

The Voice of Tourism









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OVERVIEW

Our vision

Our vision is to be the voice of tourism for Oueensland.

Our mission

Our mission is to work in partnership with government agencies and industry bodies at a local, state and national level, to influence and shape the business environment of tourism in Queensland. To collaborate with industry to proactively support the various needs of the sector to build a sustainable tourism industry.

Our strategic purpose

Our strategic purpose is to be recognised by industry, government and the community as the most relevant, credible and influential statewide tourism sector body.

Working as a voice to government, we ensure that Queensland remains a go-to destination and that operators have the resources to meet evolving consumer demands.

Our objectives and functions

The Queensland Tourism Industry Council (QTIC) is Queensland's peak tourism industry body and the leading advocate for Queensland's tourism and hospitality sector. We represent the interests of the state's more than 60,000 tourism businesses.

As a not-for-profit, membership-based organisation, we provide members with a voice to government, networking opportunities, industry updates and access to unique business programs.

Our short-term objectives for 2021/22 were to support the recovery of the Queensland tourism industry following the challenges linked to several natural disasters and the continuing financial and personal impacts of the global spread of COVID-19.

Our long-term objectives are to ensure that all Queensland tourism operators and businesses have the support they need to drive the economic contributions of tourism to the state.

Both our short and long-term objectives involve the recovery and revitalisation of Queensland's tourism sector.

Through the delivery of workforce and skilling programs, advocating for key tourism infrastructure and development projects, and working with the private sector to develop innovative solutions to tourism priorities, QTIC continues to serve its members and wider tourism sector.

Working as a voice to government, we help ensure that Queensland remains a go-to destination and that operators have the resources to meet evolving consumer demands in a competitive global visitor economy.



Pelican Bank | **Hervey Bay**

INDUSTRY INSIGHTS





\$46.5 million per day

in overnight visitor expenditure



\$17.8 billion

in total overnight visitor expenditure this figure makes Queensland the top tourism destination nation-wide

20.8 million

annual visitors to Queensland - up 22.1% from the previous year



\$23 billion

the value of the tourism and hospitality industry in Queensland





61,099

tourism and hospitality businesses in Queensland



an extra 84 cents

is spent elsewhere in the economy when a dollar is spent in Queensland's tourism industry



BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Shane O'Reilly Managing Director, O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat (ceased role 16 August 2021)



Elsa Dalessio Chief Executive Officer, Aviation and Tourism Strategy (appointed role 19 October 2021)



Cameron Costello
Director,
Costello Consultancy



Nick EllisHead of Revenue and Innovation,
E Hospo Solutions, Spicers Group
(appointed role 19 October 2021)



Mark Evans Owner, Paronella Park



Stuart MacKenzieChair,
Outback Gondwana Foundation



Mark Olsen
Chief Executive Officer,
Tourism Tropical North
Queensland
(appointed role 21 June 2022)



Katherine Reid Chief Executive Officer, Bundaberg Tourism (ceased role 27 April 2022)



Peter Woodward

Director,
Capta Group



Martin Simons
General Manager,
Fraser Coast Tourism
(ceased role 27 April 2021)



Michelle Weston
Chief Executive Officer,
Caravan Parks Association
of Queensland
(appointed role 14 December 2021)



John SharpeManaging Director,
Riverlife
(ceased role 19 October 2021)



Laura Younger
General Manager,
Australian Timeshare and
Holiday Ownership Council
(ceased role 19 October 2021)

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

Chair's report

The events of the past year have demonstrated that, despite the tumult caused by restrictions and closed borders, the appetite for travel has remained strong and our industry is rebounding as a result. The unwavering enthusiasm for exploration and new experiences was felt by our tourism sector this year, with Queensland profiting from record domestic visitor numbers and spending.

Australians embraced the opportunity to see more of their country and many of them chose to take their road trips and weekend getaways in Queensland. Our sunshine state topped domestic visitor spending nation-wide and, in some regions, visitor expenditure topped pre-pandemic figures. An achievement that has played a significant role in kick-starting the revival of our tourism industry.

While not a substitute for the stalled international market, the ramp up in domestic travel has shown us the light at the end of the tunnel and the tremendous positives ahead for our industry. But we also acknowledge that there is much work to be done and that our advocacy presence is more important than ever. With several industries still feeling the lingering sting of a pandemic, it is critical that we make our needs heard and that we secure the support tourism warrants.

With unprecedented workforce challenges and a global travel market that has rarely been so competitive, the need for a strong industry voice to government has never been so crucial. This year saw the tangible effects of our advocacy come to the fore as all levels of government invested more in destination marketing, the preservation of natural assets, tourism education and training, and critical infrastructure projects. It is encouraging to see the advocacy efforts of QTIC reflected in the decision making of government.

Now is the time to continue to stand up and be counted. QTIC remains ready and willing to work with government and industry to take on the ongoing challenges our industry will face.

While our industry has undergone significant adjustment over the past year, so too has our peak industry body. Most notably with a change in leadership. After more than two decades at the helm of QTIC, Daniel Gschwind passed the baton of leadership to Brett Fraser. Daniel has left an indelible mark on both QTIC and the nation's tourism landscape. His expertise and unparalleled dedication to industry saw Queensland tourism grow in strength and reputation. We thank Daniel for the valuable guidance and friendship he gave freely to all of us during his time as Chief Executive.

We also acknowledge the tremendous commitments of Shane O'Reilly, who served as the Chair of QTIC for the past decade. Shane brought his intimate knowledge of the tourism arena and the operational challenges faced by operators to our organisation, and QTIC was made richer for it.



It is a testament to the leadership of both Shane and Daniel, as well as the remarkable team at QTIC, that such a significant organisational change this past year was seamless. Standing on the shoulders of industry giants and under the thoughtful and pragmatic leadership of Brett Fraser, QTIC has an ambitious future ahead.

While it is important to acknowledge those at the helm of our organisation, it is equally essential that we pay tribute to the tireless and outstanding efforts of every member of the QTIC team. From policy and membership advisors to project officers and event managers, they are the hands and minds behind each business development project, event, and awards program that bolsters the capabilities of our industry. Every day they listen to the concerns of our industry and act accordingly. I applaud their devotion to Queensland's tourism sector.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to extend my deepest gratitude to our industry partners and to every member of QTIC. By supporting our state's peak industry body, you help to safeguard Queensland tourism's voice to government, and you ensure that the issues most affecting our sector are heard.

