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Tour Guides Australia Celebrates Winners of 2025 Australian Top Tour Guide Awards

Tour Guides Australia proudly congratulates the winners and finalists of the 2025 Australian Top Tour Guide Awards, announced on 3 September at Parliament House, Canberra.

- Gold: Cat Davidson – Inala Nature Tours, Tasmania
- Silver: Monique Boucher – Hidden deTours, Western Australia
- Bronze: Justin Steele – Local Sauce Tours, New South Wales

This prestigious national award recognises excellence in guiding, storytelling, and visitor experience, shining a spotlight on the vital role tour guides play in Australia's tourism industry. We commend all finalists for their outstanding contributions.

The awards are proudly supported by Tourism Australia, Qantas, and Localis, in partnership with Tour Guides Australia.

Supporting the Next Generation of Guides

Tour Guides Australia is committed to building a strong, professional guiding workforce nationwide. To help address the national shortage of skilled guides, we are delivering Tour Guiding Fundamentals microcredential courses across the country.

These three-day courses provide new guides with essential skills to launch a rewarding career in tourism. Recent programs in Eden and Cairns sold out quickly, with upcoming classes scheduled for:

- Brisbane – 15 September (Act now!)
- Melbourne – 27 October (Limited spots available)



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- Coming soon: Adelaide, Sydney, Hobart (express interest now)

For course details and enrolments, visit: tga.org.au/tour-guide-training

Congratulations again to all 2025 award recipients, and thank you for inspiring the next generation of Australian tour guides. To learn more about the winners and finalists, visit: toptourismtowns.com.au/top-tour-guide

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About Tour Guides Australia

Tour Guides Australia is the national peak body for professional tour guides, dedicated to setting and upholding the highest standards of guiding across the country. Established in 1985, the association has a proud history of supporting accreditation, training, and career development for guides at every stage of their journey.

As a member-led organisation, Tour Guides Australia provides advocacy, education, and professional support while actively contributing to THRIVE 2030, Australia's national strategy for the sustainable growth of the visitor economy. Their mission is to build a skilled, ethical, and resilient guiding workforce that strengthens Australia's tourism industry.

Tour Guides Australia plays a vital role in:

- Accrediting guides to nationally recognised professional standards
- Delivering training and microcredential programs to meet industry demand
- Promoting best practices and eliminating unethical guiding practices
- Advocating for guides in tourism policy and workforce planning
- Building strong partnerships across the tourism sector

Through this work, Tour Guides Australia fosters long-term connections among guides, businesses, and stakeholders, helping to grow a thriving and professional tourism industry.

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