



The gala **Qantas Australian Tourism Awards** held in Burswood's Grand Ballroom were attended by more than 600 black-tie guests, including many interstate visitors who travelled to Perth for the event. National tourism operators celebrated their success in a night punctuated by the announcement of winners in 27 categories and a swag of colourful floor shows. WA industry champion Ian Laurance was awarded the highest tourism honour and WA's Eco Beach Wilderness Retreat took out the "unique accommodation" category. Guests dined on a menu by Neil Perry and Willie Creek pearls valued at \$40,000 were given away during the night which came with a Destination Australia theme.

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Paul King, Anne-Marie Lynch & Graham Moss



Bradley & Izumi Woods



Katie Tomanek, David Chaplin & Kylie O'Connell



Barbara & Ian Laurance



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