I would also like to commend the inspiring dedication and commitment of our industry over the past year. I am honoured to work within such a wonderful industry and to serve the interests of you and your business by being a

Champion of Change and advocating for the Voice of Tourism. I look forward to being part of the successes that our tourism sector achieves over the coming year as we lead into the tenyear runway until the Olympics and Paralympics 2032.



Ela Alexo

Elsa Dalessio

Chief Executive Officer's report

It is tempting, for our industry to feel overwhelmed by the exceptional challenges we have faced over the past years. Challenges that have left many of us emotionally and financially exhausted. Yet, while tourism is still coming to terms with the residual effects of a global pandemic, the past year has seen remarkable rejuvenation and a resurgence of growth and opportunity within our industry.

Most notably, our regions broke domestic visitor spending records and set new benchmarks of success. While we welcomed the reopening of Queensland's international borders this year, we were cognisant that the return of the overseas market would be gradual. Bracing ourselves for a slow industry revival, few anticipated the tremendous surge in the domestic market.

We saw Australians take to the roads and skies as they were spurred on by a desire to get out and explore. The reticent take-up of international travel meant that intra and interstate visitors opened their wallets in Queensland restaurants and cafes. Weekend travellers and holidaymakers stayed on our state's coasts and explored our cities and vistas. For the first time in Queensland's history, domestic overnight visitor expenditure reached a staggering \$17.8 billion, with record visitation numbers achieved by many of our state's regions. This billion-dollar figure made Queensland the top tourism destination nationwide this past year. An achievement that our industry can be exceptionally proud of.

While the extraordinary numbers have established new standards of tourism success, this achievement has been hard won. Many of our operators have been burning the candle at both ends. The challenge in filling staff rosters, keeping doors open and kitchens running has been immense. The dramatic loss of skilled staff when the virus first hit our shores has left our industry struggling to fill critical workforce gaps. By the end of the 2022 financial year, 5,620 tourism and hospitality jobs were needing to be filled.

These workforce challenges saw QTIC shift its advocacy and operational focus this past year. As your voice to government, we advocated for measures to reduce barriers to work, ease pressures on the visa system, and better incentivise working holidaymakers and skilled migrants to choose Queensland. We further developed our micro-credentialing program to help operators upskill and onboard their staff with tourism-specific skills. The online courses have already helped hundreds of businesses and their employees.

In efforts to secure the long-term success of our industry, QTIC connected with more communities and secondary students through our Regional Tourism Careers Roadshow. The program has showcased the varied and rewarding careers available in tourism to hundreds of school-leavers.

Looking forward, QTIC will continue working hard to address our sector's workforce challenges. While we expect that domestic visitor numbers will ease over the coming years, we are buoyed by the imminent return of the international market. The reopening of borders not only signals a resurgence of global visitors, but also a return of international workers.

As we consider the future of our industry there is much to be optimistic about. While we acknowledge that the rejuvenation of our sector will take time, QTIC will continue to focus all its efforts on representing the interests of our industry. Through advocacy and industry development programs, we will help ensure that Queensland operators are best placed to meet the demands of an evolving and resurgent global market.



Type

Brett Fraser



MEMBERSHIP

For more than two decades, QTIC has served as the unified voice of the tourism sector, calling attention to the concerns and needs of all those connected to the visitor economy. The events and challenges of the past few years have reminded us of the importance in having a strong industry advocacy presence.

During the height of the global pandemic, QTIC played a critical role in delivering reliable information to industry and members. Our organisation informed government of the immediate challenges faced by operators, and the measures needed to ensure business survival. QTIC was often the first point-of-contact for Ministers, government departments and media on a broad range of important issues that affected our members and industry.

While our sector emerges from the immediate consequences of COVID-19, our industry now faces new challenges. The departure of thousands of tourism colleagues during the pandemic has resulted in a critical skills and workforce shortage.

As we welcome back interstate visitors and see the gradual return of international guests, our members grapple with servicing a rejuvenated consumer appetite for travel. Due to workforce shortages, many businesses have been forced to reduce operating hours, close rooms, and balance strict staffing rosters.

In 2021-22, QTIC was swift to respond to these challenges. On behalf of our members, we successfully advocated all levels of government for increased funding in tourism education and training, increased visa processing, and we saw the introduction of measures aimed at reducing barriers to employment.

Both the federal and state governments also consulted with QTIC to produce the seminal tourism revitalisation strategy plans, *THRIVE 2030* and *Action Plan for Tourism Recovery*. As the state's peak industry body, we welcomed the opportunity to share the imperative concerns and needs of our members.

It's critical for our industry to have a strong voice to government. QTIC has always advocated for our business and for the interests of the wider visitor economy.

Cassidy Hospitality Group

In addition to supporting our members through targeted advocacy efforts, QTIC membership also unlocked a variety of benefits for our 2021-22 members, including:



Access to the QTIC Grants Gateway: a curated list of available cash grants for businesses



