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National Zoo & Aquarium and Jamala Wildlife Lodge sweep the Canberra Region Tourism Awards

The Canberra Region's best of the tourism industry were tonight celebrated at the biggest night on the tourism events calendar, the [Canberra Region Tourism Awards](#). The awards ceremony was held at Parliament House, Friday 25th November, in what was a return to the first in-person awards ceremony in three years.

"A huge congratulations goes out to all our entrants this year! It's been wonderful to have everyone gather to recognise excellence in tourism, particularly after what has again been a challenging year for members of our industry as tourism begins to bounce back," said Dr Naomi Dale, Chief Executive Officer of the Canberra Region Tourism Industry Council.

"It's fantastic to connect and celebrate all our achievements along with the winners and commendations for each category. We are so thrilled to say Canberra Region has winners from 12 categories who will now go on to represent our region at the Australian Tourism Awards being held in Sydney in March 2023.

"Extra big congratulations go to the National Zoo and Aquarium and Jamala Wildlife lodge who swept this year's local awards, winning in an unprecedented three separate categories which they will now represent at national level.

"The National Zoo and Aquarium won Major Tourist Attraction, with Jamala winning for both Unique Accommodation and Tourism Restaurants & Catering Services. The Tindale family and all their staff have made an incredible contribution to tourism in the Canberra Region," Dr Dale continued.

Other award winners of the night included National Arboretum for Tourist Attraction; Enlighten (Events ACT) for Major Festivals and Events; Royal Australian Mint for Cultural Tourism, Canberra & Region Visitors Centre for Visitor Information Services and Tallagandra Hill Winery for the Tourism Wineries, Distilleries & Breweries category.

The ACT Government were the awards' major sponsor, with support from the National Capital Attractions Association. The full list of award categories, winners and commendations can be viewed below. For more information on the awards visit www.canberratourismawards.com.au



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Canberra Region Tourism Awards 2022 – Results

CATEGORY	TYPE	ORGANISATION	RESULT
1.	Major Tourist Attractions	National Zoo and Aquarium	WINNER
2.	Tourist Attractions	National Arboretum Canberra	WINNER
3.	Major Festivals and Events	Enlighten, Events ACT	WINNER
4.	Festivals and Events	National Folk Festival	Commendation
6.	Cultural Tourism	Royal Australian Mint	WINNER
8.	Tourism Retail & Hire Services	Gallery of Small Things	Commendation
9.	Visitor Information Services	Canberra & Region Visitors Centre	WINNER
12.	Tour & Transport Operators	Van Du Vin	Commendation
13.	Adventure Tourism	Dynamic Motivation Mountain Biking	WINNER
15.	Tourism Restaurants & Catering Services	Jamala Wildlife Lodge	WINNER



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16.	Tourism Wineries, Distilleries & Breweries	Tallagandra Hill Winery	WINNER
17.	Caravan & Holiday Parks	Alivio Tourist Park	WINNER
19.	Unique Accommodation	Jamala Wildlife Lodge	WINNER
21.	3-3.5 Star Accommodation	Mercure Canberra	Commendation
22.	4-4.5 Star Deluxe Accommodation	Little National Hotel	WINNER
25.	Excellence in Food Tourism	Pialligo Estate	WINNER
LOCAL CATEGORIES			
26.	Outstanding Contribution by an Individual	Mark Sarah Cockington Green Gardens	WINNER
27.	Young Achievers Award	Tiina Mustonen QPRC	WINNER
27.	Young Achievers Award	Michaela Catelin Hotel Kurrajong	Commendation
28.	Canberra Region Resilience & Innovation	Handmade Market	WINNER
28.	Canberra Region Resilience & Innovation	Pialligo Estate	Commendation