


NORTH COAST TOURISM AWARDS

Celebrating The North Coast Tourism Awards

The North Coast Tourism Awards were presented in a partnership between Business NSW and Destination North Coast and the Awards Gala Dinner was held last night at Sails Port Macquarie by Rydges.

The tourism industry's Gala Event is our night of nights, recognising excellence in tourism and brings together business leaders to celebrate success! And what success we had!

Firstly, [congratulations to the finalists](#) for the 2024 North Coast Tourism Awards! We appreciate the huge effort it takes to shine at this level, and we applaud your efforts as stars of our region's visitor economy!



Special congratulations to all category winners who go above and beyond and who's amazing achievements we salute.

Thank you for representing the North Coast at such a high level.

Event Venue of the Year

GOLD Lennox Head Cultural Centre
SILVER Osteria Weddings
BRONZE Pacific Bay Resort Coffs Harbour

Excellence in Cultural Tourism

GOLD Explore Byron Bay
SILVER Giingan Gumbayngirr Cultural Experience
BRONZE Port Macquarie Museum

Excellence in Specialised Tourism

GOLD Port Macquarie Museum

Excellence in Camping, Glamping and/or Caravanning

GOLD Myall River Camp - Glamping
SILVER Tasman Holiday Parks - North Star
BRONZE Reflections Byron Bay

Excellence in Food Tourism

GOLD Potager, Carool
SILVER Pipit Restaurant, Pottsville
BRONZE Shearwater Restaurant, Coffs Harbour

Excellence in Tourism Services

GOLD Bellina Visitor Information Centre

GOLD WildNets Adventures
SILVER Lets Go Surfing
BRONZE Myall River Camp

Excellence in Wellness Tourism

GOLD Lets Go Surfing
SILVER Sugar Beach Ranch
BRONZE Positive Energy Adventures & Retreats

Festival/Event of the Year

GOLD Byron Bay Bluesfest 2024
SILVER Grafton Jacaranda Festival
BRONZE Boo at the Zoo - Billabong Zoo

Tour and Transport Operator of the Year

GOLD Coffs Harbour Trikes and Private Tours
SILVER Lets Go Surfing
BRONZE Watersports Guru

Excellence in Innovation

GOLD Ritchie Villages
SILVER Ballina Visitor Information Centre
BRONZE Tweed Regional Museum

Outstanding Tourism Employee

GOLD Maree Milne - Myall River Camp

Outstanding Tourism Business Leader

GOLD Yen Trihn - Pipit Restaurant
SILVER Amber Kolo - Holiday Park Marketing Solutions
BRONZE Johnathan Zirkler - Nambucca Heads Island Golf Club

GOLD Ballina Visitor Information Centre
SILVER Destination Barrington Coast

Excellence in Wineries, Distilleries and Breweries

GOLD Bucket Brewery
SILVER Husk Farm Distillery
BRONZE The Lord Howe Island Brewery

Outstanding Accommodation Experience

GOLD The Belfry Guesthouse
SILVER Island House
BRONZE Nambucca Valley Train Carriages

Outstanding Tourism Start-up

GOLD North Coast Rail Trail - Tweed Section
SILVER Hirehood
BRONZE Port Macquarie Distillery

Tourist Attraction of the Year

GOLD The Big Banana
SILVER Coffs Coast Wildlife Sanctuary
BRONZE Billabong Zoo

Outstanding Young Tourism Business Leader

GOLD Tiga Cross - Coffs Coast Wildlife Sanctuary
SILVER Alanah Ward - Ballina Visitor Information Centre
BRONZE Jake Stone - Billabong Zoo

Business of the Year

This award is awarded to a business that has been judged to be an outstanding business, that has provided an entry that demonstrates achievements and excellence over and above all other entrants. This award was judged by a panel of three judges that have not judged any other entries in the awards.

Congratulations to Potager, located at Carool.



[Images courtesy of Lucy Humphries Photography.](#)

Business NSW

Destination North Coast was once again pleased to partner with Business NSW to deliver the North Coast Tourism Awards. Together, we believe we've helped businesses operating in the North Coast visitor economy maximise their potential.



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