



CANBERRA REGION TOURISM AWARDS 2023

ENTRANT WORKSHOP - JULY

TODAY WE BEGIN BY ACKNOWLEDGING THE NGUNNAWAL PEOPLE, TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS OF THE LAND IN WHICH WE MEET TODAY, AND PAY OUR RESPECTS TO THEIR ELDERS PAST AND PRESENT. WE ALSO PAY OUR RESPECT TO ALL ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PEOPLES THAT JOIN US TODAY.

TODAY'S PRESENTERS



ERIN MCLEOD

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
AUSTRALIAN TOURISM INDUSTRY COUNCIL



DEBRA BEETHAM

GENERAL MANAGER
CANBERRA REGION TOURISM INDUSTRY COUNCIL

OVERVIEW

- INTRODUCTION AND SUPPORT DEBRA BEETHAM
- PRESENTATION LED BY ERIN MCLEOD
- IMPORTANT DATES
- WHAT'S NEW IN 2023
- REVIEWPRO AND ONLINE REVIEW PROCESS
- THE PORTAL
- GETTING YOUR PLAN TOGETHER
- QUESTION & ANSWERS





HAVE YOU NOMINATED YOUR BUSINESS YET?

NOMINATIONS CLOSE FRIDAY 28 JULY 2023





AIM HIGH WRITE FOR AUSTRALIAN TOURISM AWARDS















TIME TO NOMINATE

26 NATIONAL CATEGORIES 3 LOCAL CATEGORIES

SEE WHO THE BEST IN AUSTRALIA ARE

2022 AUSTRALIAN TOURISM AWARDS - WINNERS -QUALITY TOURISM AUSTRALIA Australian Tourism Awards Abo

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O22 Australian Tourism Awards - Winners

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Island Tourism Experience

GOLD –wukalina Walk TAS SILVER –Spirits of the Red Sand QLD BRONZE –Angkerle Atwatye – Standley Chasm NT

Adventure Tourism

GOLD -The Hike Collective WA SILVER -Ocean Rafting QLD BRONZE -Bendleby Ranges SA

Tour & Transport Operators

GOLD –Fun Over 50 Holidays QLD SILVER –The Hike Collective WA

Cultural Tourism

GOLD –Geelong Gallery VIC SILVER –The Cedars Hahndorf SA BRONZE –Venture North Safaris NT

New Tourism Business

GOLD -Wildcat Mackay QLD

SILVER -CENTREPIECE at Melbourne Park VIC

BRONZE -Sequoia Lodge SA SA

Major Tour & Transport Operators

SEE WHO THE BEST IN THE CANBERRA REGION ARE

HTTPS://CANBERRATOURISMAWARDS. COM.AU/WINNERS/

2022 CANBERRA REGION TOURISM AWARD WINNERS

Category	Organisation	ACT Tourism Awards	QANTAS Australian Tourism Awards
Major Tourist Attractions	National Zoo & Aquarium	Winner	Silver
Tourist Attractions	National Arboretum Canberra	Winner	Highly Commended
Major Festivals and Events	Enlighten (Events ACT)	Winner	
Festivals and Events	National Folk Festival	Commendation	
Cultural Tourism	Royal Australian Mint	Winner	
Tourism Retail & Hire Services	Gallery of Small Things	Commendation	
Visitor Information Services	Canberra & Region Visitors Centre	Winner	Highly Commended
Tour and Transport Operators	Van Du Vin	Commendation	
Adventure Tourism	Dynamic Motivation Mountain Biking	Winner	
Tourism Restaurants & Catering Services	Jamala Wildlife Lodge	Winner	
Tourism Wineries, Distilleries and Breweries	Tallagandra Hill Winery	Winner	
Caravan and Holiday Parks	Alivio Tourist Park	Winner	
Unique Accommodation	Jamala Wildlife Lodge	Winner	Gold
3-3.5 Star Accommodation	Mercure Canberra	Commendation	
4-4.5 Star Deluxe Accommodation	Little National Hotel	Winner	
Excellence in Food Tourism	Pialligo Estate	Winner	
Outstanding Contribution by an Individual	Mark Sarah Cockington Green Gardens	Winner	
Markus Gibson-Huck Young Achiever Award	Tiina Mustonen QPRC	Winner	
Markus Gibson-Huck Young Achiever Award	Michaela Catelin Hotel Kurrajong	Commendation	
Canberra Region Innovation & Resilience Award	Handmade Market	Winner	
Canberra Region Innovation & Resilience	Pialligo Estate	Commendation	

