

Now is the time to take that step into the



Meetings & Events Australia

winner's circle!

2008 Meetings & Events Industry Awards

The Meetings and Events Industry Awards are the premier accolade for outstanding performance.

Entering the awards provides members with a unique opportunity to review their goals, to benchmark against other professionals, and to assist each segment of the industry to gain recognition for the significant role they play. Winners of the Award enjoy considerable profile within the Meetings and Events Industry and with the general buying public. With a simplified entry process, streamlined submission documentation and more winner benefits.

Entry Process

All you have to do is download an application template for your chosen category from the MEA website. Complete the template and upload your submission on to the MEA website by the deadline date.

New in 2008 !!!

If you think that another MEA member should be a MEA award winner, nominate them via the awards section on MEA website and we will ensure that they receive the required criteria and application form for the category you nominated them for.

Submission Closing Date

4pm Wednesday 28 January 2009

Qualifying Period

1 July 2007 - 30 June 2008

State Presentations

Held February 2009

National Presentations

MEA National Awards Night will be held during the MEA 22nd National Conference on 7 April 2009 at the Adelaide Convention Centre.

Categories

Following an extensive review of the award categories, we at MEA are very excited to introduce the following additions and changes to the 2007 award categories.

The 2008 awards are going to be judged in the following categories:

- Meeting of the Year – More than 500 delegates
- Meeting of the Year – Less than 500 delegates
- Special Event of the Year - ***NEW in 2008***
- Exhibition of the Year - ***NEW in 2008***
- Incentive of the Year - ***NEW in 2008***
- Public Event of the Year (Including Festivals) - ***NEW in 2008***
- Meetings Management - 8 or more employees
- Meetings Management - less than 8 employees
- In-House Meetings Management
- Special Event Organiser
- Exhibition Organiser
- Banqueting & Catering
- Technical & Creative Production
- Transportation and Travel
- Meetings & Events Support Services (including conference and exhibition support products and services) ***NEW in 2008***
- Meeting Venue – more than 500 delegates
- Meeting Venue – 150-500 delegates
- Meeting Venue – less than 150 delegates
- Specialty Venue
- Operations Person of the Year ***NEW in 2008*** (from 2008 the applicant must be an accredited (AMM/AIMM) or a recognised (AFMEA) member to enter this award)
- Sales & Marketing Person of the Year ***NEW in 2008*** (from 2008 the applicant must be an accredited (AMM/AIMM) or a recognised (AFMEA) member to enter this award)
- Meetings or Events Manager of the Year ***NEW in 2008*** (from 2008 the applicant must be MEA accredited meetings manager (AMM/AIMM) to enter this award)
- Y MEA Future Leader ***NEW in 2008***
- Education, Training & Professional Development ***NEW in 2008***
- Metropolitan Convention Bureau/ Tourist Organisation ***NEW in 2008***
- Regional Convention Bureau/ Tourist Organisation ***NEW in 2008***
- Corporate Social Responsibility ***NEW in 2008***

Applications and Judging in 2008 - ***New Rules***

- All award applications excluding individual categories will have to include a statement of financial viability with their application.
- All applicants will be required to sign MEA Code of Ethics and submit with their application.
- Finalists in individual award categories will be required to attend a face to face interview with MEA nominated judges.
- From 2008, judges' feedback will only be provided on request in April 2009.

Here are some of the 2007 MEA National Award Winners



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Hall of Fame

**Special Event Management
2005-2008**

Peter Jones Special Events VIC

**Technical & Creative Production
2005-2008**

Staging Rentals & Construction Services NSW

**Catering / Banqueting
2006-2009**

Sydney Showground NSW

**Conference Support Products
2006-2009**

Execugifts QLD

**Convention Bureau Tourist Organisation
2006-2009**

Sydney Convention & Visitors Bureau NSW

**Meeting Venue – More than 500 delegates
2007 - 2010**

Gold Coast Convention & Exhibition Centre

**Meeting Venue – less than 150 delegates
2007 - 2010**

The Westin Melbourne VIC

▼ *Events Manager of the Year:
Jacqueline Larsen (DG Global Events) WA*



▲ *Outstanding Contribution Award:
Roslyn McLeod, Tour Hosts NSW*



▼ *Meeting Venue – More Than 500 Delegates:
Gold Coast Convention & Exhibition Centre QLD*



▼ *Technical & Creative Production and
Platinum Award: Solution RED VIC*



▶ *Special Event Organiser &
Environmental Contribution:
Great Southern E-vents NSW*



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