Invitations to exclusive industry opportunities and events



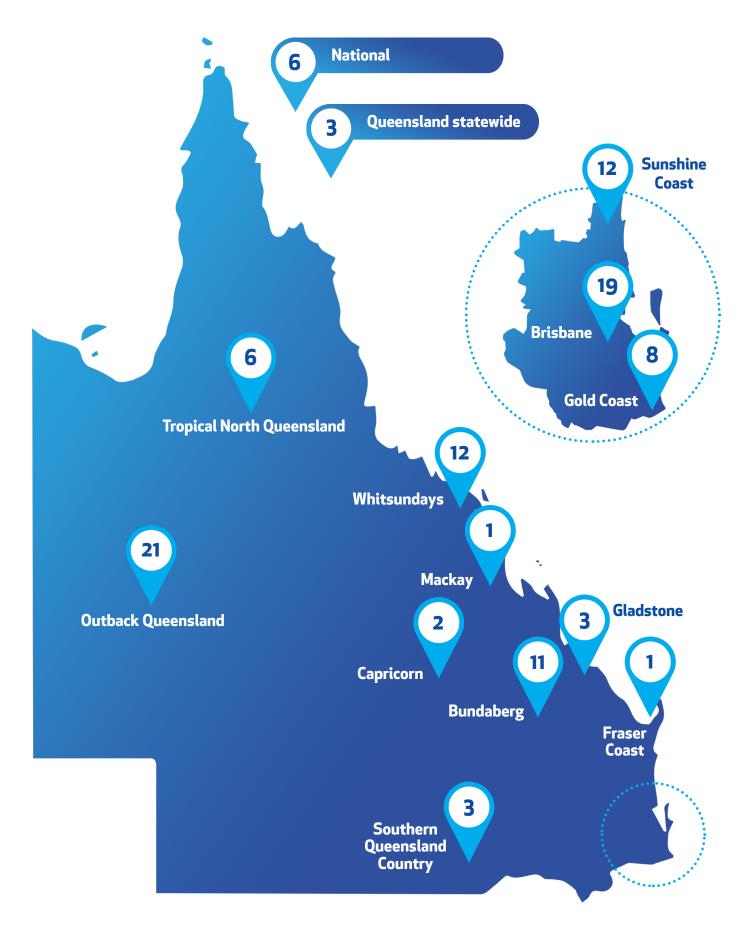
Discounts and access to a range of professional development programs and services



Access to free resources, educational sessions and templates from business partners

QTIC is proud to acknowledge the support of our valued members. Membership not only unlocks unique benefits, but the contributions of members ensures that Queensland's tourism sector has a strong advocacy presence. Through the financial commitment of members, QTIC is able to give back to operators, businesses and the wider tourism industry.

NEW MEMBERS BY REGION





POLICY AND ADVOCACY OVERVIEW

As the leading advocate and peak body for Queensland's tourism industry, QTIC provides members with a strong voice to government. QTIC advocates on behalf of members through various channels, from policy submissions to government, commissioning reports, engaging in collaborative research opportunities, and representing the tourism industry in all appropriate forums. By doing so, QTIC ensures that all aspects of the visitor economy feature both prominently and powerfully in policy and public discussion.

Policy submissions

Meaningful policy change can only be achieved through meaningful collaboration across the diverse tourism industry. QTIC regularly calls on members to share crucial insights, case studies, and lived experiences to inform submissions to government on key issues affecting operators and stakeholders. Consultation ensures QTIC can provide a robust, nuanced and consolidated voice on behalf of industry, and advocate for tangible and practical benefits. QTIC also commits to reporting back to members on policy outcomes that will support tourism businesses throughout the state.

Environment and sustainability submissions

- Submission to the Queensland Government Department of Environment and Science Noosa Area Draft Management Plan inquiry.
- Final feedback to the Wet Tropics
 Management Authority re: the Wet Tropics
 Sustainable Tourism Plan 2021 2031.
- Feedback to the Queensland Government Department of Environment and Science Multisector Reference Group regarding reforms to the Queensland Environmental Offsets Framework.
- Response to the Federal Government
 Department of Agriculture, Water and
 the Environment (Sea Dumping Section)
 Proposed changes to regulation of plastics
 in artificial reefs inquiry.

Crisis management submission

 Submission to the National Recovery and Resilience Agency for the Second National Action Plan for Disaster Risk Reduction.

Workforce and skills submissions

- Consultation feedback to the Australian Government Department of the Senate Select Committee on Job Security.
- Feedback on the Australian Chamber of Commerce & Industry draft submission to the Migration Amendment (Protecting Migrant Workers) Bill 2021 review.
- Submission to the Trade and Investment Queensland consultation on a Queensland International Education and Training Strategy 2022-2027.

Economic development submission

 Submission to the Queensland Government Transport and Resources Committee Inquiry into the economic and regulatory frameworks for Queensland's island resorts.

Budget and election campaigns

- 2022 Federal Election priorities snapshot (developed with ATIC), priorities for the Queensland tourism industry report, and pre-election commitments summary.
- 2022-23 Federal Pre-Budget submission and summary.
- 2022-23 State Budget pre-budget advocacy and summary.

Research

QTIC regularly initiates and engages in strategic collaborative research opportunities to provide bold and forward-facing thought leadership. Whether research is produced by QTIC or with researchers at partner universities, it is only possible by drawing on the wealth of knowledge and lived experience of members. Productive linkages with academia and industry assist in producing publicly accessible research that QTIC members and the broader tourism and hospitality industry can benefit from.

- Queensland Tourism Workforce Crisis Resilience
 Recovery project (in partnership with Associate Professor Richard Robinson, University of Queensland) outcomes, including a Regional Consultation Workshops report (September), National Survey report (November), webinar to industry on project results to date (November).
- Accessible tourism: Planning recommendations for businesses, a University of Queensland Workintegrated Learning student project facilitated by QTIC, with support from select tourism businesses who completed the Quality Tourism Framework Accessibility Self-Assessment Module.





COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

QTIC serves on over 30 different boards, committees, and roundtables, acting as an active contributor and mediator between government and industry. In this capacity, we also represent the interests of our members and the broader tourism sector in numerous policy submissions at all levels of government. Throughout 2021-22, QTIC continued to play a key role in more than 20 industry Working Groups and committees ensuring tourism has a strong voice across all relevant forums.

- ACCI Education, Employment and Training Committee
- ACCI Tourism Committee
- · Agritourism Reference Panel
- Alliance for Sustainable Tourism
- Approved Destination Status Scheme Advisory Panel
- Australian Event Awards
- Australian Tourism Awards Owners Groups
- Australian Tourism Industry Council
- Bond University HTM Industry Advisory Board
- Culinary Reference Group
- DestinationQ Steering Committee
- Gateway Schools Reference Group
- Gateway Schools Steering Committee
- $\bullet \ \ \mathsf{GBRMPA}\text{-}\mathsf{Tour}\mathsf{ism}\,\mathsf{Reef}\,\mathsf{Advisory}\,\mathsf{Committee}$
- Griffith Institute for Tourism Advisory Board
- Hospitality and Accommodation Reference Group
- Industry Skills Advisor Working Group
- Inspiring Australia Queensland Reference Group
- Jobs Queensland Board
- National Careers Institute Careers in Everyday Industries Project Reference Group
- National Indigenous Tourism Advisory Group
- NESP Tourism Water Quality Steering Committee
- Noosa Workforce Shortage Working Group
- Pacific Education, Skills and Labour Mobility Working Group

