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2019 NORTH COAST REGIONAL TOURISM AWARDS FINALISTS ANNOUNCED

27 leading tourism businesses, events, and visitor experiences have been announced as finalists in the North Coast's only industry-backed tourism awards, the 2019 North Coast Regional Tourism Awards.

The Regional Tourism Awards showcase the best of the region's tourism industry and some amazing individuals and operators. Each of these finalists is now gearing up and in the running across 14 award categories with winners announced and celebrated at the ceremony and gala-dinner on August 1 in South West Rocks.

Michael Thurston, General Manager of Destination North Coast, says the Regional Tourism Awards are an invaluable opportunity for the industry to come together and celebrate business excellence across the sector. "We look forward to celebrating the achievements of our finalists, as they take their first steps on the way to possible State and National recognition. All our tourism finalists have contributed to the North Coast's growing reputation as a premier destination in NSW and I would like to congratulate everyone who took the time to enter."

Destination North Coast in conjunction with Kempsey Shire Council will also host the North Coast Tourism Symposium, a networking and business development event for the region's tourism and event organisers. Held on Thursday August 1, the day-long event includes experts across a range of areas such as business sustainability and brand and business evolution to meet changing consumer needs. [First Release Symposium Program](#) here.

Michael says "On the back of a very successful inaugural Tourism Symposium last year, this year's program aims to stimulate ideas and challenge current thinking to benefit the North Coast visitor economy. We look forward to meeting with key stakeholders from across and beyond the region and to some robust discussions throughout the day ahead of the evening's celebrations."

Event Details

What: Destination North Coast Tourism Symposium

Where: South West Rocks Country Club

When: 1 August 2019 @ 8:30am

Cost: \$65.00

What: Destination North Coast Regional Tourism Awards

Where: South West Rocks Country Club

When: 1 August 2019 @ 6pm

Cost: \$105.00

All-inclusive ticket - \$145 (attendance at both events)

Tickets: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/north-coast-tourism-symposium-gala-awards-dinner-tickets-62181940859>

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List of 2019 Destination North Coast finalists

Entrant	Town
Another Tasty Event	Coffs Harbour
Arts Mid North Coast Inc	
BIG4 Great Lakes at Forster-Tuncurry	Foster-Tuncurry
BIG4 Sunshine Resort, South West Rocks	South West Rocks
Blue Ginger Picnics	Banora Point
Bularri Muurlay Nyanggan Aboriginal Corporation	Coffs Harbour
Clarence Valley Council	Clarence Valley
Coffs Coast Surf Tours	Coffs Harbour
Coffs Harbour City Council	Coffs Harbour
Eat the Street Lismore	Lismore
Elements of Byron	Byron Bay
Grafton Jacaranda Festival Inc	Grafton
Hello Koalas Sculpture Trail	Port Macquarie
I Love Bello Shire	Bellingen
Koala Preservation Society	Port Macquarie
Macquarie Waters Boutique Apartment Hotel	Port Macquarie
Reflections Holiday Parks Seal Rocks	Seal Rocks
Riverside Holiday Resort Urunga	Urunga
South West Rocks Country Club	South West Rocks
Table under a Tree	Rosebank
Telegraph Retreat B&B Guesthouse	Telegraph Point
The Observatory Holiday Apartments	Coffs Harbour
Tweed Coast Holiday Parks	Tweed
Vision Walks – Eco Tours	Brunswick Heads
Volkswagen Spectacular	Valla
Wajaana Yaam Gumbaynggirr Adventure Tours	Coffs Harbour
Woolgoolga Curryfest	Woolgoolga