



MEDIA INFORMATION

AWARDS

Each year, Voyages Indigenous Tourism Australia prepares submissions and enters Ayers Rock Resort into various awards in order to acknowledge the unique property that strives for excellence in every area of operation.

Australian Tourism Awards

In February 2017, Voyages Ayers Rock Resort was awarded the Qantas Australian Tourism Award 2016 for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Tourism for the third year in a row, gaining entry into the coveted Australian Tourism Awards Hall of Fame.

The Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Tourism Award highlights tourism operations that demonstrate authenticity and integrity in fostering a greater understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture, history and traditions. Ayers Rock Resort was recognised for its significant achievements in Indigenous Tourism, including a daily suite of free Indigenous cultural bush yarns, garden walks, dance and theatre performances and more. The Resort has also made significant achievements that include advances in Indigenous training and development through its National Indigenous Training Academy as well as employment of Indigenous staff members.

Previous achievements at the Australian Tourism Awards include:

2015

Gold Award for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Tourism Ayers Rock Resort

2014

Gold Award for *Indigenous Tourism* Ayers Rock Resort
Silver Award for *Business Tourism* Uluru Meeting Place

2013

Gold Award for *Business Tourism* Uluru Meeting Place
Bronze Award for *Luxury Accommodation* Sails in the Desert
Silver Award for *Indigenous Tourism* Ayers Rock Resort

Brolga Awards

At the 2016 Brolga Northern Territory Tourism Awards, Ayers Rock Resort received the Qantas Award for *Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Tourism* for the fourth consecutive year. The Brolga was awarded for the significant achievements made by Voyages in Indigenous employment, training and development, as well Ayers Rock Resort's wide range of authentic Indigenous guest experiences.

Other achievements for Voyages at the Brolga Northern Territory Awards include:



2015

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Tourism

Ayers Rock Resort

2014

Indigenous Tourism

Business Tourism

Ayers Rock Resort

Uluru Meeting Place

2013

Indigenous Tourism

Luxury Accommodation

Business Tourism

Ayers Rock Resort

Sails in the Desert

Uluru Meeting Place

HM Awards

At the 2017 HM Awards, which celebrate the Australasian accommodation industry's highest achievers, Voyages was recognised in the following categories:

Communications Associate (Winner)

Rising Star (Highly Commended)

MICE Property (Highly Commended)

Resort (Highly Commended)

Voyages PR team

Chris Tannock

Uluru Meeting Place

Ayers Rock Resort

Other achievements for Voyages at the HM Awards include:

2016

Environmental Program (Winner)

Communications Associate (Winner)

Hotel Engineer (Winner)

Hotel Chef (Highly Commended)

Australian General Manager (Highly Commended)

Tjintu Solar Field,

Ayers Rock Resort

Karena Noble

Mark Mason

Vanessa Grace,

Sails in the Desert

Manfred Pieper

2015

Upscale Hotel (Winner)

Sails in the Desert

2014

Best Budget Accommodation (Winner)

Outback Pioneer Hotel

2013

Best MICE Property (Winner)

Uluru Meeting Place



Tourism Central Australia Awards

2017

Festivals & Events
Young Achiever

Field of Light Uluru
Chris Tannock

2016

Festivals & Events
Large Tourism Operator

Field of Light Uluru
Ayers Rock Resort

2015

Territory Taste Tourism Restaurants & Catering Services

Tali Wiru

AHA National Awards for Excellence

2016

Outstanding Achievement in Training

Ayers Rock Resort

AHA (NT) Aristocrat Technologies Awards for Excellence

2017

Hotel Chef
Industry Rising Star

Vanessa Grace
Chris Tannock

2016

Industry Rising Star of the Year
Marketed Accommodation Hotel
Training Initiative

Ashlee Murphy
Ayers Rock Resort
National Indigenous Training
Academy

Redeveloped Accommodation Hotel

Emu Walk Apartments

Australian Hotel Association (NT) Australian Liquor Marketers Gold Plate Awards

2016

Best Tourism Themed Restaurant

Night at Field of Light

2015

Best Tourism Themed Restaurant

Tali Wiru



Media Architecture Biennale 2016

Bruce Munro's Field of Light Uluru opened on 1 April 2016 to worldwide acclaim and was awarded *Spatial Media Art 2016* at the Media Architecture Biennale 2016 in Sydney.