THERE'S LOTS OF ENTRANT SUPPORT ON OFFER

IMPORTANT DATES

Event	Date
Nominations open	Thursday 4 May 2023
Nominations close	Friday 28 July 2023
Entrant workshop	Tuesday 4 July 2023
ReviewPro guidance	July (TBC)
Accessibility – What you need to know	August (TBC)
Awards Masterclass	Tuesday 22 August
Site Visits	September
Submissions close	Friday 29 September 2023
Judging close	Friday 13 October 2023
Judges deliberation day	Wednesday 18 October 2023
Canberra Region Tourism Awards Gala	Friday 24 November 2023

^{*}dates subject to change

ENTRANT SUPPORT FOR 2023

Enhanced 1:1 program support

The enhanced program support is <u>limited</u> to entrants and will be provided in consultation with Debra (who The process will be conducted in the following steps.

- Entrant to submit draft submission for review via the awards portal
- Written feedback from myself will be provided via the awards portal
- We will book a telephone consultation to work through feedback and key areas for improvement
- You as the Entrant will then review the submission and make adaptions as required and resubmit for second draft review via the awards portal

A second round of written feedback will be provided and subsequent telephone consultation if required.

Final submission review before submitting

Submission reviews have been offered the last few years and are invaluable to entrants getting the extra help prior to submitting your final version.

Depending on the number of entrants will depend on turnaround time but usually it is no more than a few days.

CONTACT DEBRA FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON:



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Canberra Region Tourism Industry Council

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- ENTRANT SUPPORT
- SUBMISSION REVIEW PROCESS & DEADLINE
- BUSINESS STANDARDS / QUALITY TOURISM ACCREDITATION PROCESS
- STAR RATINGS (ACCOM ONLY)
- ACCESS TO AUSTRALIAN TOURISM AWARDS GOLD WINNING ENTRY
- ANY GENERAL ENQUIRIES

WHAT'S NEW IN 2023

OVERVIEW FOR 2023

- 1. THE TOTAL WORD COUNT CONTINUES TO SIT AT 10,000 WORDS
- 2. A CONTINUATION OF THE SUB QUESTIONS WITHIN THE SUBMISSION
- 3. RESPONSIBLE TOURISM QUESTION FOR MOST CATEGORIES
- 4. THE QUALIFYING PERIOD WILL INCORPORATE FROM 1 JULY 2022 TO 30 JUNE 2023
- 5. NEW CATEGORY CATEGORY 26. EXCELLENCE IN ACCESSIBLE TOURISM

WHAT DOES SCORING LOOK LIKE

1.BUSINESS IMPACTS (COVID-19) QUESTION IS STILL ASKED AT THE BEGINNING (NO SCORE ALLOCATED)

- 2. WRITTEN SUBMISSION 70%
- 3. REVIEWPRO (CONSUMER RATING SCORE) 20%
- 4. ONLINE REVIEW IS WORTH 10%

EXAMPLE SCORING WRITTEN SUBMISSION (70 POINTS)

- 1. INTRODUCTION (15 MARKS)
- 2. BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT (15 MARKS)
- 3. MARKETING (15 MARKS)
- 4. CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE (15 MARKS)
- 5. RESPONSIBLE TOURISM (10 MARKS)

THE PORTAL

PORTAL USER GUIDE

AWARDS ONLINE PORTAL 2023

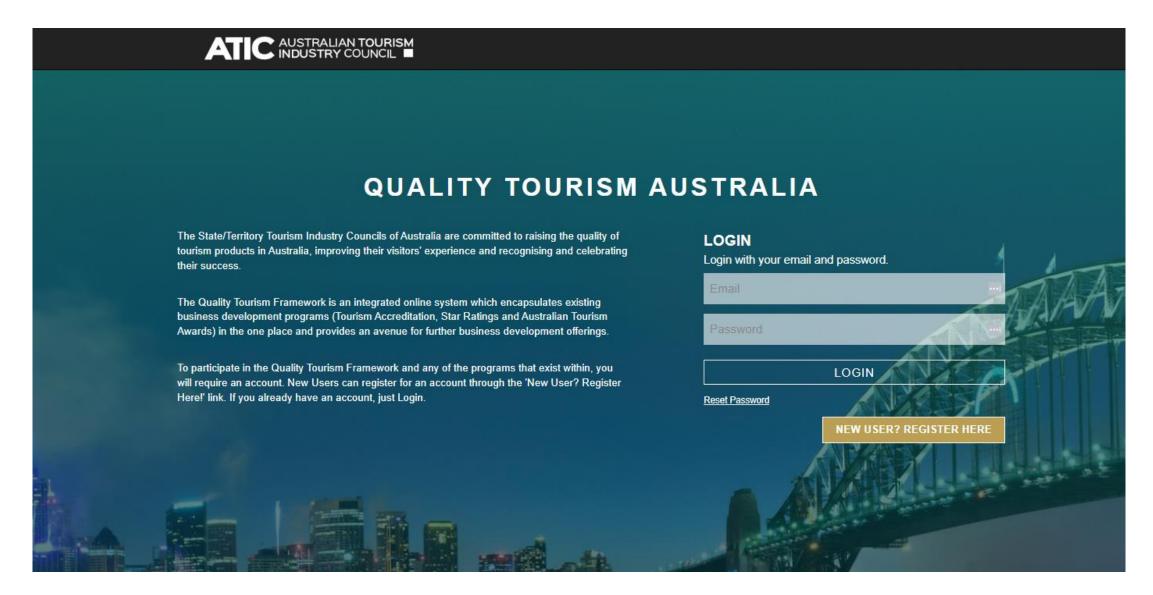
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USER GUIDE

