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Mackay and Whitsunday take top honours in Queensland Tourism Awards

The Mackay and Whitsunday Regional Council areas shone bright at this year's Queensland Tourism Awards taking home 15 accolades.

The awards, held last week in Brisbane, attracted approximately 160 entries from across the state.

Whitsunday ROC Chair and Isaac Regional Council Mayor Anne Baker congratulated winners and nominees.

"It's fantastic to see our local tourism operators receiving recognition on a state level. Your dedication to excellence continues to drive our vibrant tourism industry."

Sarina Sugar Shed received two golds for Excellence in Food Tourism and Tourism, Wineries, Distilleries and Breweries category, and a Bronze in the Tourist Attractions category.

"Among our regions other winners were Ocean Rafting, Cruise Whitsundays, Big4 Adventure Whitsunday Resort, Pinnacles Resort, Ibis Mackay, Tall Ship Adventures, Whitsunday Escape Bareboat Holidays, Cumberland Charter Yachts and Mirage Whitsundays."

The Queensland Tourism Awards were hosted by the Queensland Tourism Industry Council, and presented by Queensland Airports Limited in partnership with Tourism and Events Queensland and supporting partner Tourism Australia.

A total of 72 awards across 28 categories were presented during the ceremony.

Queensland Tourism Awards – Mackay and Whitsunday winners:

Excellence in Food Tourism

Gold - Sarina Sugar Shed

Tourist Attractions

Bronze - Sarina Sugar Shed

Tourism Wineries, Distilleries and Breweries

Gold - Sarina Sugar Shed

Tour and/or Transport Operators

Silver - Whitsunday Jetski Tours

Adventure Tourism

Bronze - Whitsunday Jetski Tours

The Steve Irwin Award for Ecotourism

Silver - Tall Ship Adventures



Major Tour and/or Transport Operators

Gold - Ocean Rafting

Silver - Cruise Whitsundays

Unique Accommodation

Gold - Cruise Whitsundays - Reefsleep

Silver - Whitsunday Escape Bareboat Holidays

Bronze - Cumberland Charter Yachts

Caravan and Holiday Parks

Gold - BIG4 Adventure Whitsunday Resort

Self-Contained Accommodation

Gold - Pinnacles Resort

Standard Accommodation

Gold - Ibis Mackay

Deluxe Accommodation

Bronze - Mirage Whitsundays

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