- QTIC Associations Council
- Queensland Climate Adaption Strategy (Q-CAS) Partner
- Queensland Government DAF Agribusiness Diversification Reference Panel
- Queensland Government DES Environmental Offsets Multisector Reference Group
- Queensland Indigenous Tourism Government and Industry Reference Group
- Queensland Museum Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Consultative Committee
- Queensland Rail Travel's First Nations Steering Group
- Queensland Regional Tourism Network
- Reef and Rainforest Research Centre Board
- Regional DESBT and ISA Committee
- Thrive 2030 Workforce and Skills Technical Working Committee
- Tourism and Conservation Alliance
- Tourism and Events Economic Recovery Group: COVID-19
- Tourism and Transport Committee
- Tourism Industry Business Capability Development Reference Group
- Tourism Noosa Board
- Tourism, Travel and Events Reference Group
- Tourism Vision 2035 Drafting Group
- Tourism Whitsundays Board
- Tourism Workforce Steering Committee
- Valuation Reform Reference Group



WORKFORCE AND INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT

Having a skilled workforce is essential to the success of any industry. More than 170,000 individuals make up Queensland's tourism and hospitality sector, and their dedication to their careers and visitor excellence forms the backbone of the state's visitor economy.

QTIC plays an important role in driving and facilitating workforce development within Queensland's tourism sector. With the support of the state government, we deliver several programs aimed at attracting, training, and retaining a skilled tourism workforce.

From initiatives that support students and young professionals on their early tourism career pathways, to providing businesses with fully-funded staff upskilling courses, QTIC is helping to deliver the skilled workforce Queensland tourism depends on.

TOURISM INDUSTRY BUSINESS CAPABILITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

To better equip Queensland tourism businesses with practical skills and business fundamentals, the state government allocated \$3 million in funding for the Tourism Industry Business Capability Development Program.

Delivered by QTIC from 2018-2021, the program provided industry operators with the tools needed to grow more resilient, adaptive, and competitive businesses.

Participating businesses were given access to resources, live webinars and in-person workshops with tourism industry specialists. To further support businesses and to build on the information shared in webinars, operators were provided with tailored one-on-one professional coaching. The customised coaching allowed businesses to receive support in areas that were of greatest priority to operators.

The advice received has been invaluable ... [the program] has helped us gain access to professionals we couldn't afford.

Boobook Eco Tours

Keeping up-to-date as a small business is something we always struggle with ... knowing someone cared about what we are trying to achieve and the coach having belief in us made a hell of a difference.

Myella Farm Stay

When the global pandemic forced Queensland businesses to reevaluate their operations and priorities, the program was redesigned to provide operators with the tools needed to survive changing operational climates.

Industry experts delivered live webinars on a range of topics, including: COVID Reopening Preparation, Pivoting Product and Innovation, Domestic Trade and Distribution, and Domestic Marketing.

The Tourism Industry Business Capability
Development Program has helped hundreds
of Queensland tourism businesses achieve
greater success and resilience. By delivering
specialised support and tailored mentoring,
more than a thousand operators have been able
to access professional development that would
otherwise have been unavailable to them.

By promoting business development, the program has also ensured that visitors in Queensland continue to enjoy a consistently high standard of experience throughout the state.

From July 2021 to November 2021:



1,068

online coaching sessions were delivered to more than

150

tourism and hospitality businesses



more than 121

attendees from

113

businesses participated in

9 face-to-face

workshops and mentoring sessions held across

Queensland



WORKFORCE PROGRAMS, TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

In 2021 and 2022, QTIC continued to partner with industry, employers, training providers, and schools and educators across Queensland to develop a strong and supported workforce.

QTIC also participates on numerous advisory committees regarding the short and long-term workforce development needs of the tourism and hospitality sector.

Registered Trade Skills Pathway Program

To ease the skills shortage many hospitality operators are experiencing, QTIC supported casual cooks in becoming certified chefs through flexible qualification pathways.

Through our Registered Training Skills Pathway Program, which is proudly supported by the Queensland Government, QTIC provided alternative pathways to trade qualifications. The skills program provides flexibility for working cooks, financial incentives, and removes many of the barriers associated with traditional culinary qualifications.

The Registered Trade Skills Pathway Program is helping Queensland employers gain the skilled workforce they depend on.



48 students participated in training



51 students completed the Certificate III in Commercial Cookery trade qualification

2020 QTIC Salute to Excellence Awards

The annual QTIC Salute to Excellence Awards program recognises exceptional secondary students, employers, and teachers and trainers for their contribution to skill development in Queensland's tourism and hospitality industry.

Participants are connected with industry leaders and employers, and are frequently provided with career advancement and skill development opportunities.



30

nominations for the Salute to Excellence Awards



24

schools and training organisations took part



8

industry judges



Industry Skills Advisory

QTIC developed three industry reference groups to engage with employers, small business and industry stakeholders to secure industry intelligence.

We also provided high quality, evidence-based industry advice and intelligence related to:

- Current and emerging industry direction
- Regional skills needs and training solutions
- Jobs growth and employment opportunities

Micro-credentialing Program

With a skills shortage hampering the growth of the state's tourism industry, the Queensland Government and QTIC launched a microcredentialing program in 2020.

The program provides industry businesses and their staff with access to hundreds of fully-funded tourism and hospitality-related online courses.

The bite-sized and flexible courses provide operators with the support needed to improve productivity, retain staff, and upskill and onboard new and current employees.



464 businesses engaged



1,668 employees engaged



21,194 lessons completed



1,885 courses completed

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS MENTORING PROGRAM

The QTIC Young Professionals Mentoring Program provides an opportunity for the next generation of tourism professionals to grow personally and professionally with the guidance of industry leaders. The program connects participants who willingly share knowledge, insight and industry understanding, to develop new skills and expand their networks. Whether someone is a mentee or a mentor, there is always something to learn.

Over ten years ago, when the program was first offered, only four mentees and four mentors took part. At the start of 2022, 58 young tourism professionals were matched with experienced mentors. Every tourism region and almost all industry sectors in Queensland were represented in the largest cohort of program participants to date.