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THE PORTAL

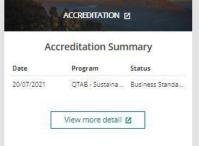
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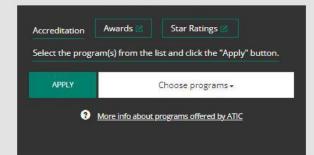
















WELCOME

AWARDS SUBMISSION

FINALISE



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To complete your submission:

Please take note of the important information (on the right of this screen) and ensure you refer to the user guide on how to best fill out the entry.

You can Navigate and respond to the different sections of the entry by clicking the menu items listed on the bottom of this page or simply click 'next section' to progress through.

Rules of Entry:

You must comply with the maximum word count and image quota per category. Please refer to the Rules for Entry to ensure your entry is eligible for judging. If you have exceeded either maximum, the system will not allow you to submit.

Finally, when you've completed all required questions - use the "Finalise" tab to accept the terms and conditions and submit your entry. If no SUBMIT button is visible, it means you have missed completing a question. You must click on this button and submit your entry by the due date, no late entries will be accepted.

Please note

Saving your responses

We recommend that you use a modern browser like Chrome or Edge (Windows) or Safari (Mac/iOs) as your browser for the best experience.

The system will automatically save your data as you progress through the application, but you can also save using the blue "save" button (top right)

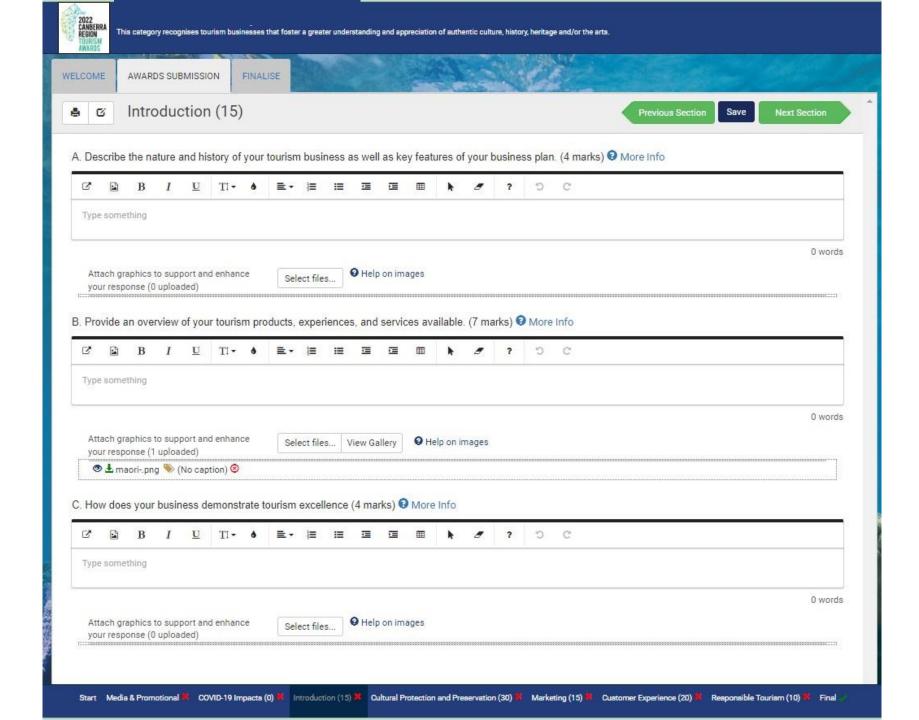
Images and Word Count

Image and word count limits are in place. These are indicated where applicable. Your question word count for each question is displayed underneath each question as you type.

