metcash Trading (ALM) working with brands such as Cellarbrations and IGA Liquor and when the time came for change, Danielle wanted a role that would encompass her passion for both food and beverages. Danielle moved in to the product development space for the Woolworths private label brand 'Select'. After nearly 5 years of working in development across most grocery categories, Danielle has a thorough appreciation for the food and beverage industry from a manufacturing and retail perspective and has developed products with both small and large manufacturers from all corners of the globe. It was in 2010 that Danielle and Jayne Lewis, a friend of 12 years realised that they both had a passion to start their own business and with Jayne's brewing skills and 10 years of experience, Two Birds Brewing was born. Together they launched 'Two Birds Golden Ale' in October 2011 and went on to open The Two Birds Nest Brewery & Tasting Room in Melbourne's West in June of 2014. They now have 4 core beers distributed nationally and hope to encourage other females to follow their dreams.

Jayne Lewis Bio

Jayne studied a Bachelor of Science in Viticulture and Winemaking and worked in wineries in Margaret River, WA and the US, before seeing the light and landing a role as a Brewer at Little Creatures in Fremantle in 2004. She was involved in developing Pipsqueak Cider, before moving to Melbourne in 2007. She worked casually at Matilda Bay Garage, Dandenong before accepting the role as Head Brewer at Mountain Goat Brewery, Richmond in 2008. She is now the brewing half of Two Birds Brewing, alongside long-time friend and business partner, Danielle Allen. They operate their own shiny brewery and tasting room in Spotswood, in Melbourne's inner western suburbs. Jayne has completed a Diploma in Brewing through the Institute of Brewing and Distilling in the UK and has been a Beer Judge for the past 6 years at shows including the World Beer Cup, Australian International Beer Awards, Australian Craft Beer Awards and Brewers Guild of NZ Beer Awards. She is also President of the Pink Boots Society Australia, an organisation created to empower female beer professionals to advance their careers in the Beer Industry through education.