Over six months, young tourism professionals and senior industry representatives engaged in one-on-one mentoring. Mentees and mentors caught up monthly for structured discussions and professional development activities. Topics ranged from initial self-reflection and goal setting, fine-tuning resumes and positioning statements, and networking. Although the program is loosely structured, mentors and mentees are always encouraged to maximise program benefits, embrace flexibility, and grow communication skills by developing a collaborative plan to suit their needs.

There are plenty of success stories from mentees this year, thanks to mentors supporting their industry aspirations – including job offers, shadowing mentors at major events, and coming up with clear career development pathways to strengthen leadership experience.



REGIONAL TOURISM CAREERS ROADSHOW

Designed to showcase the tourism and hospitality industry to secondary students and jobseekers, the QTIC Regional Tourism Careers Roadshow has been connecting with communities and demonstrating the exciting nature of a career in tourism.

From Rockhampton and Toowoomba to Cairns and Mackay, the Roadshow visited eight regional communities this year. Through hands-on activities, tour guides of local tourism businesses and discussions with industry leaders, the Roadshow allowed secondary students and jobseekers to experience the vibrancy of a tourism career.

Working in close collaboration with QTIC members, school leavers and jobseekers were given access to high-profile employers who shared the various career pathways and professions that are available in tourism. Several attendees have secured employment through the Roadshows, with many more pursuing tourism training pathways.

Continuing the success of the in-person Roadshow, QTIC facilitated seven Virtual Career Expos this year. Replicating the format of the Roadshow online allowed us to reach a greater and more dispersed audience. Through virtual career booths, real time discussion boards and live presentations by industry specialists, jobseekers were given direct access to industry employers.

With the tourism sector facing unparalleled workforce challenges, the Regional Tourism Careers Roadshow forms an integral part of QTIC's long-term strategy to develop a skilled workforce.



280 jobseekers attended the Virtual Career Expos



442participants attended
Regional Tourism Careers
Roadshows



QUALITY TOURISM FRAMEWORK

During 2021 and 2022, QTIC continued to support business development and quality management practices through delivery of the Quality Tourism Framework (QTF). The QTF is a national business development program that is suitable for tourism businesses of all shapes and sizes. It provides businesses with the necessary tools and resources to ensure best practice management, customer confidence and ongoing sustainability.

The Framework consists of Australia's most recognised and well-respected tourism industry programs and tools:



The Quality Tourism Accredited Business program (QTAB)



Camps and Adventure accreditation



Star Ratings accreditation



The COVID Clean Practicing Business



The Accessibility self-assessment module

The QTF's quality standards have been upheld as demonstrated through the representation of accredited businesses in the Queensland Tourism Awards, Australian Tourism Awards, and Tourism and Events Queensland's Best of Queensland Experiences Program.



75%

of winners in eligible categories in the 2021 Queensland Tourism Awards held accreditation through the QTF



23%

of all businesses assessed in the 2022 Best of Queensland Experiences Program held a recognized accreditation. Nearly 14% of these were accredited through programs under the QTF



12

accredited businesses proceeded through to nationals in 15 categories for the 2021 Australian Tourism Awards



16

Queensland accommodation providers made it into the 2021 Gold List; a list of Australian accommodation providers known to consistently deliver excellent customer experiences QTIC have also supported the improvement of inclusivity and accessibility in the tourism industry with the release of a new tool to assist businesses in evaluating the accessibility of their products or facilities.

In 2018, people living with an accessibility challenge or disability contributed a staggering \$10.8 billion tourism spend to the Australian economy, highlighting significant opportunity for our tourism sector.

Introduction of the Quality Tourism
Framework's Accessibility Self-assessment
Module in September 2021 generated a surge
of positive interest from government, industry
associations and tourism businesses alike.
However, uptake in the module by tourism
businesses has been slow, highlighting the need
for greater disability awareness and promotion
of resources relating to accessibility needs.

With the Accessibility Self-assessment Module, we aim to provide tourism operators with the information they need to improve their experiences for people of all abilities, and to engage with industry partners and government to advocate for a more inclusive tourism industry for the future.

The accessibility module provided a great opportunity to reflect on the Museum's overall accessibility ... the team has already begun to strategise new ways to improve access across the Museum, from staff training workshops to introducing autism-friendly visitor kits.

Australian Age of Dinosaurs | Winton



INDIGENOUS TOURISM

With cultural tourism growing in popularity and Indigenous visitor experiences accounting for two million visitors to Queensland annually*, it is important that First Nations tourism be given the prominence it merits.

While the importance of meeting consumer demand cannot be understated, it is equally important to recognise that First Nations tourism is uniquely placed to deepen cultural understanding through story-telling and to advance representation within the wider community.

Through advocacy and targeted programs, QTIC continues to support the development of Queensland's Indigenous tourism sector. This past year, we worked closely with First Nations operators, Traditional Owners, and government bodies to improve support available to Indigenous-owned tourism businesses and operators. We also promoted the protection of First Nations creative expression and traditional knowledge, and we advocated for the bolstering of the state's Indigenous Land and Sea Ranger Program.

*Pre-COVID data





INDIGENOUS TOURISM PROGRAMS

Queensland First Nations Tourism Council

To facilitate the development of Indigenous tourism in Queensland, QTIC's First Nations Tourism Working Group established the Queensland First Nations Tourism Council (QFNTC).

After extensive consultations between QTIC, government bodies and First Nations communities, the independent peak body officially launched in June 2022, and serves as a collective voice and advocate for First Nations tourism in Queensland.

The concept of forming a dedicated peak industry body for Indigenous tourism was first raised in 2017 at QTIC's Destination IQ conference, where event participants called for the development of an Indigenous tourism strategy. From this discussion, the strategic Queensland First Nations Tourism Plan 2020-2025 was produced, with the establishment of an independent peak body for Indigenous tourism forming an integral pillar of the Plan.

While the establishment of the QFNTC has been facilitated by QTIC, the not-for-profit association exists as an independent and separate entity to QTIC. The QFNTC serves its members, stakeholders, and First Nations tourism as a wholly independent industry body.

