



KINGFISHER BAY RESORT | K'GARI BEACH RESORT | K'GARI EXPLORER TOURS
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- 2023 Fraser Coast Tourism & Events – Tourism Land Based Award – K’gari Explorer Tours
- 2023 Fraser Coast Tourism & Events – Resort & Deluxe Accommodation – K’gari Beach Resort
- 2023 Fraser Coast Tourism & Events – Outstanding Medium & Large Business Award – SeaLink K’gari
- 2023 Holidays with Kids – Australia’s Best Family Resorts: 3-star & 4-star – Kingfisher Bay Resort
- 2023 Tourism & Events Queensland – Best of Queensland Award – K’gari Explorer Tours
- 2023 Tourism & Events Queensland – Best of Queensland Award – K’gari Beach Resort
- 2023 Tourism & Events Queensland – Best of Queensland Award – Beauty Spots Tour
- 2023 Tourism & Events Queensland – Best of Queensland Award – Kingfisher Bay Ferry
- 2023 Tourism & Events Queensland – Best of Queensland Award – Kingfisher Bay Resort
- 2023 Tourism & Events Queensland – Best of Queensland Award – Sea Explorer
- 2022 Fraser Coast Tourism Award for ‘Tourism- Land Based’ – K’gari Explorer Tours
- 2022 Fraser Coast Tourism Hall of Fame Award for ‘Resort & Deluxe Accommodation’ – Kingfisher Bay Resort
- 2022 Fraser Coast Tourism Award for ‘Resort & Deluxe Accommodation’ – K’gari Beach Resort
- 2022 Kingfisher Bay Resort was named a top 5 finalist for ‘Best Resort Reception Venue’ in Australia by the Australian Bridal Industry Awards (ABIA).
- 2022 Fraser Coast and Wide Bay Brides Choice Award ‘Best Wedding Venue 4-5 Star Hotel’ by The Australian Weddings Industry Awards.
- 2021 Fraser Coast Tourism Award for ‘Best Deluxe Accommodation’ – Kingfisher Bay Resort.
- 2021 Kingfisher Bay Resort inducted into the Hall of Fame for Kingfisher Bay Resort winning ‘Best Marketing’ 3 years in a row at the Fraser Coast Tourism Awards.
- 2021 Kingfisher Bay Resort named in Holidays With Kids magazine’s Top Ten Family Resorts (4 Star and Under) in Australia.
- 2021 Kingfisher Bay Resort named in Australian Traveller Magazine’s 100 Unique Stays.
- 2021 Kingfisher Bay Resort – Trip Advisor Travellers’ Choice award.



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- 2021 Seabelle Restaurant – Trip Advisor Travellers’ Choice award.
- 2021 Sand & Wood Restaurant – Trip Advisor Travellers’ Choice award.
- 2021 Fraser Explorer Tours – Trip Advisor Travellers’ Choice award.
- 2021 Fraser Island named in Out & About with Kids Magazine’s 100 Best Family Travel Experiences in Australia for 2021 (Top 5).
- 2021 Fraser Coast and Wide Bay Brides Choice Award ‘Best Wedding Venue 4-5 Star Hotel’ by The Australian Weddings Industry Awards.
- 2021 Kingfisher Bay Resort named ‘Best Resort Reception Venue’ in Queensland by the Australian Bridal Industry Awards (ABIA)
- 2021 Kingfisher Bay Resort inducted into the Hall of Fame at Queensland by the Australian Bridal Industry Awards (ABIA).
- 2020 Baird Maritime Awards Best Tourist RIB (Rigid inflatable boat).
- 2020 ACCOR Pacific Franchise Awards General Manager of the Year David Hay- Mercure Kingfisher Bay Resort.
- 2020 Kingfisher Bay Resort named in Holidays With Kids magazine’s Top Ten Family Resorts (4 Star and Under) in Australia.
- 2020 Kingfisher Bay Resort named in Australian Traveller Magazine’s Top Destinations to Reclaim Summer.
- 2020 Fraser Island named in Australian Traveller Magazine’s 100 Ways to Holiday Here This Year.
- 2020 Fraser Island named in Holidays with Kids Magazine’s 52 Great Aussie Family Escapes (Top 12).
- 2020 Kingfisher Bay Resort was named ‘Runner-Up Best Resort Reception Venue’ in Queensland by the Australian Bridal Industry Awards (ABIA).
- 2020 Brides Choice Award ‘#1 Winner’ by The Australian Weddings Industry Awards.