Tourism Awards User Guide

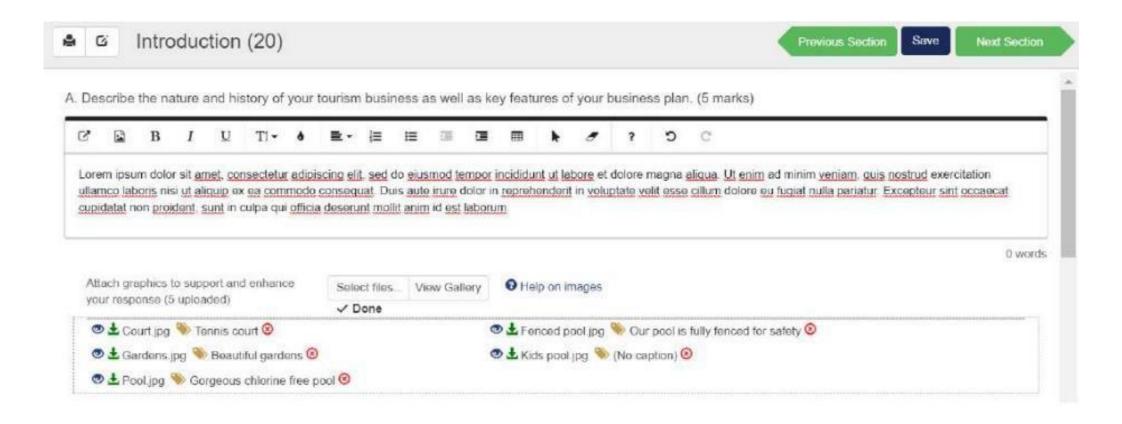
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Next Section



USE OF IMAGES AND HOW TO LINK

IMAGES ARE TO BE INSERTED INTO YOUR SUBMISSION TO SUPPORT YOUR ANSWERS AS AN ATTACHMENT. YOU INSERT THEM THROUGH YOUR QUESTION AND CAN HYPERLINK WHERE YOU WANT THEM TO APPEAR.

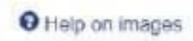


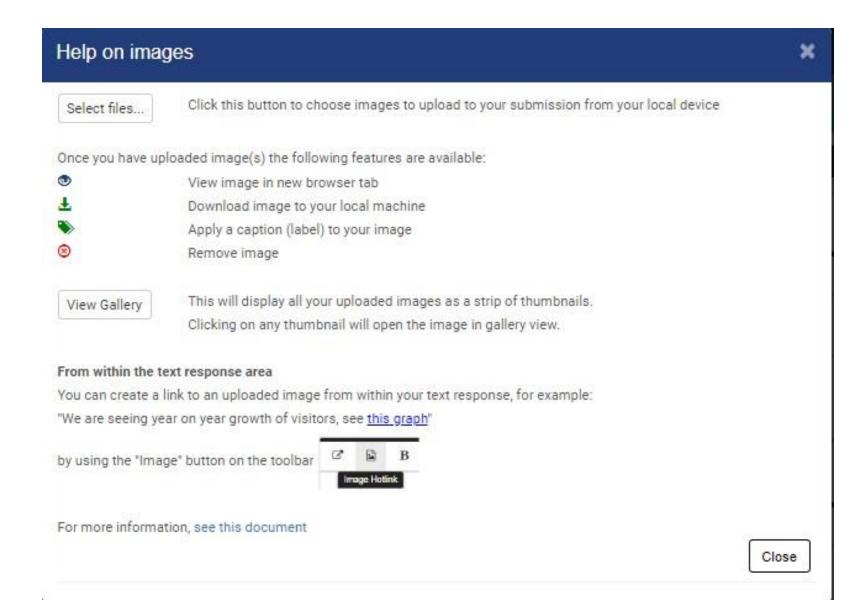
IMAGES (25 MAX)

1920 X 1280 —HIGH RES (10 MB MAX) 1920 X 1080

1920x1080 px	HDTV format, presentations, social media cover images. 16:9 ratio.	
1280x720 px	HD format, seen in photography and film. 16:9 ratio.	
1080x1080 px	Social media posts and profile pictures. 1:1 ratio.	

HELP ON IMAGES









15. Tourism Restaurants & Catering Services for Trevs@Dickson

This category recognises all restaurants and catering services offering a tourism experience and/or servicing the tourism industry. It is not a food award but does recognise a significant contribution to tourism through the provision of food and beverage. This category is open to hotel or stand-alone restaurants, event...

WELCOME

BUSINESS STANDARDS

AWARDS SUBMISSION

FINALISE



Welcome to your 2021 Awards Submission



The Australian Tourism Awards is a program that recognises best practice and quality businesses/experiences across the nation.

