

### **2013 AFTA National Travel Industry Awards Nominations to Open Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February**

**06 February 2013:** Nominations for the 2013 AFTA National Travel Industry Awards will open at 9.00am (EDST) on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February.

The AFTA NTIA recognises and rewards excellence in the Australian travel industry, through a process which includes nominating, voting and judging potential candidates, culminating in the announcement of the winners at a Gala Awards Dinner. In 2013, the Gala Dinner will be on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July, held at the new venue Hordern Pavilion, Moore Park.

This year as previously announced we have three exciting new categories. The new categories are Best Travel Agency Manager - Retail, Best Travel Agency Manager – Corporate and Best Niche Wholesaler.

You can find the entrant guidelines for these exciting new categories at [www.afta.com.au](http://www.afta.com.au).

2013 sees AFTA celebrate the NTIA with exciting new venues, new categories and an overall refreshed NTIA and AFTA is looking forward to working with all of its sponsors to ensure that this year's NTIA is our best yet.

AFTA's Event Manager, Alex Cook has confirmed that there are still a limited number of opportunities for interested parties to participate as Lucky Door Prize Sponsors, by way of providing a prize to be drawn on the night.

There are two nomination forms used in the NTIA process – one form for travel agents who wish to nominate suppliers and another for suppliers to nominate travel agents in the various categories. Nominations will only be accepted via these online nomination forms and each nomination will be verified prior to proceeding to the voting stage of the awards.

Both agents and suppliers may submit nominations in the *Best Registered Travel Industry Training Institution* category. Self nominations will be accepted as well as nominations from others, but only in the categories of *Best Travel Writer* and *Best Travel Agent Technology Innovation*.

A complete list of categories for the 2013 AFTA NTIA may be viewed at <http://www.afta.com.au/NTIAAwardCategories>

The nomination period will run from 9.00am (EDST) Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February through to 5.00pm (EDST) Friday 01<sup>st</sup> March.

To submit a nomination visit [www.afta.com.au](http://www.afta.com.au) after 9.00am on Monday and click the link on the homepage.

Ends.

### **Notes to Editors:**

The Australian Federation of Travel Agents (AFTA) is the peak body in Australia representing the retail travel industry. Founded in 1957, AFTA represents the majority of travel agents in Australia and includes all of the major travel agency groups.

AFTA's role is to uphold the interests of members in matters relating to the operation of all travel agencies in Australia. In broad terms these issues are ones that are not addressed by agent chain or corporate entities on behalf of their members, and are ones that involve the industry as a whole.

The AFTA National Travel Industry Awards (AFTA NTIA) acknowledge the best of the best in the Australian travel industry – with categories covering travel agencies and individual consultants, as well as the various suppliers which support them and their businesses.

These awards are essential in providing encouragement and recognition to the businesses and personnel who demonstrate outstanding service, marketing excellence and business acumen to the travel industry.

The 2013 - AFTA NTIA Gala Dinner will be held on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July at the Hordern Pavilion, Moore Park.

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