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- 2020 Kingfisher Bay Resort – Trip Advisor Travellers’ Choice award.
- 2020 Seabelle Restaurant – Trip Advisor Travellers’ Choice award.
- 2020 Fraser Explorer Tours – Trip Advisor Travellers’ Choice award.
- 2019 Fraser Coast Tourism Award for ‘Resort & Deluxe Accommodation’ – Kingfisher Bay Resort.
- 2019 Fraser Coast Tourism Award for ‘Retailing SeaLink Fraser Island’ – Kingfisher Bay Resort.
- 2019 Fraser Coast Tourism Award for ‘Best Fraser Coast Business’ – Kingfisher Bay Resort.
- 2019 Holidays With Kids magazine’s Readers Choice Award for Accommodation- Kingfisher Bay Resort.
- 2019 Kingfisher Bay Resort was named ‘Best Resort Reception Venue’ in Australia by the Australian Bridal Industry Awards (ABIA).
- 2019 Kingfisher Bay Resort was named ‘Best Resort Reception Venue’ in Queensland by the Australian Bridal Industry Awards (ABIA).
- 2019 Brides Choice Award ‘Best of the Best’ by The Australian Weddings Industry Awards.
- 2019 Brides Choice Award ‘#1 Winner’ by The Australian Weddings Industry Awards.
- 2018 Fraser Coast Tourism Award for ‘Best Business’ – Kingfisher Bay Resort.
- 2018 Fraser Coast Tourism Award for ‘Resort & Deluxe Accommodation’ - Kingfisher Bay Resort.
- 2018 Fraser Coast Tourism Award for ‘Best Marketing’ – Kingfisher Bay Resort.
- 2017 Fraser Coast Tourism Award Hall of Fame for ‘Land-based Touring’ – Fraser Explorer Tours.
- 2018 Fraser Explorer Tours – Trip Advisor Service Excellence badge.
- 2018 Kingfisher Bay Resort was named ‘Top 5 Best Resort Reception Venue’ in Australia by the Australian Bridal Industry Awards (ABIA).



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- 2018** Kingfisher Bay Resort was named 'Runner-Up Best Resort Reception Venue' in Queensland by the Australian Bridal Industry Awards (ABIA).
- 2017** Fraser Coast Tourism Award Hall of Fame for 'Land-based Touring' – Fraser Explorer Tours.
- 2017** Fraser Coast Tourism Award for 'Best Marketing' – Kingfisher Bay Resort.
- 2017** Kingfisher Bay Resort named in Holidays With Kids magazine's Top Ten Family Resorts (4 Star and Under) in Australia.
- 2017** Kingfisher Bay Resort was named 'Best Resort Reception Venue' in Queensland by the Australian Bridal Industry Awards (ABIA).
- 2017** Kingfisher Bay Resort – Trip Advisor Service Excellence badge.
- 2017** Fraser Explorer Tours – Trip Advisor Service Excellence badge.
- 2016** Kingfisher Bay Resort named in Holidays With Kids magazine's Top Ten Family Resorts (4 Star and Under) in Australia.
- 2016** Kingfisher Bay Resort was named 'Best Resort Reception Venue' in Queensland by the Australian Bridal Industry Awards (ABIA).
- 2016** Fraser Coast Business and Tourism Award for 'Best Budget Accommodation' – Eurong Beach Resort.
- 2016** Kingfisher Bay Resort was named 'Best Resort Reception Venue' in Queensland by the Australian Bridal Industry Awards (ABIA).
- 2016** Fraser Coast Business and Tourism Award for 'Best Budget Accommodation' – Eurong Beach Resort.
- 2016** Fraser Coast Business and Tourism Award for 'Land-based Touring' – Fraser Explorer Tours.
- 2016** Fraser Explorer Tours – Trip Advisor Service Excellence badge.
- 2015** Fraser Coast Business and Tourism Award for 'Land-based Touring' – Fraser Explorer Tours.



