

2014 AFTA National Travel Industry Awards Nominations to Open Monday 10th February

07 Feb 2014: Nominations for the 2014 AFTA National Travel Industry Awards will open at 9.00am (EDST) on Monday 10th 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 2014, the Gala Dinner will be on Saturday 19th July, held at the Hordern Pavilion, Moore Park for the second year after a successful move in 2013.

AFTA is looking forward to working with our major sponsor Qantas and all of our 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 three 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. The third form is for the Emirates Travel Consultant Scholarship self nomination application. 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*. The Emirates Travel Consultant Scholarship is self nomination only.

A complete list of categories for the 2014 AFTA NTIA may be viewed at <http://www.afta.com.au/NTIAAwardCategories>

The nomination period will run from 9.00am (EDST) Monday 10th February through to 5.00pm (EDST) Friday 28th February.

To submit a nomination visit www.afta.com.au after 9.00am on Monday and click the link on the homepage.

Qantas is the major sponsor of the 2014 NTIA, providing much valued support in recognising and celebrating the industry's best. Entry to the AFTA After Party sponsored by Singapore Airlines is also included with every Gala Dinner ticket purchased.

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 2014 - AFTA NTIA Gala Dinner will be held on Saturday 19th July at the Hordern Pavilion, Moore Park.

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