



2009 Queensland Tourism Awards Winners, Finalists and Judges Commendations

<p>1. Major Tourist Attractions</p> <p>Winner Australia Zoo</p> <p>Finalists Australian Stockman’s Hall of Fame and Outback Heritage Centre</p>	<p>2. Tourist Attractions</p> <p>Winner Daintree Discovery Centre</p> <p>Finalists Reef HQ Aquarium Paronella Park The Workshops Rail Museum Undara Experience Jungle Surfing Canopy Tours Capricorn Caves Fantasea Adventure Cruising – Reefworld UnderWater World</p> <p>Judges Commendation Birdsville Hotel</p>
<p>3. Major Festivals & Events</p> <p>Winner 2008 Gold Coast Airport Marathon</p> <p>Finalists Audi Hamilton Island Race Week 2008 – Silver Jubilee</p>	<p>4. Festivals & Events</p> <p>Winner Julia Creek Dirt and Dust Festival</p> <p>Finalists IGA Coolum Kite Festival Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers Oceanic Whitsunday Boat and Leisure Show Queensland Home Garden Expo Airlie Retreat Food and Wine Festival Sunferries Magnetic Island Race Week 2009 Australian Camp Oven Festival</p>
<p>5. Steve Irwin Ecotourism Award</p> <p>Winner Capricorn Caves</p> <p>Finalists O’Reilly’s Rainforest Retreat Daintree Discovery Centre Big Cat Green Island Reef Cruises Jungle Surfing Canopy Tours Mount Barney Lodge</p>	<p>6. Heritage & Cultural Tourism</p> <p>Winner Paronella Park</p> <p>Finalists The Workshops Rail Museum Birdsville Hotel</p> <p>Judges Commendation Torres Strait Heritage Pty Ltd</p>

<p>7. Indigenous Tourism</p> <p>Winner Riverlife Mirrabooka</p> <p>Finalist Torres Strait Heritage Pty Ltd</p>	<p>8. Specialised Tourism Services</p> <p>Winner Rubyvale Gem Gallery</p> <p>Finalists Kinnon & Co Station Store Stradbroke Island Holiday Australia Zoo</p>
<p>9. Visitor Information & Services</p> <p>Winner Brisbane Visitor Information & Booking Centre</p> <p>Finalists Noosa Visitor Information Centres Tyto Wetlands Information Centre South Bank Visitor Centre Cardwell Rainforest and Reef Visitor Information Centre</p>	<p>10. Meetings and Business Tourism</p> <p>Winner Gold Coast Convention and Exhibition Centre</p> <p>Finalists Conrad Jupiters RACV Royal Pines Resort</p>
<p>11. Major Tour & / or Transport Operators</p> <p>Winner Passions of Paradise</p> <p>Finalists Coral Princess Cruises Cruise Whitsundays Sunlover Reef Cruises Fraser Explorer Tours Sunferries</p>	<p>12. Tour & /or Transport Operators</p> <p>Winner The Discovery Group</p> <p>Finalists Calypso Reef Charters Pty Ltd Outback Aussie Tours</p>
<p>13. Adventure Tourism</p> <p>Winner Passions of Paradise</p> <p>Finalists Equathon Horse Riding Tours Jungle Surfing Canopy Tours Harry Redford Cattle Drive</p>	<p>14. The Richard Power Award for Tourism Marketing</p> <p>Winner RACQ – 150 Must-Do’s in Queensland</p> <p>Finalists Sunferries Travel – Head East Campaign UnderWater World – TMNT-A Turtley Awesome Shellebration</p>
<p>15. Tourism Education & Training</p> <p>Winner Griffith University – Department of Tourism, Leisure, Hotel & Sport Management</p> <p>Finalists James Cook University CaPTA Group TRAC Consulting Group of Companies</p> <p>Judges Commendation ATDW (Australian Tourism Data Warehouse)</p>	<p>16. Tourism Restaurants & Catering Services</p> <p>Winner Peppers Spicers Peak Lodge</p> <p>Finalists Capers at the Beach Bar and Grill QR Passenger – The Catering Unit Fishes Café Dracula’s Cabaret Restaurant</p>

<p>17. Tourism Wineries</p> <p>Winner O'Reilly's Canungra Valley Vineyards</p> <p>Finalists Gecko Valley Murdering Point Winery</p>	<p>18. Tourist & Caravan Parks</p> <p>Winner Brisbane Holiday Village</p> <p>Finalists Cairns Coconut Holiday Resort BIG4 Adventure Whitsunday Resort BIG4 Barney Beach</p> <p>Judges Commendation Treasure Island Holiday Park</p>
<p>19. Backpacker Accommodation</p> <p>Winner BUNK Backpackers</p> <p>Finalist The Northern Greenhouse</p>	<p>20. Hosted Accommodation</p> <p>Winner Hidden Valley Cabins</p> <p>Finalists Ruffles Lodge The Mouses House The Narrows Escape Branelle Homestead Bed and Breakfast Red Mill House Scenic Rim View Cottages Mt Cotton Guest House</p>
<p>21. Unique Accommodation</p> <p>Winner Fantasea Adventure Cruising – Reefsleeper</p> <p>Finalists QR Passenger - Queenslander Class on the Sunlander Kinnon & Co – Clancy's on the Thomson</p>	<p>22. Standard Accommodation</p> <p>Winner Noorla Heritage Resort</p> <p>Finalists Long Island Resort</p>
<p>23. Deluxe Accommodation</p> <p>Winner Azjure Studio Retreat</p> <p>Finalists Peppers Palm Bay The Point Brisbane Watermark Hotel and Spa Radisson Resort Gold Coast</p> <p>Judges Commendation The Elandra</p>	<p>24. Luxury Accommodation</p> <p>Winner Emporium Hotel</p> <p>Finalists qualia Peppers Spicers Peak Lodge Peppers Bale Resort</p>
<p>25. New Tourism Development</p> <p>Winner Brisbane City YHA</p>	<p>26. Qantas Award for Excellence in Sustainable Tourism</p> <p>Winner Skyrail Rainforest Cableway</p>

<p>Finalists Hinkler Hall of Aviation O'Reilly's Mountain Villas and Lost World Spa Hidden Peaks Walks Mamu Rainforest Canopy Walkway</p>	<p>Finalists Daintree Discovery Centre Holiday Inn Brisbane Tangalooma Island Resort</p>
<p>28. Outstanding Contribution by a volunteer or volunteer group</p> <p>Reef HQ Volunteers</p>	<p>29. Young Achievers Award</p> <p>Amanda Jennings, Capricorn Caves</p>
<p>29. The Marie Watson Blake Award for Outstanding Contribution by an individual</p> <p>Ron Chapman – Caravanning Queensland</p>	<p>Hall of Fame Inductees:</p> <p>1. Major Tourist Attractions Australia Zoo</p> <p>8. Specialised Tourism Services Rubyvale Gem Gallery</p> <p>13. Adventure Tourism Passions of Paradise</p> <p>22. Standard Accommodation Noorla Heritage Resort</p>