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- 2015** Kingfisher Bay Resort was named 'Best Resort Reception Venue' in Queensland by the Australian Bridal Industry Awards (ABIA).
- 2015** Fraser Explorer Tours – Trip Advisor Service Excellence badge.
- 2014** Fraser Coast Tourism Award for 'John Craig-Gardiner Memorial Award for Outstanding Contribution by an Individual' – David Hay, Group General Manager, Kingfisher Bay Resort Group.
- 2014** Fraser Coast Tourism Award for 'Best Fraser Coast Business' – Fraser Explorer Tours.
- 2014** Fraser Coast Tourism Award for 'Best Tour Operator' – Fraser Explorer Tours.
- 2014** Kingfisher Bay Resort named in Holidays With Kids magazine's Top Ten Family Resorts (4 Star and Under) in Australia.
- 2014** Kingfisher Bay Resort was named 'Best Resort Reception Venue' in Queensland by the Australian Bridal Industry Awards (ABIA).
- 2014** The Travel Channel named Fraser Island in their top Adventure Destinations for 2014.
- 2014** Fraser Explorer Tours – Trip Advisor Service Excellence badge.
- 2014** Fraser Island named in Australian Traveller Magazine's Great 100 Aussie Getaways of all time.
- 2013** Kingfisher Bay Resort named 'Best Weekend Island Getaway' in the Best of Sydney awards.
- 2013** Fraser Coast Tourism Award for 'Retail General Tourism Services – Kingfisher Bay Resort.
- 2013** Fraser Coast Tourism Award for 'Best Tour Operator' – Fraser Explorer Tours.
- 2013** Fraser Coast Tourism Award Hall of Fame for 'Best Transport Operator' – Fraser Island Barges.
- 2013** Kingfisher Bay Resort named in Holidays With Kids magazine's Top Ten Family Resorts (4 Star and Under) in Australia.
- 2013** Fraser Explorer Tours – Trip Advisor Service Excellence badge.



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- 2012** Kingfisher Bay Resort named a Finalist in the Best Resort category in Australian Traveller Magazine's Reader's Choice Awards
- 2012** Fraser Island's 75-Mile Beach named one of the top ten beaches in Australia (101 Best Australian Beaches).
- 2012** Fraser Coast Tourism Award for 'Best Event and Conference Services' – Kingfisher Bay Resort.
- 2012** Fraser Coast Tourism Award for 'Best Transport Operator' – Fraser Island Barges.
- 2012** National Geographic names Fraser Island as one of the World's Best Beaches – saying it was an ecologist's dream.
- 2012** Kingfisher Bay Resort is named 'Best Out-Of-Town Escape' by readers of The Sydney Guide- NSW.
- 2012** Kingfisher Bay Resort is named in Holidays With Kids magazine's Top Ten Australian Family Resorts.
- 2012** Fraser Explorer Tours – Trip Advisor Service Excellence badge.
- 2012** Kingfisher Bay Resort is named a Green Travel Leader by Eco Tourism Australia for being trail blazers in responsible travel having being ECO certified for 10 years or more.
- 2011** Fraser Coast South Burnett Tourism Award for 'Best Transport Operator' – Fraser Island Barges.
- 2011** Fraser Coast South Burnett Tourism Hall of Fame for 'Best Tour Operator' – Fraser Explorer Tours.
- 2011** Fraser Coast South Burnett Tourism Award for 'Best Restaurant' – Seabelle Restaurant.
- 2011** Finalist- Queensland Tourism Award for Best Travel and Tourism Operator – Fraser Explorer Tours.
- 2011** Top Ten finalist for Holidays With Kids – Best Australian Accommodation.
- 2011** Fraser Explorer Tours – Trip Advisor Service Excellence badge.
- 2010** Fraser Coast South Burnett Tourism Award for 'Best Restaurant' – Seabelle Restaurant.



