

CALL FOR BARISTAS

Event background

The Australian International Coffee Awards (AICA) has quickly become one of Australia's leading coffee competitions for small and large coffee roasters from Australia and around the world. In its sixth year, the judging of the AICA will be held at Melbourne Showgrounds in Ascot Vale, where an expert panel of judges (made up of industry representatives) will gather to assess entries in a variety of classes. In addition to awarding the coveted gold, silver and bronze medals in each class, judges award up to seven prestigious Championship Trophies.

The AICA includes entries for espresso, milk-based, filter, pour-over and cold brew coffees. Please find more information regarding the event via the following link-
http://www.rasv.com.au/Events/AICA_Home/AICA_Compensation-Information/

Event opportunity

This is your opportunity to support the running of one of Australia's leading coffee competitions. In return, you will have the opportunity to meet some of Australia's leading coffee judges and top industry professionals, and surround yourself with award-winning products. Baristas will also have the opportunity to gain insight into the judging process and operation of a multifaceted roasted coffee competition.

This is a paid position for professional applicants with strong experience in coffee preparation in varying methods.

Ideally, the positions are suited to baristas who have the following skills and experience:

- Minimum 3 - 5 years' experience working as a barista
- Experience working in specialty coffee
- Experience of competing in a state or national barista competition
- To have undertaken formal barista training
- Ability to stand for extended periods
- Ability to follow direction
- Good communication skills
- Ability to work well under pressure and to tight deadlines

Two baristas with specialist skills in preparing pour over, immersion and cold brew coffees are also required.

Position summary

Baristas work under the direction of the Head Barista to ensure that the judging process is smooth and professional, with a focus on preparing exhibits to a high standard for judging. We require a number of baristas with varying skills and experience with a variety of processes of coffee preparation.

Duties

Duties during the judging process will include:

- Preparing coffee exhibits for judging using a variety of methods
- Daily set up, calibration and maintenance of coffee machines
- Ensuring each exhibit is prepared to the highest standard and to AICA judging specifications
- Maintaining an extremely clean and tidy workspace

Event hours and dates

Baristas will be required on the following days:

Calibration

Tuesday 6th March 2018 2pm – 6pm

Judging

Wednesday 7th – Friday 9th March 2018 8am - 6pm

While it is preferred for baristas to be available for work over all four days of judging, we understand the realities of such a commitment and welcome your services for a minimum of one day.

Venue

Melbourne Showgrounds, Ascot Vale 3032

Pay rates

All baristas will be paid at an **hourly rate of \$28.00** (incl. 9.5% superannuation)

Application

To apply, please contact the Event & Competition Manager – Food at coffee@rasv.com.au, stating the following:

- Name
- ABN Number
- Mobile phone number
- Event availability
- Level of experience as a barista
- Level of expertise in coffee preparation and methods eg. Espresso to Syphon
- Level of involvement with previous coffee competitions
- Any relevant barista training undertaken



Please note that we are seeking applicants with *strong* experience in coffee preparation for these roles. If you are new to the industry and interested in participating in this event, we also have number of event steward (volunteer) positions available. These roles are a great way to gain insight and experience with some of the best coffee and industry professionals available to Australia. Further information regarding volunteer opportunities is available via the RASV online portal: <https://my.rasv.com.au/Officials/events/aica>

Please also feel free to pass this information on to any suitable candidates you feel may be interested and suitable for either role.

For further information, please feel free to contact the Event & Competition Manager – Food at coffee@rasv.com.au or 03 9281 7480.