The formation of Queensland's very own First Nations Tourism Council is an integral step in the advancement of Indigenous tourism within the state. To meet growing consumer demand for cultural experiences and facilitate the expansion of our First Nations visitor economy, it is critical that Indigenous tourism have its own voice through which to advocate and strategise.

Indigenous Champions Network

A decade after formation, the QTIC Tourism Indigenous Employment Champions Network, supported by the Star Entertainment Group, now encompasses 37 exceptional individuals from industry businesses across the state.

Committed to increasing the employment and representation of First Nations people within Queensland's tourism sector, the Champions Network worked collaboratively and steadfastly the past year to foster inclusive workplace culture, and to increase the recruitment and participation of Indigenous people in tourism.

QTIC would like to acknowledge these individuals and businesses, for their commitment this year to supporting First Nations voices and representation in Queensland tourism.



12%
of all international
visitors participated in an
Indigenous experience



Indigenous tourism experiences account for

2 million visitors to Queensland each year



1 in 6
employed Indigenous people
work in tourism

*Pre-COVID data

INDIGENOUS TOURISM EVENTS

Destination IQ 2021

In its 12th iteration, Queensland's premier First Nations tourism event, Destination IQ, brought together Indigenous operators, government representatives and the wider tourism industry to discuss the future of First Nations tourism.

Through industry-renowned presenters and panelists, the event delved into topics of conservation and land management, the preservation of language, and treaty and truth telling.

A plenary session also saw delegates engaging with practical measures to promote the integration of First Nations identities, ideas, and product at the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

To commemorate the end of the Year of Indigenous Tourism, a celebratory dinner was held following Destination IQ. The evening showcased First Nations product and talent through a curated Indigenous menu by Quandamooka chef, Kieron Anderson, and live entertainment from singer Nix Gross and acclaimed comedian, Sean Choolburra.

NAIDOC Corporate Breakfast 2022

The 2022 NAIDOC Corporate Breakfast saw hundreds of industry stakeholders, and organisations from both the public and private sectors unite together in celebration of National NAIDOC Week.

Centred around the national NAIDOC theme, Get Up! Stand Up! Show Up!, the event treated delegates to an inspiring lineup of guest speakers. Among them was the Minister for Indigenous Australians, the Hon Linda Burney MP. As one of the nation's leading authoritative voices on Indigenous concerns, Minister Burney spoke on the significance of the Uluru Statement from the Heart declaration.

Attendees also heard from General Manager of the *Koori Mail*, Naomi Moran, who discussed the power of putting words into action, and of the critical importance of representation.







EVENTS AND RECOGNITION PROGRAMS

While advocacy and the delivery of business development programs remains at the core of QTIC's responsibilities to industry, we are also committed to celebrating tourism and bringing industry together through various events and programs.

As Queensland's tourism industry emerged from the lockdowns and social restrictions of the past few years, QTIC was able to deliver a range of face-to-face events in 2021 and 2022. From networking functions and informative webinars, to major awards and recognition programs, QTIC served as a conduit between industry and community.

SALUTE TO EXCELLENCE AWARDS

For more than two decades, the Salute to Excellence Awards have recognised exceptional secondary students, employers, schools and registered training organisations for their contribution to tourism and hospitality education and training.

The Awards program is one of QTIC's most inspiring events, where we recognise the talented students who have set their sights on a career in tourism. The Awards acknowledge the employers and teachers who have dedicated themselves to supporting these celebrated students.

The event provides not only acknowledgment of our industry's most skilled and dedicated, but it also bridges the gap between employers and talent, connecting students with industry. The Awards program also drives industry recognition by spotlighting the brands and employers who are leaders in supporting the future of tourism.

In 2021, finalists from across Queensland competed in five award categories. The finalists and winners of the 24th Salute to Excellence Awards were celebrated in Brisbane at the Hilton Hotel with a dinner ceremony attended by industry and government representatives.

The Salute to Excellence Awards are proudly supported by the Queensland Government.

I had no idea that the Awards would lead me to where I am today. It was there that I met the people who have formed the foundations for my future.

Jimmy Barker 2017 Salute to Excellence finalist



2021 SALUTE TO EXCELLENCE AWARDS WINNERS AND RUNNERS UP

Secondary Student of the Year Award - Cookery

- Winner: Abbey Kuhnell, Mount Saint Patrick College
- Runner Up: Erik Brown, Rochedale State High School

Secondary Student of the Year Award - Food and Beverage

- **Winner:** Paris Foody, *Riverside Christian* College
- Runner Up: Jay Lyblac, Brisbane State High School

Secondary Student of the Year Award - Tourism

- **Winner:** Linh Nguyen, Albany Creek State High School
- Runner Up: Georgia Newell, Albany Creek State High School

Teacher/Trainer of the Year Award

- Winner: Leah Cremen, Calamvale Community College
- Runner Up: Donna Jenkin, James Nash State High School

Employer of the Year Award

• Winner: The Star Entertainment Group





QUEENSLAND TOURISM AWARDS

Operated by QTIC, the annual Queensland Tourism Awards are the state's highest industry accolades, recognising the outstanding achievements of individuals, businesses and events across a range of award categories.

Presented at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre, more than 1,100 operators and guests gathered to celebrate their efforts and resilience over the past two challenging years at the 2021 Queensland Tourism Awards.

After the global pandemic saw the postponement of the Awards in 2020, the 36th Queensland Tourism Awards allowed industry to once again champion the high calibre of visitor offerings, with Gold, Silver and Bronze presented across 31 award categories.

Having achieved a golden hat trick, Rockhampton's Empire Apartment Hotel, Bundaberg Rum Distillery Visitor Experience, and Red Cat Adventures were all inducted into the Queensland Tourism Awards Hall of Fame in 2021. Winning Gold for three consecutive years, these icons of tourism secured their positions as champions of visitor excellence.

Select category winners at the state level gained automatic entry into the Australian Tourism Awards, held at the Sunshine Coast Convention Centre in early 2022.

Overall, Queensland tourism celebrated a remarkable night on the national stage, accepting 15 accolades at this year's national Awards with 6 Gold, 5 Silver, and 4 Bronze being awarded to exceptional Queensland operators.

