

2008 Finalists

1. Major Tourist Attractions

BridgeClimb, Sydney
Featherdale Wildlife Park, Sydney
Fleet Air Arm Museum*, South Coast

2. Tourist Attractions

Booderee National Park, South Coast
Coffs Harbour Butterfly House, Mid North Coast
Jamberoo Action Park*, South Coast
Jenolan Caves "The Magic of Jenolan"*, Blue Mountains
Moonshadow Cruises, Mid North Coast
Pet Porpoise Pool*, Mid North Coast
Temora Aviation Museum*, Riverina
Whale Watching Sydney, Sydney

3. Major Festivals & Events

2008 City v Country Festival of Football*, South Coast
Sydney Festival 2008, Sydney
Sydney Royal Easter Show, Sydney

4. Festivals & Events

CountryLink Parkes Elvis Festival (2008)*, Central NSW
Myall River Festival* , Mid North Coast
NSW Caravan, Camping, 4WD & Holiday Supershow, Sydney
Temora Aviation Museum Flying Days, Riverina
The Bitter & Twisted International Boutique Beer Festival*, Hunter

5. Ecotourism

Blackbutt Reserve*, Hunter
Hunter Wetlands Centre Australia, Hunter
Montague Island Tours*, South Coast

6. Heritage & Cultural Tourism

Bells Milk Bar & Museum, Outback NSW
Cape Byron Headland Reserve, Northern Rivers
Maitland Gaol, Hunter
Old Mogo Town Gold Rush Theme Park*, South Coast
Temora Aviation Museum*, Riverina
The Boggy Creek Show, Snowy Mountains
The Norman Lindsay Gallery*, Blue Mountains
Timbertown Heritage Theme Park*, Mid North Coast
Tocal Homestead*, Hunter

7. Indigenous Tourism

Aboriginal Blue Mountains Walkabout*, Blue Mountains
Booderee National Park, South Coast
Harry Nanya Tours*, Outback NSW

8. Specialised Tourism Services

Cockle Bay Wharf, Sydney
Datatrax Tourism Touchscreens, Capital Country
Newcastle Airport*, Hunter
Spa Sublime Day Spa*, Blue Mountains
two eight two eight*, Central NSW
Wollongong Conference and Events*, South Coast

9. Visitor Information and Services

Batemans Bay Visitors Centre*, South Coast
Clarence River Tourism Clarence River VIC - Clarence Coast VIC, Northern Rivers
Cowra Visitors Centre*, Central NSW
Greater Port Macquarie Visitor Information Centre, Mid North Coast
Lake Macquarie Tourism Visitor Information Centre*, Hunter
Lismore Visitor Information Centre, Northern Rivers
Mittagong Visitor Information Centre, Capital Country
Port Stephens Visitor Information Centre*, Mid North Coast

10. Meetings & Business Tourism

Crowne Plaza Hunter Valley Resort, Hunter
Crowne Plaza Newcastle*, Hunter
Novotel Wollongong Northbeach*, South Coast
Shoal Bay Resort and Spa*, Mid North Coast
The Hilton Sydney, Sydney

11. Major Tour and/or Transport Operators

AAT Kings Sydney Sightseeing, Sydney
Moonshadow Cruises*, Mid North Coast
Northern Highland Travel, Hunter
Tour East Australia, Sydney

12. Tour and/or Transport Operators

Blue Mountains Trolley Tours*, Blue Mountains
Boutique Wine Tours*, Hunter
Dolphin Watch Cruises* - Jervis Bay, South Coast
Fleet Helicopters Scenic Flights and Adventures*, New England NW
Port Stephens 4WD Tours*, Mid North Coast
Silver City Tours, Outback NSW
Tri State Safaris, Outback NSW

13. Adventure Tourism

Blue Mountains Safari Camp*, Blue Mountains
EastSail Corporate Incentive Events & Adventure Sailing, Sydney
Jenolan Caves Adventure Underground, Blue Mountains
Pines Surfing Academy*, South Coast
Port Stephens Parasailing Nelson Bay*, Mid North Coast
Skydive The Beach Sydney, South Coast
Surf Camp Australia - Surf Camps for Beginners, Sydney
Tri State Safaris, Outback NSW

14. Tourism Marketing

BlueMountainsAustralia.com, Blue Mountains
Crowne Plaza Hunter Valley Resort*, Hunter
Grand Pacific Drive - Sydney to Wollongong and Beyond*, South Coast
NSW Caravan & Camping Tourism Marketing, Sydney
TakeABreak.com.au, Sydney
The Newell Highway*, Central NSW
Tourism Marketing for Greater Port Macquarie*, Mid North Coast

