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Tickets now on sale for the Youth Tourism Industry's biggest event of the year

Tickets are now on sale for event of the year for the Youth Tourism Industry across Australia and New Zealand. The event includes the Adventure Tourism Awards Ceremony and half-day Youth Tourism Conference which will both be held on Thursday 14 November, 2019 in Surfers Paradise on the Gold Coast.

Now in its second year, the industry led event has been organised by Adventure Queensland (AQ), the peak backpacking and independent travel industry body for Queensland, who in 2018 identified the need for industry collaboration within the Australian and New Zealand youth tourism sector and who understands the importance of formally recognising outstanding tourism experiences, people and places within this dynamic industry. AQ have been working alongside Backpacker Operators Association NSW (BOA) and the Backpacker Youth Tourism Advisory Panel (BYTAP) to ensure the Adventure Tourism Awards and Conference will provide an opportunity for industry members to come together and celebrate outstanding contribution and excellence.

AQ Vice President, Ms Anita Butler said: "It's important that our industry unites as one, to celebrate our successes and also collaborate on topics that are currently impacting our sector. We are excited to continue facilitating this fantastic awards program and conference that is put together by the industry for the industry. Award nominations and consumer voting now also underway and the response from industry across Australia and New Zealand thus far has been nothing short of astounding".

**Tickets for the Adventure Tourism Awards Ceremony are:
\$220 per person OR table of 10 for \$2,000 for early bird until 30 September.**

The Adventure Tourism Awards will recognise the outstanding contribution that businesses in this sector, big and small, provide to young travellers and the broader youth tourism industry

**Tickets for the Youth Tourism Conference are:
\$195 per person OR \$180 for early bird until 30 September.**

The half-day Youth Tourism Conference will include a wide range of presentations for industry members to discuss and debate key issues impacting the youth travel sector plus hear from inspiring speakers aimed to educate on the latest trends and opportunities for business growth.

**Awards and conference packages are also available for:
\$400 per person OR \$380 for early bird until 30 September.**

VOTE NOW: Vote now to celebrate outstanding achievements of tourism businesses across our sector in Australia and New Zealand. Voting is open until midday, Monday 30 September and you can vote once per category.

Event website: www.adventuretourismawards.com.au

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