Over recent years the awards have undergone significant review and adaptations to ensure a contemporary awards program is delivered. It is important that you ensure you are referring to current user guides and rules of entry.

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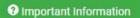
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In some states for selected categories you can submit your entry for Draft Review by the program manager and then have the opportunity to take the feedback into consideration.

Finally, when you've completed all required questions - use the "Finalise" tab to accept the terms and conditions and submit your entry. If no SUBMIT button is visible, it means you have missed completing a question. You must click on this button and submit your entry by the due date, no late entries will be accepted.



Scores

The total score achievable for your entry is split across the written submission, online review, consumer score and site visit (subject to state and category requirements). Refer to the rules of entry for a breakdown of the score available.

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FOLLOW THE BLUE BAR



BUSINESS STANDARDS

MAKE IT EASY ON YOURSELF

- ACCREDITED BUSINESSES ARE NOT REQUIRED TO COMPLETE BUSINESS STANDARDS.
- IF YOU HAVE COMPLETED THE BUSINESS STANDARDS IN 2022, YOUR RESPONSES SHOULD BE PRE-FILLED AUTOMATICALLY WITH WHAT HAS BEEN SUPPLIED IN 2022 AND YOU SIMPLY NEED TO REVIEW YOUR RESPONSES, UPDATE AND RE-SUBMIT.
- YOU CAN USE THESE ANSWERS TO WORK TOWARD FULL ACCREDITATION AT A LATER DATE



Risk Management

Previous Section

Save

Highlight Incomplete Questions

Next Section

What is the business' Risk Management Statement/Risk Management Policy? Please choose either:

O Please give details

O Please attach

My business has an OH&S policy that ensures all needs for staff and contractors are met as per State authority's requirements. If no staff, select NA

O Yes O No O N/A

Ooes the business have a Risk Management Plan?

○Yes ○No

What are the business' Emergency and Evacuation
Procedures? Please choose either:

O Please give details O Please attach

This business has prominently displayed emergency evacuation procedure guides.

○ Yes ○ No

The business' emergency management fighting appliances and equipment are appropriately maintained.

○ Yes ○ No

There is a list of emergency contact numbers that is easily accessible to staff and guests.

○ Yes ○ No

Please provide an example of your business's incident report form template. Please choose either

O Use available template

O Please attach

SITE VISITS

VERIFICATION PURPOSES - 0% OF SCORE

SITE VISIT PROCESS (WHERE APPLICABLE)

SITE VISIT JUDGES WILL ASK TO SEE EVIDENCE OF DOCUMENTATION AND ACTIVITY IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

- HR
- BUSINESS & MARKETING PLANNING
- CUSTOMER SERVICE
- BUSINESS OPERATIONS
- RISK MANAGEMENT
- ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

CUSTOMER FEEDBACK REVIEWPRO

20% OF SUBMISSION SCORE



What score will be used?

Your Consumer Rating will be calculated based on your ReviewPro **Global Review Index (GRI)** score, obtained by aggregating scores from your online reviews received during the qualifying period

To generate a GRI, you must have approximately 25 reviews from sources that allow ratings across consumer review platforms (like TripAdvisor, Booking.com, Expedia and many more).