15. Tourism Education & Training

Millennium Travel, Tours & Events, Sydney
Travel 2153, Sydney
Shoal Bay Resort and Spa*, Mid North Coast
Southern Cross University - School of Tourism and Hospitality Management, Northern Rivers
TAFE NSW - Illawarra Institute Tourism Training*, South Coast

16. Tourism Restaurants & Catering Services

Bent on Food*, Mid North Coast
breeze Restaurant & Bar, Hunter
Dish Café*, Central NSW
Esca Bimbadgen, Hunter
Summer Salt Restaurant, Sydney
Redsalt Restaurant*, Hunter
Restaurant Associates at Taronga Centre, Sydney
Windjammers Restaurant*, South Coast

17. Tourism Wineries

Bimbadgen Estate*, Hunter
Coolangatta Estate*, South Coast
Trentham Estate Winery*, Outback NSW

18. Tourist & Caravan Parks

Austin Tourist Park*, New England NW
BIG4 Nelligen Holiday Park, South Coast
BIG 4 North Star Holiday Resort, Northern Rivers
Broulee Beach Holiday Park*, South Coast
Jenolan Caravan Park*, Blue Mountains
Lane Cove River Tourist Park, Sydney
Trial Bay Eco Tourist Park*, Mid North Coast

19. Backpacker Accommodation

Samurai Beach Bungalows - Port Stephens YHA*, Mid North Coast
Sydney Central YHA, Sydney

20. Hosted Accommodation

Chaucer Palms Boutique Bed & Breakfast*, Hunter
Crystal Creek Meadows Luxury Cottages & Spa Retreat*, South Coast
Hillcrest Mountain View Retreat, Northern Rivers
Milton Country Cottages, South Coast
Shoal Bay Bed and Breakfast*, Mid North Coast
Whispering Pines B&B and Cottages*, Blue Mountains
Wilderness Grove, Hunter

21. Unique Accommodation

Banjós Bushland Retreat*, Hunter
Barrengarry Boutique Farm Cottages*, South Coast
EastSail Overnight Indulgence/Overnight Opulence, Sydney
Old Leura Dairy*, Blue Mountains
Ossian Hall Valley Retreat, Sydney
Riverwood Downs Mountain Valley Resort, Hunter
Smoky Cape Lighthouse Bed & Breakfast and Self Catering Cottages*, Mid North Coast

22. Standard Accommodation

Comfort Inn Lake Macquarie*, Hunter
O'Carrollyn's Eco Village*, Mid North Coast
Hotel Ibis Wollongong*, South Coast
The Lodge Outback Motel, Outback NSW
The Old Vic Inn Historic Guesthouse, Central NSW

23. Deluxe Accommodation

Boutique Seahorse Inn*, South Coast
Crowne Plaza Hunter Valley Resort, Hunter
Emaroo Cottages, Outback NSW
Four Points by Sheraton Darling Harbour, Sydney
Mountain Heritage Hotel & Spa Retreat*, Blue Mountains
Shoal Bay Resort and Spa*, Mid North Coast
The Castlereagh Boutique Hotel, Sydney
The Observatory Port Macquarie*, Mid North Coast

24. Luxury Accommodation

Aqua Shores Mollymook Beach*, South Coast
InterContinental Sydney, Sydney
Lilianfels Blue Mountains Resort & Spa*, Blue Mountains
Sheraton on the Park Hotel, Sydney
Star City Hotel & Apartments, Sydney
The Hilton Sydney, Sydney
The Westin Sydney, Sydney
Tower Lodge*, Hunter

25. New Tourism Development

Greater Blue Mountains Drive, Blue Mountains
Green Pedal Tours*, Central NSW
Illawarra Fly Treetop Walk*, South Coast
Kegel Barn Coffs Harbour 9-Pin Bowling Centre*, Mid North Coast
Oaks Pacific Blue Resort, Mid North Coast
Somewhere Unique, Hunter

26. Qantas Award for Excellence in Sustainable Tourism

Lane Cove River Tourist Park, Sydney
The Gumnut Awards - Sustainable Tourism in the Caravan & Camping Sector, Sydney

30. Registered Clubs

Catalina Country Club*, South Coast
Club Forster*, Mid North Coast
The Epping Club, Sydney
Wentworth Falls Country Club*, Blue Mountains

*Regional Tourism Awards Winner