



**TOURISM
AWARDS**



**Australian
Tourism Awards**

19. Unique Accommodation

CATEGORY QUESTIONS

2026 AWARDS

UNIQUE ACCOMMODATION

DESCRIPTOR

This category recognises tourism excellence in accommodation providing a unique tourism experience that includes an overnight accommodation experience with an included activity. The focus of this award is on the uniqueness of the tourism experience.

This category is open to properties developed around unconventional accommodation infrastructure that includes an activity (passive or active). Entry is open – but not limited to – tented holidays, houseboats, tree houses, underground accommodation and yacht charters.

WORD COUNT

Minimum of 4000 words, maximum of 7500 words

IMAGE COUNT

Maximum 30 images.

QUALIFYING PERIOD

The Qualifying Period is 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026.

SCORE SUMMARY

Submission Score	100 points
Digital Review Score	20 points
Consumer Rating	20 points
Site Visit	0 points
TOTAL	140 points

SUBMISSION SCORE BREAKDOWN

SECTION 1. OVERVIEW OF BUSINESS	15 POINTS
• Question 1.1	(10 points)
• Statement of Achievement	(5 points)
SECTION 2. EXCELLENCE IN BUSINESS & PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT	15 POINTS
• Question 2.1	(15 points)
SECTION 3. EXCELLENCE IN MARKETING	25 POINTS
• Question 3.1	(10 points)
• Question 3.2.	(15 points)
SECTION 4. EXCELLENCE IN CUSTOMER SERVICE	25 POINTS
• Question 4.1	(15 points)
• Question 4.2	(10 points)
SECTION 5. EXCELLENCE IN SUSTAINABLE & RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS	20 POINTS

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- Responsible Tourism and Sustainability Achievements. (5 points)
- Question 5.1 (15 points)

SECTION 6. FINAL REMARKS

- Final Remarks (0 points)

SUMMARY OF QUESTIONS

SECTION 1. OVERVIEW OF BUSINESS

- Question 1.1 A. Provide an overview of the business.
 B. Provide visual evidence to support your answer.
- Statement of Achievement

SECTION 2. EXCELLENCE IN BUSINESS & PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT

- Question 2.1 A. Detail 2–5 improvements that have been made to business operations and/or the product offering during the [qualifying period](#). These may be new initiatives or improvements to existing practices. Only activities and outcomes from the [qualifying period](#) should be included.
 B. Provide visual evidence to support your answer.

SECTION 3. EXCELLENCE IN MARKETING

- Question 3.1 A. Provide an overview of the business’s main 2–3 target markets.
 B. Provide visual evidence to support your answer.
- Question 3.2 A. Detail 2–5 marketing strategies undertaken by the business during the [qualifying period](#). These may be new or ongoing strategies, but only activities/tactics and outcomes achieved during the [qualifying period](#) should be included.
 B. Provide visual evidence to support your answer.

SECTION 4. EXCELLENCE IN CUSTOMER SERVICE

- Question 4.1 A. Detail 2–5 customer service initiatives undertaken by the business during the [qualifying period](#). These may be new initiatives or improvements to existing practices. Explain how these initiatives enhanced the visitor experience at key stages of the visitor journey.
 B. Provide visual evidence to support your answer.

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- Question 4.2
- A. How has the business demonstrated itself to be inclusive throughout the [qualifying period](#)? This may be new initiatives or improvements to existing practices. Only activities and outcomes from the [qualifying period](#) should be included.
 - B. Provide visual evidence to support your answer.

SECTION 5. EXCELLENCE IN SUSTAINABLE & RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS

Responsible Tourism and Sustainability Achievements.

- Question 5.1
- A. Detail 2-5 responsible and sustainable business practices undertaken by the business during the [qualifying period](#). These may be new practices or improvements to existing practices. Only activities and outcomes from the [qualifying period](#) should be included.
 - B. Provide visual evidence to support your answer.

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