Explore your ReviewPro dashboard

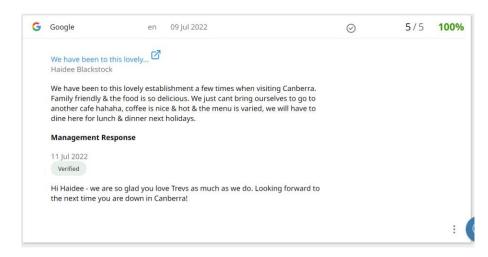


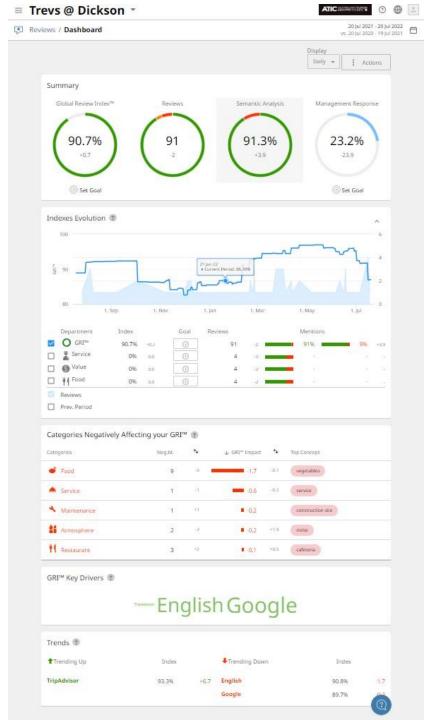


other businesses

12 MONTHS IN REVIEWPRO







ONLINE REVIEW PROCESS

10% OF SUBMISSION SCORE

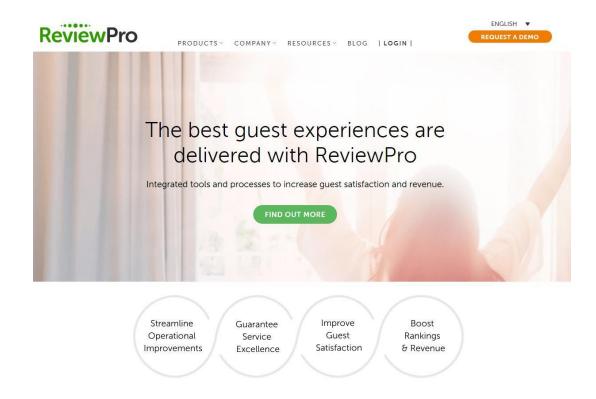
REVIEWPRO

LINKS PROVIDED AT NOMINATION WILL BE USED TO AGGREGATE YOUR ONLINE REVIEWS.

17 CATEGORIES ARE INCLUDED

REVIEWPRO SCORE COUNTS FOR 20% OF YOUR SCORE (WHERE APPLICABLE)

IT TAKES UP TO <u>14 DAYS</u> TO SETUP AN ACCOUNT (DO NOW)





WHAT WILL BE JUDGED

LIST OF QUESTIONS WITH YES/NO FOR Q'S LINKED TO THE QUALITY AND CONSISTENCY OF YOUR ONLINE PRESENCE:

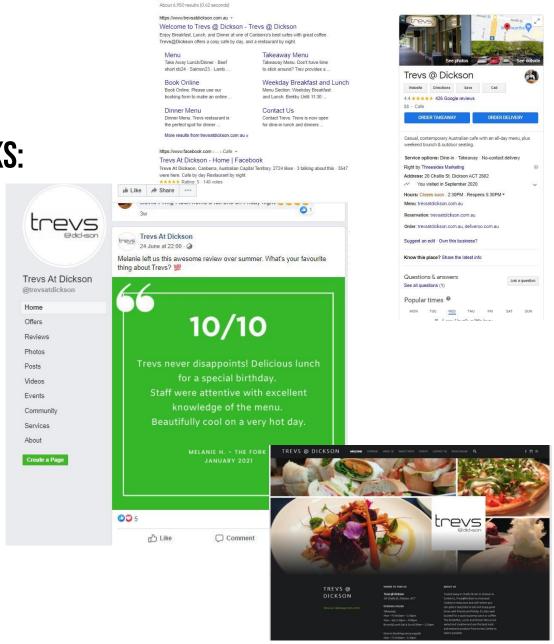
- 1. WEBSITE
- 2. SOCIAL MEDIA CHANNELS
- 3. SEARCH ENGINE RANKING
- 4. EXTERNAL REVIEW AND BOOKING SOURCES



PROVIDE YOUR LINKS

ENTRANTS WILL NEED TO PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING LINKS:

- 1. WEBSITE
- 2. FACEBOOK
- 3. TRIPADVISOR
- 4. INSTAGRAM
- 5. GOOGLE LISTING URL
- 6. TWITTER (IF APPLICABLE)
- 7. PINTEREST (IF APPLICABLE)
- 8. BOOKING.COM (IF APPLICABLE)



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QUESTIONS TO BE MARKED (10%)

- DOES THE WEBSITE PROVIDE A CLEAR OVERVIEW OF THE PRODUCT/SERVICE?
- 2. IS THE WEBSITE MOBILE OPTIMISED?
- 3. IS THE BUSINESS ACTIVELY ENGAGED ON SOCIAL MEDIA?
- 4. DO THEIR SOCIAL MEDIA PAGES ACTIVELY PROMOTE THE REGION AND ENCOURAGE VISITATION?
- 5. DOES THE BUSINESS REGULARLY RESPOND TO REVIEWS?
- 6. IS THE WEBSITE SEARCH ENGINE OPTIMISED?
- 7. IS THERE A CLEAR CALL TO ACTION ON THE WEBSITE?
- 8. DOES THEIR WEBSITE ACTIVELY PROMOTE THE REGION AND ENCOURAGE VISITATION?
- 9. IS THE BUSINESS LISTED ON THE AUSTRALIAN TOURISM DATA WAREHOUSE (ATDW)?
- 10. CAN THE ENTRANT BE FOUND ON AT LEAST TWO OTHER ONLINE BOOKING SITES FROM THEIR SUPPLIED LIST?

