

FINALIST LIST RELEASED FOR TOURISM ACCOMMODATION AUSTRALIA NSW AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE 2018

A record number of nominations were received for the tourism accommodation sector's night of nights – the Tourism Accommodation Australia (TAA) NSW Awards for Excellence 2018.

More than 80 of the top accommodation venues from around NSW will be competing for honours at the gala ceremony, which will be held at The Star Event Centre on Thursday, 26 July 2018.

The full list of 300 finalists across 34 categories has now been released.

TAA NSW Chair Peter Tudehope said it was particularly pleasing to see a record number of nominations and finalists this year.

“Over the last few years the TAA NSW Awards for Excellence really has become a highlight of the year for the accommodation sector,” he said.

“It is a night which brings together the best in our business with political, industry and community leaders. It is about honouring the high standards across our member venues and recognising that they do set the standard, not only for the rest of Australia but internationally.

“I wish the best of luck to all finalists – particularly in the important ‘people award’ categories which honour our hard-working, dedicated staff members.”

TAA NSW CEO Carol Giuseppi said it was good to see a large number of suburban and regional venues among the 2018 finalists.

“A total of 83 hotels from across NSW are represented this year – recognising the important role regional NSW and areas like Western Sydney have to play in the tourism sector,” Ms Giuseppi said.

“Finalists are now drawn from a wide range of areas; from Bondi in Sydney’s east through to the Sydney CBD, Chatswood, Parramatta, Blacktown, Cronulla, the Hawkesbury and Campbelltown. The Blue Mountains area is also well represented along with Albury, Newcastle, the Central Coast and Hunter Valley.

“The TAA NSW Awards for Excellence is a chance for all venues – from anywhere in NSW – to show they truly are the best our industry has to offer.”

***For the full list of 2018 Award finalists please go to:**

<https://www.taanswawards.com.au/assets/taanswawards/TAA Awards2018FinalistsListWEB.pdf>

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