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### Tourism Awards travel West in 2018

Perth's new Stadium will host the Australian tourism industry's best and brightest as the Qantas Australian Tourism Awards travel west in February 2018.

The Qantas Australian Tourism Awards, which are the industry's premier awards program recognising outstanding industry achievement in 25 categories, will be the first corporate event held at the new Perth Stadium. The event is expected to attract more than 800 people from across the country including Federal and State Tourism Ministers, CEOs of State and Regional tourism bodies and tourism industry leaders.

Australian Tourism Awards Chairman Daniel Gschwind said the awards had been recognising and celebrating industry excellent for more than 30 years.

"It is with great pleasure that we return to Perth for the first time since 2011 for the Qantas Australian Tourism Awards," he said.

"These Awards are an opportunity to celebrate the commitment and achievements of tourism businesses from across Australia. It is these businesses who deliver outstanding product and service to visitors and generate growth and jobs for the national economy."

The Awards are sponsored by long-term supporters Qantas and will be supported locally by the West Australian Government, through Tourism Western Australia.

WA Tourism Minister Paul Papalia said Western Australia was proud to host the awards.

"Perth has undergone a massive transformation since the Qantas Australian Tourism Awards were last held here in 2011 and this event offers a great platform to show off the changes that have taken place including our magnificent new Perth Stadium," Mr Papalia said.

"I look forward to welcoming the nation's tourism industry leaders here in February 2018."

Australian Tourism Industry Council Chair Evan Hall said the event presented an opportunity to showcase one of Western Australia's newest pieces of infrastructure to the national tourism industry.

"Perth has undergone a magnificent transformation since the Awards were last held in Western Australia, and it is exciting to be able to share this with our industry colleagues," he said.

The **Qantas Australian Tourism Awards** will be held at Perth Stadium on **Friday, February 23, 2018**.