ONLINE REVIEW QUESTIONS & GUIDANCE

1. DOES THE WEBSITE PROVIDE A CLEAR OVERVIEW OF THE PRODUCT/SERVICE?

Additional support of providing a clear overview may include a selection of high-quality images, a FAQ page, relevant images and logos e.g. QTAB. Star Patines. Industry Membership. Tourism Awards.

2. IS THE WEBSITE MOBILE OPTIMISED?

Your website should be fully responsive in design when used on a mobile phone or tablet.

3. IS THE BUSINESS ACTIVELY ENGAGED ON SOCIAL MEDIA?

The business should regularly (at least weekly) postcontent to one or more social media channels. This must include at least one of the accounts you have a profiled your account name for in the above list

4. DO THEIR SOCIAL MEDIA PAGES ACTIVELY PROMOTE THE REGION AND ENCOURAGE VISITATION?

There should be links to relevant destination and complementary product tourism sites on social media pages.

5. DOES THE BUSINESS REGULARLY RESPOND TO REVIEWS?

The business should respond to online reviews in a timely manner. A guide is: within 4 business days of negative feedback made, within 7 days for positive feedback made. No comment is required if just a rating is made. Review sites include TripAdvisor, Booking com, Google and Facebook.

6. IS THE WEBSITE SEARCH ENGINE OPTIMISED?

Your website should appear on the first page of Google if you search xxx (product type) xxx (region) if there are a high number of online booking agencies that fill the first page, then you should appear on the second page.

7. IS THERE A CLEAR CALL TO ACTION ON THE WEBSITE?

here should be a 'book now' button or detailed ontact information or booking enquiry information hat is easy to find and clear.

8. DOES THEIR WEBSITE ACTIVELY PROMOTE THE REGION AND ENCOURAGE VISITATION?

There should be links to relevant destination and complementary product tourism sites on the website.

9. IS THE BUSINESS LISTED ON THE AUSTRALIAN TOURISM DATA WAREHOUSE (ATDW)?

An N/A option will be available here. If a business cannot list on ATDW then a N/A would apply and the full points for this question will be applied.

10. CAN THE ENTRANT BE FOUND ON AT LEAST TWO OTHER ONLINE BOOKING SITES FROM THEIR SUPPLIED LIST?

There should be at least two other external sites that the business has a product listing on. This can include, but is not limited to online booking sites, destination pages, RTO and/or visitor centre websites. A N/A can apply if online bookings are not relevant to the business type.

SCORING: Yes = 1 point No = 0 points N/A = 1 point Total: /10 points

TOP TIPS FOR WRITING A WINNING SUBMISSION!

HOW DO YOU WRITE?

SETTING THE TONE AND WRITING STYLE FOR YOUR SUBMISSION

- BE CONSISTENT WITH YOUR WRITING STYLE
- SHARE YOUR STORY
- TAKE JUDGES ON A JOURNEY
- LET THEM FEEL YOUR BLOOD, SWEAT AND TEARS, THE GOOD AND THE BAD
- MAKE SURE YOU ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS AND SUB SECTIONS
- UTILISE NEW HANDBOOKS FOR 2023
- IT IS NOT A CORPORATE DOCUMENT

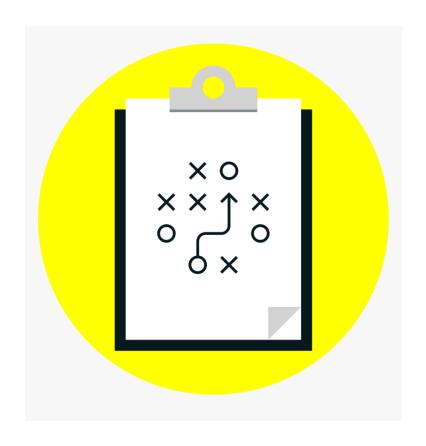
WHAT JUDGES FEEDBACK LOOKS LIKE

- PLAYFUL AND LIGHT STORYTELLING MAKES THIS SUBMISSION CAPTIVATING FROM THE BEGINNING!
- GREAT VOLUNTEER QUOTE!
- GOOD TO SEE THE ENTRANT UNDERSTANDS HOW THE CUSTOMER JOURNEY STARTS
 BEFORE VISITATION! A VERY GOOD RESPONSE AND EXCELLENT USE OF GRAPHICS
 TO SUPPORT THE CASE BEING MADE.
- WELL DONE ON A FANTASTIC SUBMISSION! THE TONE WAS CONSISTENT THROUGHOUT WHICH KEPT IT EXCITING FOR THE READER.
- WELL-WRITTEN IN FIRST-PERSON, CREATING AN INTIMACY THAT BRINGS THE READER ALONG ON THE JOURNEY, WITH COMMON THREADS MAKING A COHESIVE SUBMISSION.
- YOUR ANSWER CAPTURES THE FEEL OF THE CENTRE AND YOUR PRIDE AND PASSION IN IT.
- PROVIDING EXAMPLES OF HOW YOU DO THIS ADDED TO THE QUALITY OF YOUR RESPONSE.
- USING HEADINGS THROUGHOUT THE SUBMISSION ASSISTED IN BOTH PRESENTATION AND READABILITY/UNDERSTANDING.

