

# Our national winners

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WA tourism operators won four awards at Friday night's Qantas Australian Tourism Awards in Melbourne.

And to cap off the haul, the inaugural Outstanding Contribution by an Individual was won by a WA industry stalwart.

Kooljaman at Cape Leveque won the Indigenous Tourism award for its wilderness camp at One Arm Point, 220km north of Broome. Kooljaman was inducted into the Hall Of Fame in 2005 for three previous consecutive wins at a national level.

The Augusta Margaret River Tourism Association won its second successive award in the Visitor Information and Service category. It will be inducted into the WA Tourism Awards Hall of Fame in 2009.

Mandurah's Cafe Pronto won in the Tourism Restaurants and Catering Services category. Judges said a \$1.7 million renovation had placed the style of the cafe "firmly in the 21st century" while maintaining its integrity as a historical site.

Faraway Bay in the Kimberley, accessible only by air or sea, was a clear standout in the Unique Accommodation category, celebrating its second successive win.

Rottneest Island Board chairman Laurie O'Meara was awarded the Outstanding Contribution award for a lifetime of service to the industry, including helping develop the Australian Tourism Accreditation Program and the establishment of the Australian Tourism Accreditation Association, of which he was the inaugural chairman.

Mr O'Meara was a board member and later president of the Tourism Council Australia WA from 1993-2000.

Tourism Council WA chief executive Graham Moss said the awards won by WA entrants — twice the number won last year — demonstrated the growing maturity of the local industry.

"We now have operators who are winning these prestigious national awards on more than one occasion, which recognises that they are maintaining a high standard of excellence and visitor satisfaction," he said.

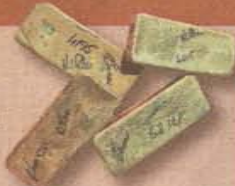


**NATIONAL TOURISM AWARD WINNERS KOOLJAMAN AT CAPE LEVEQUE, TOP LEFT, FARAWAY BAY AND LAURIE O'MEARA. MANDURAH'S CAFE PRONTO WAS ALSO HONOURED.**

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**Cost:** Nat. Trust Members \$1,150. non \$1,360

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Travel further east with stops at Karalee Rocks and No8 Pump Station. Discover the secrets of Coolgardie and the Goldrush.  
Overnight: Quality Inn Railway Motel.

**15 May Kalgoorlie (B, D)**  
Visit the end of the Golden Pipeline at Mt Charlotte marvelling at the completed work of CY O'Connor. Tour historic Kalgoorlie-Boulder inc. both town halls and Royal Flying Doctor Base. Free time to explore.  
Overnight: Quality Inn Railway Motel.

**16 May Kalgoorlie (B)**  
Visit the Sunny Day and have a restricted view of the WA Museum in