MAJOR TOURIST ATTRACTIONS

Gold Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary
Silver Australian Age of Dinosaurs
Bronze Qantas Founders Museum

TOURIST ATTRACTIONS

Gold Bundaberg Rum Distillery Visitor Experience

Silver Mary Valley Rattler Bronze Hinkler Hall of Aviation

MAJOR FESTIVALS AND EVENTS

Gold Beef 2021

Silver Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers

Bronze Blues on Broadbeach

FESTIVALS AND EVENTS

Gold St Lawrence Wetlands Weekend Silver Rare Spares Rockynats Car Festival

Bronze Birdsville Big Red Bash

THE STEVE IRWIN AWARD FOR ECOTOURISM

Gold Lady Elliot Island Eco Resort
Silver Small World Journeys

Bronze Sailaway

CULTURAL TOURISM

Gold Fun Over Fifty Holidays

Silver Paronella Park

Bronze Qantas Founders Museum

AWARD FOR ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER TOURISM

Gold Spirits of the Red Sand
Silver Rainforestation Nature Park
Bronze Cape York Peninsula Lodge

TOURISM RETAIL AND HIRE SERVICES

Gold Pelican Boat Hire

Silver Whitsunday Coast Airport

VISITOR INFORMATION SERVICES

Gold Longreach Visitor Information Centre
Silver Balonne Shire Visitor Information Centre
Bronze Mackay Region Visitor Information Centre

BUSINESS EVENT VENUES

Gold Empire Apartment Hotel Conference Centre
Silver Gold Coast Convention and Exhibition Centre

MAJOR TOUR AND/OR TRANSPORT OPERATORS

Gold Red Cat Adventures
Silver Ocean Rafting
Bronze Sea World Cruises

TOUR AND/OR TRANSPORT OPERATORS

Gold Sailaway

Silver Lady Musgrave Experience

Bronze 1770 LARC! Tours

ADVENTURE TOURISM

Gold Red Cat Adventures
Silver See Moreton
Bronze Skypark Cairns

THE RICHARD POWER AWARD FOR TOURISM MARKETING AND CAMPAIGNS

Gold Scenic Rim Regional Council
Silver Tourism Tropical North Queensland

Bronze Tourism Whitsundays

TOURISM RESTAURANTS AND CATERING SERVICES

Gold The Windmill Café Bargara
Silver Dracula's Cabaret Gold Coast

Bronze JW Marriott Gold Coast Resort and Spa

TOURISM WINERIES, DISTILLERIES AND BREWERIES

Gold Bundaberg Rum Distillery Visitor Experience Silver O'Reilly's Canungra Valley Vineyards

Bronze Sarina Sugar Shed

CARAVAN AND HOLIDAY PARKS

Gold Julia Creek Caravan Park

Silver BIG4 Adventure Whitsunday Resort Ingenia Holidays Cairns Coconut

HOSTED ACCOMMODATION

Gold Narrows Escape Rainforest Retreat
Silver Bli Bli House Riverside Retreat
The Country House at Hunchy

UNIQUE ACCOMMODATION

Gold Paradise Resort Gold Coast
Silver Cruise Whitsundays
Bronze Whitsunday Escape

SELF-CONTAINED ACCOMMODATION

Gold Pinnacles Resort
Silver RACV Noosa Resort
Bronze Bella Casa Noosa

3-3.5 STAR ACCOMMODATION

Gold Oaks Toowoomba Hotel Silver ibis Styles Mount Isa

4-4.5 STAR ACCOMMODATION

Gold Empire Apartment Hotel
Silver Novotel Cairns Oasis Resort
Bronze Novotel Brisbane Southbank

5 STAR ACCOMMODATION

Gold InterContinental Hayman Island Resort
Silver The Reef House Boutique Hotel and Spa

Bronze Emporium Hotel South Bank

NEW TOURISM BUSINESS

Gold Mitchell Grass Retreat
Silver Hopo Gold Coast Ferry
Bronze O'Reilly's Campground

EXCELLENCE IN FOOD TOURISM

Gold Beef 2021

Silver The Ginger Factory
Bronze Sarina Sugar Shed

OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION BY A VOLUNTEER OR VOLUNTEER GROUP

Gold Mary Valley Rattler Silver Australia Zoo

Bronze Goondiwindi Region – Rebecca Cover

YOUNG ACHIEVERS AWARD

Winner Simon Thornalley

THE MARIE WATSON-BLAKE AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION BY AN INDIVIDUAL

Winner Bindi Irwin

Winner John Courtney (posthumous award)

RACQ PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD - EXPERIENCE AND SERVICE

Winner Paronella Park

RACQ PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD - ACCOMMODATION

Winner RACV Noosa Resort

JUDGES AWARD FOR INNOVATION AND RESILIENCE

Winner Fun Over Fifty Holidays

QUEENSLAND TOP TOURISM TOWN AWARDS

Shining the spotlight on Queensland's regional destinations, the QTIC Queensland Top Tourism Town Awards honour communities that demonstrate a commitment to visitor excellence.

In 2022, 23 outstanding sunshine state destinations competed for top honours across three award categories based on population size.

After an exhaustive judging process by an expert panel, the public were invited to cast their vote on who they thought should be crowned the top visitor destinations in Queensland. Opening the vote to the public demonstrated the wide range of regional gems available to holidaymakers in the state.

Award winners on the state level went on to represent Queensland at Australian Top Tourism Town Awards held in September 2022. Winton finished on the podium on the national stage, taking out Silver for Top Tiny Tourism Town and solidifying its position as one of the best visitor destinations in Australia.

2022 QUEENSLAND TOP TOURISM TOWNS

Winton

Top Tiny Tourism Town Population under 1,500

Airlie Beach

Top Small Tourism TownPopulation between 1,500 and 5,000

Tamborine Mountain

Top Tourism TownPopulation over 5,000



RECOGNITION PROGRAMS

Throughout 2021 and 2022, QTIC provided a range of networking events, industry functions and online information sessions to better support tourism businesses and to connect operators with their wider industry.

World Tourism Day Networking EventSeptember 2021

As one of QTIC's largest annual networking events, World Tourism Day saw industry gathering together in recognition of tourism at Brisbane's Flight Centre headquarters.

Centred on the theme, *Tourism for Inclusive Growth*, the event included a facilitated discussion, led by prominent industry voices, who ignited conversation on building a more resilient industry in a post-COVID world by incorporating inclusive business practices.