GETTING YOUR PLANNING RIGHT

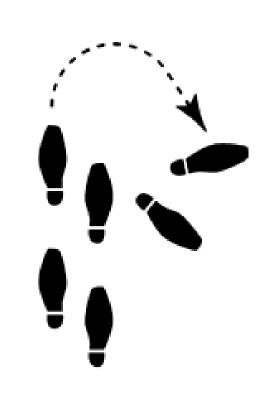
GETTING YOUR GAME PLAN TOGETHER

- 1. REVIEW LAST YEAR(S) SUBMISSION (IF THEY EXIST)
- 2. PUT TOGETHER YOUR IMPORTANT DATES AND MILESTONES
- 3. SET YOUR TIMELINE ACCURATELY
- 4. LOG INTO THE PORTAL EARLY AND SEE WHATS INVOLVED
- 5. LINK UP REVIEWPRO
- 6. GET YOUR BUSINESS STANDARDS DONE
- 7. COLLECT YOUR ASSETS
- 8. GET WRITING



CREATE YOUR OWN SUBMISSION REVIEW STEPS

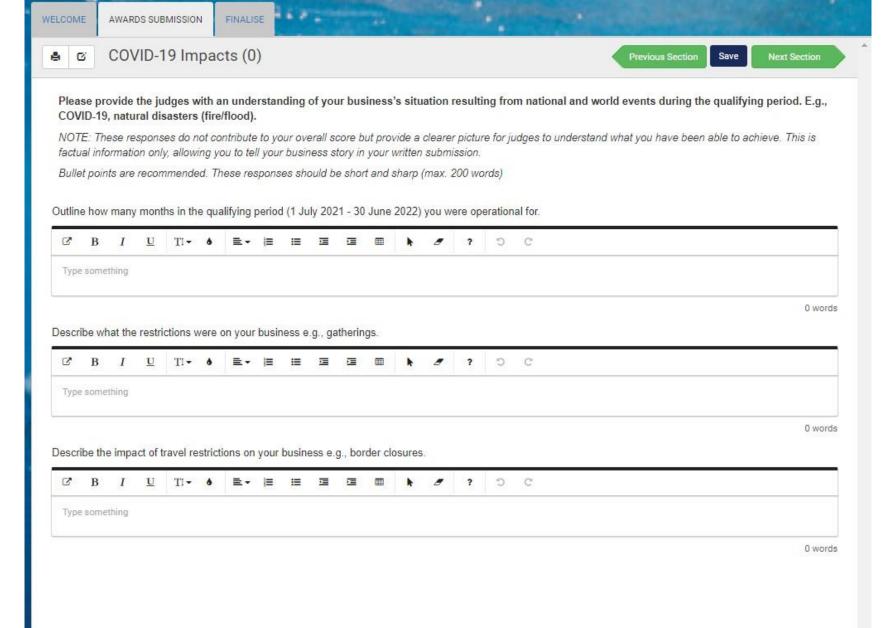
- 1. PULL TOGETHER YOUR BACKGROUND AND DOT POINT ANSWERS
- 2. WRITE YOUR FIRST DRAFT
- 3. HAVE SOMEONE ELSE REVIEW IT
- 4. WRITE YOUR SECOND DRAFT
- 5. SUBMIT FOR JUDGING REVIEW (UP TO 1 WEEK TURNAROUND)
- 6. FINALISE YOUR SUBMISSION DRAFT WITH FEEDBACK PROVIDED
- 7. SUBMIT TO PORTAL



INSIDER TIP: RUN A TEAM WORKSHOP

- GET EVERYONE IN A ROOM FOR 2 HOURS
- PRINT OUT EACH SUBMISSION QUESTION ON AN A3 PIECE OF PAPER
- GET EVERYONE AROUND THE QUESTION TO CONTRIBUTE IDEAS, ANECDOTES AND THOUGHTS
- CREATE A CONTENT CAPTURE LIST OF ALL THE IDEAS TO FOLLOW UP





ANY QUESTIONS?





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THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING