



WESTERN SYDNEY TOURISM AWARDS 2025

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Awards Celebrate Regional Powerhouses

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The **Western Sydney Tourism Awards 2025**, hosted by **Western Sydney Tourism Taskforce NSW Inc**, brought together the region's tourism champions for a spectacular night of celebration, recognition, and cultural pride. Held at the **Liverpool Catholic Club**, the event honoured outstanding contributions to Western Sydney's thriving visitor economy.

The venue was transformed into a vibrant showcase of the region's identity, featuring a striking "**Destination Western Sydney**" theme, complete with a large airplane installation, wildlife figures, and directional signage symbolising the region's journey toward becoming a global tourism hub.

Guests were treated to a rich tapestry of **multicultural entertainment**, including a captivating Chinese cultural performance and energetic Pacific Island dance, reflecting the diversity that defines Western Sydney.

The evening began with a warm video message from **NSW Premier Chris Minns**, followed by opening remarks from **Hon. Minister Steve Kamper**, Minister for Jobs and Tourism, and **Mayor Ned Mannoun** of Liverpool City Council. **Karen Jones**, CEO of Destination NSW, joined Minister Kamper in presenting key awards, including **Best Campaign**, **Hotel of the Year**, **Conference Business of the Year**, and **Best Tourism Business**.

Chair of the Western Sydney Tourism Taskforce, **Ms Fazila Farhad**, opened the night with a powerful message:

“Following the success of our inaugural event last year, we are thrilled by the overwhelming response to this year’s awards. These awards not only celebrate excellence in tourism but also honour the vibrant, diverse, and ever-evolving spirit of Western Sydney. With the Western Sydney International Airport (WSI) opening next year, we welcome the NSW Government and Destination NSW’s focus on Western Sydney as a destination in the 2035 Visitor Economy Strategy. Our mission is to position Western Sydney as a premier local and international destination, showcasing our members, stakeholders, and local businesses to drive economic growth across the region.”

A total of **13 awards** were presented across categories including **hotels, arts, music, hospitality, and conference venues ,events, and suppliers** with winners recognised by industry leaders such as **Qantas, Accor Hotels , IHG Hotels & Resorts, Winter Sports World, Inglis Group, Vietnam Airlines, Quest Hotels, Park Royal Parramatta, Bradfield Development Authority,** and **Destination NSW.**

The night also featured exciting **lucky draw prizes**, including **two return tickets to Vietnam** sponsored by Vietnam Airlines, **overnight hotel stays with breakfast, winery getaways,** and **passes to wildlife parks and ice rinks.**

With strong support from local councils, MPs, tourism operators, and businesses, the **Western Sydney Tourism Awards 2025** was a resounding success—highlighting the region’s commitment to excellence, innovation, and inclusive growth in the tourism sector.



The Hon. Minister Steve Kamper



Board of WS Tourism Taskforce with Minister Steve Kamper and Karen Jones
From left (Stevan Sipka, Sam Davies, Davy Nguyen, Fazila Farhad, Minister Steve Kamper, Karen Jones and Tom Wang)

Winners of the Western Sydney Tourism Awards 2025

2025 WESTERN SYDNEY TOURISM AWARDS WINNERS

1. Campaign Awards - Hotels / Tourism Business MAJOR

Platinum Winner: PARKROYAL Parramatta

Gold Winner: Rydges Campbelltown

2. Events Campaign Awards - Councils

Platinum Winner: "Lunar New Year 2025" - City of Parramatta

Gold Winner: "Starry Sari Night" - Liverpool City Council



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3. Meeting /Conference Venue for the Year MAJOR

Platinum Winner: Western Sydney Convention Centre

Gold Winner: The William Inglis Hotel

Silver Winner: Crowne Plaza Hawkesbury Valley and Parramatta Town Hall

4. Tour Group Experience of the Year

Platinum Winner: Golden Dragon Travel

Gold Winner: Hoju Muhan Tour

Silver Winner: Greater Sydney Tours

5. Best Visitor Economy Event - Day /Night Visitation

Platinum Winner: Back to Guilford Festival -Cumberland City Council

Gold Winner: Featherdale Sydney Wildlife Park

6. Apartment Hotels and Unique accommodation

Apartment Hotels Platinum Winner: Quest Penrith

Apartment Hotels Gold Winner: Meriton Suites Liverpool

Unique Accommodation Platinum Winner: The William Inglis Hotel

Unique Accommodation Gold Winner: Kalinya Estate

Unique Accommodation Silver Winner: Dido's place

7. Outstanding Business Leader of the year MAJOR

Platinum Winner: Belinda Thomson, The William Inglis Hotel



8. Best Bar/Pub of the Year

Platinum Winner: Oran Park Hotel

Gold Winner: The Warwick

Silver Winner: Guildford Hotel

9. Best Rated Cuisine - Hotels / Clubs / Restaurants

Platinum Winner: District 8, Cabravale Diggers

Gold Winner: Gledswood Homestead and Winery & "New Town Thai Restaurant" by West HQ

10. Best Tourist Adventure & Leisure Attraction

Platinum Winner: Urbnsurf

Gold Winner: LCC Ice Rink and Australian Botanic Garden Mount Annan

11. Best Music and Arts Venue

Platinum Winner: Coliseum Theatre -West HQ

Gold Winner: Casula Powerhouse Liverpool

12. Outstanding Hospitality / Industry Supplier of The Year

Platinum Winner: Cargo Crew

Gold Winner: Intaus Group

13. Tourism Business of the Year MAJOR

Platinum Winner: Feather dale Sydney Wildlife Park

Gold Winner Botanic Garden Of Sydney Mount Annan

Special Award: Outstanding Economic Tourism Project: Winter Sports World.



Board members of Western Sydney Tourism Taskforce:

From left Stevan Sipka , Fazila Farhad , Tom Wang , David Nguyen, Hans Jochim ,Belinda Thomson , Sam Davies, Christie Wang Tony Chiefari , Ben Atkins , Michael Foulkes, Brent Hilbrink Watson



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