The event also marked the official conclusion of the 2021 QTIC Young Professionals Mentoring Program, with mentors and mentees connecting together with industry.

Queensland Tourism Awards Sponsor Thank You Function

February 2022

Following border closures and unprecedented operating restrictions, the 2021 Queensland Tourism Awards reflected the endurance of tourism operators when a record number of entries for the awards program was received.

Delighted with the success of the Awards, QTIC thanked the generous sponsors of the 36th Queensland Tourism Awards for their steadfast support by hosting a Thank You Function overlooking the Brisbane River at Kangaroo Point's Riverlife.

Industry Networking BreakfastMarch 2022

The first QTIC networking event of the new year saw almost 250 industry guests connect over breakfast at The Calile Hotel in Brisbane.

Guests were treated to a panel of renowned industry voices who discussed practical measures that can be taken to leverage off the journey towards the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

The breakfast event was followed by the 2022 QTIC Young Professionals Mentoring Program induction, which accepted a record cohort of more than 100 participants.

Special Farewell Celebration for Daniel Gschwind

April 2022

More than 300 guests celebrated the exemplary achievements and dedication of QTIC Chief Executive, Daniel Gschwind, as he stood down from his position at the helm of the peak industry body after more than two decades of service.

Held at the Emporium Hotel South Bank, the cocktail celebration provided industry with the opportunity to come together and pay homage to a leader who has helped define Australia's tourism landscape.

QTIC Industry WebinarQueensland Health Directives: Update for the tourism industry

To ease industry confusion surrounding Queensland Health Directives and better equip businesses for the new operational directives, QTIC facilitated a panel discussion of experts.

Attended by senior members of the Queensland Police Service, Fair Work Ombudsman and FCB Workplace Law, QTIC provided more than 330 industry attendees with guiding information.

QTIC Industry WebinarPreparing your tourism business for the easing of social restrictions

Presented in conjunction with the Department of Tourism, Innovation and Sport, QTIC hosted a webinar in preparation of the easing of restrictions for fully-vaccinated people from December 2021 in Queensland.

To help support businesses for the revised operational practices, the webinar included a panel of specialists who provided information and addressed questions raised by operators.



QTIC Industry WebinarCrisis Resilience and Recovery Plan

QTIC and The University of Queensland partnered to develop a Queensland Tourism Workforce Crisis Resilience and Recovery Plan.

Led by industry and regional community consultation, the plan sought to use industry insights to facilitate the recovery of the sector following the pandemic.

In November 2021, QTIC hosted a webinar to summarise the findings and recommended actions that had been developed from industry consultations to date.

QTIC Industry Webinar Managing your workforce during lockdown

Given strict lockdown conditions in Queensland in 2021, QTIC presented an informative webinar for the tourism sector to assist businesses in navigating employment legislation during onerous operating environments.

Senior Associates from FCB Workplace Law discussed the options available to businesses in managing their workforce, including unpaid stand-downs and directions to take leave.

QTIC Industry WebinarQueensland lockdown: Tourism support

Following the announcement of an extended lockdown in 2021, QTIC hosted a webinar for the industry to outline support available to operators. Senior government officials expanded upon business support packages.



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BIG4 Adventure Whitsunday Resort

BIG4 Conway Beach Tourist Park

BIG4 Gold Coast Holiday Park

BIG4 Whitsundays Tropical Eco

Resort

Bike and Hike Whitsunday

Billabong Sanctuary

Billy Tea Bush Safaris

Binna Burra Lodge

Binnacle Training

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Brisbane Holiday Village

Brisbane Street Games

Brisbane Whale Watching

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Cairns Sheridan Hotel Caloundra Jet Ski

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Central Queensland University

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Charters Towers Regional Council

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City Winery Brisbane

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Cloncurry Shire Council

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Club Wyndham Airlie Beach

Whitsundays

Cobbold Gorge Tours

Cockatours

Colonial Palms

Comfort Resort Blue Pacific

Commercial Hotel Barcaldine

Complete Business Solutions (QLD)

Connect Tourism

Con-x-ion Airport Transfers

Cook Shire Council

Cooktown Holiday Park

Cooktown Orchid Travellers Park

Coolum Coaches/Stradbroke Buses

Coral Cove Apartments

Coral Expeditions Pty Ltd

Coral Sea Marina Resort

Corinda State High School

Costello Consultancy

Country Mile Escape

Creative Tours and Events

Cross Country Tours

Cruise Whitsundays

Crystal Caves

Crystal Pacific Palm Beach

Crystalbrook Collection - Bailey Hotel

Crystalbrook Collection - Flynn

Crystalbrook Collection - Riley Hotel

Crystalbrook Collection - Vincent Culgoa Point Beach Resort

Cumberland Charter Yachts

Curlew Escape

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Daintree Discovery Centre

Daintree Discovery Tours

Daintree Rainforest Pty Ltd t/a Cooper Creek Wilderness

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Jester Hill Wines

Jimbour House

JJ Strategic Consulting

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Kellys Beach Resort

Keppel Bay Marina

Kernow Charters Towers

Kewarra Beach Resort & Spa

K'gari Fraser Island Adventures

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Koala Blue Tours

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Kuranda Rainforest Journeys

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Lady Musgrave Experience

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Lion Australia

Lizard Island (Delaware North)

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Logan City Council

Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary

Longreach Regional Council

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Montville Misty View Cottages

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Moreton Island Adventures

Mornington Island Art

Mossman Gorge Centre

Mount Isa City Council

Mount Isa Rent A Car P/L t/a Hertz

Mount Isa

Mount Isa Rotary Rodeo

Mountain Wine Tours

Mountview Alpaca Farm

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Mt Isa Irish Association
Mt Larcom Tourist Park

Mt Quincan Crater Retreat

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Queensland Art Gallery and Gallery of Modern Art

Queensland Bus Industry Council

Queensland College of Wine Tourism

Queensland Hotels Association

Queensland Information Centres

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Rangelands Outback Camp

Ravensbourne Escape

RavenTours

Ray White North Stradbroke Island

REACH for Training

Red Cat Adventures

Red Dirt Tours

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Redland City Council

Reef and Rainforest Research Centre

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