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## **WINNERS ANNOUNCED AT THE 2019 SYDNEY SURROUNDS NORTH REGIONAL TOURISM AWARDS**

Leading regional tourism businesses, events, and visitor experiences have been recognised at the 2019 Destination Sydney Surrounds North Regional Tourism Awards in Newcastle today.

Winners in 10 categories were announced at the awards presentation ceremony from finalists including tourism businesses, events, restaurants, wineries and accommodation providers. More than 120 industry representatives were in attendance to see who would take home the coveted awards.

Category winners from the Regional Tourism Awards will now gain finalist status upon entering the NSW Tourism Awards to be held in Sydney in November.

Regional Tourism Awards Chair, Jane Barnes, congratulated all winners and finalists on their contribution to regional tourism.

“Finalists in this year’s program were of a high calibre and it has been a competitive process. We are thrilled to recognise the best of the region’s tourism industry today and wish our winners the best of luck as they progress to compete against operators from the entire state,” said Ms. Barnes.

“We would also like to acknowledge and thank our partners, Destination NSW and the NSW Business Chamber who have both been instrumental in ensuring the success of the 2019 Regional Tourism Awards”.

### **2019 Sydney Surrounds North Regional Tourism Award winners**

#### **Major Tourist Attractions**

Gold: The Australian Reptile Park

#### **Tourist Attractions**

Gold: Oakvale Wildlife Park

#### **Major Festivals and Events**

Gold: Hunter Valley Gardens

**Specialised Tourism Services**

Gold: Ask Roz

**Business Event Venues**

Gold: Crowne Plaza Hunter Valley

**Tour and/or Transport Operators**

Gold: Beyond Ballooning

**Adventure Tourism**

Gold: Beyond Ballooning

**Caravan and Holiday Parks**

Gold: Blacksmiths Beachside Holiday Park

**Self-Contained Accommodation**

Gold: Blueberry Hills on Comleroy

**Deluxe Accommodation**

Gold: Crowne Plaza Hunter Valley

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