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2018 REGIONAL TOURISM AWARDS FINALISTS ANNOUNCED

24 leading tourism businesses, events, and visitor experiences have today been announced as finalists in the Riverina Murray's only industry-backed tourism awards, the 2018 Riverina Murray Regional Tourism Awards.

Regional Tourism Awards Chair, Jane Barnes, announced the final contenders that include tourism businesses, events, restaurants, wineries and accommodation providers among an impressive cohort.

"This year's finalists showcase the best of the region's tourism industry and some amazing individuals and operators. Each of these finalists is now in the running to be named a winner in 14 award categories at our gala awards ceremony on July 21 in Deniliquin", said Ms. Barnes.

Richie Robinson, General Manager of Destination Riverina Murray, says the Regional Tourism Awards are an invaluable opportunity for the industry to come together and celebrate business excellence across the sector. "We look forward to celebrating the achievements of our finalists, as they take their first steps on the way to possible State and National recognition. All our tourism finalists have contributed to the Riverina Murray's growing reputation as a premier destination in NSW, and I would like to congratulate everyone who took the time to enter."

The program's independent panel of judges will select winners from the list in each awards category. Winners of the Regional Tourism Awards gain finalist status upon entering the NSW State Tourism Awards, and if successful, go onto the National Tourism Awards.

Destination Riverina Murray has also partnered with Murray Regional Tourism to host the inaugural Riverina Murray Tourism Muster, a networking and business development event for the region's tourism and event organisers. Held on Friday July 20, the day-long speaker session series includes experts across a range of areas such as destination marketing, event risk management, and social media marketing.

Event Details

- Riverina Murray Tourism Muster Industry Development Day | Friday 20th @ 9.30am - Deniliquin RSL | \$34.70
- Riverina Murray Regional Tourism Awards gala dinner | Saturday 21st July @ 6pm | Corporate Centre | Deni Festival Site | \$117.30

More information and bookings - <https://tickets.oztix.com.au/outlet/event/a740a505-d82f-4f26-9061-3cfcdbc8f3b9?Event=89441>

List of 2018 Destination Riverina Murray finalists

| Entrant | Town |
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| Albury Visitor Information Centre | Albury |
| All Seasons Houseboats | Mildura |
| Aquazone @ Lake Mulwala | Mulwala |
| Bundy Cultural Tours | Wagga Wagga |
| CIRCA 1936 | Corowa |
| DC on the Lake Pty Ltd | Mulwala |
| Deni Play on the Plains Festival Ltd | Deniliquin |
| Edward River Council | Deniliquin |
| Food I Am | Wagga Wagga |
| Fossey's Gin | Mildura |
| Great Aussie Holiday Park | Bowna |
| Greater Hume Visitor Information Centre | Holbrook |
| Limone Dining | Griffith |
| Lockhart Shire Council | Lockhart |
| Long Table Café | Warragoona |
| Mildura Houseboats | Mildura |
| Murray Offroad Adventures | Mildura |

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| Quest Griffith | Griffith |
| Rich Glen Olive Estate | Yarrawonga |
| Rich River Golf Club Ltd | Moama |
| Shiraz Republic | Cornella |
| The River Deck | Albury |
| Trentham Estate | Trentham Cliffs |
| Tumut River Brewing Co | Tumut |

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