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- 2010 Winner The Australian Newspaper's Travel and Tourism Awards – 'Best Family Focused Tourism Operator'.
- 2009 Kingfisher Bay Resort named one of the 'Top Ten Green Hotels in Asia' (No 10 as recommended by Asia Travel Magazine and Agoda.com)
- 2009 UNESCO names Fraser Island and Great Sandy Region as an internationally significant biosphere.
- 2009 Fraser Island named Number Two Top Natural Attraction in Queensland 150 Top Icons (as part of the State's 150th Birthday celebrations).
- 2008 The Australian Newspaper's Travel and Tourism Awards – 'Best Family-Focused Tourism Operator'.
- 2008 Winner Best Large Hotel/Accommodation Property in the Virgin Holidays Responsible Tourism Awards (global).
- 2008 Finalist 'Ecotourism Property' award- HM Awards (Hotel Management and Accommodation Magazine).
- 2008 Runner-Up 'Best Family Resort' – International Restaurant and Hotel Awards.
- 2007 Fraser Coast South Burnett Tourism Hall of Fame Award – Ecotourism.
- 2007 Downunder Tourism Export Awards – Third place in Brochures Smaller than A4; 8th place Brochures A4 size or larger; Resort placed 4th and 10th in overall Top Ten Downunder winners for 2007.
- 2007 Queensland Hotel Association (QHA) Awards for Excellence 'Best Restaurant – Accommodation Division' - Seabelle – finalist.
- 2007 Fraser Coast South Burnett Tourism Award – Outstanding Contribution by an Individual won by Kingfisher Bay Resort Group General Manager Ivor Davies.
- 2007 America's Travel and Leisure Magazine's Top 10 Best Islands in Australia, New Zealand and the South Pacific.
- 2006 Queensland Tourism Awards Hall of Fame.



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- 2006 Queensland Tourism Award for Ecotourism- dedicated to Queensland's conservation and tourism champion, the late Steve Irwin.
- 2006 Queensland Hotels Association Awards for Excellence – Seabelle: Best Restaurant in an accommodated hotel or resort in Queensland.
- 2006 Fraser Coast South Burnett Tourism Award for Best Tourism Business.
- 2006 Fraser Coast South Burnett Tourism Award for Environmental Tourism.
- 2006 Australian Tourism Award for Ecotourism – Finalist.
- 2005 Australian Tourism Award for Ecotourism.
- 2005 Queensland Tourism Award for Ecotourism.
- 2005 Fraser Coast South Burnett Tourism Awards for Excellence – Environmental Tourism.
- 2005 Forbes Magazine, USA, World's Sexiest Islands and the place to stay list
- 2005 Discovery's Travel Channel Best Australian Beach Resort.
- 2005 Australian Traveller magazine's Top 10 of 101 Things To Do Before You Die.
- 2005 Australian Hotels Association Awards for Excellence Best Restaurant – Seabelle – finalist.
- 2005 Queensland Hotels Association Awards for Excellence Best Restaurant – Seabelle – finalist.
- 2004 Australian Tourism Award for Ecotourism.
- 2004 Australian Tourism Awards- Chairman's Carriage Prize.
- 2004 Queensland Tourism Award for Ecotourism.
- 2004 Queensland Hotels Association Awards for Excellence Best Restaurant – Seabelle.
- 2004 Wide Bay Burnett Export Award for Tourism Highly Commended.



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- 2004 Fraser Coast South Burnett Tourism Award for Ecotourism.
- 2004 Fraser Coast South Burnett Tourism Award for Tourism Restaurant – Hall of Fame.
- 2004 Luxury Travel magazine Gold List: Best Australian Resort – 22.
- 2004 Luxury Travel magazine Gold List: Best Australian Island – 6.
- 2003 Australian British Chamber of Commerce Tourism Export Award.
- 2003 Wide Bay Burnett Regional Exporter of the Year.
- 2003 Wide Bay Burnett Export Award for Tourism.
- 2003 Hotel Motel Accommodation Association (HMAA) Award for Island Accommodation finalist.
- 2003 Fraser Coast South Burnett Tourism Award for Tourism Restaurant.
- 2002 Conde Nast Traveller- World's Top 10 Tropical Islands.
- 2002 Australia's Best Beach Resort – Discovery's Travel Channel, USA.
- 2002 World's 10 Best Beaches- Discovery's Travel Channel (only Australian destination).
- 2002 Queensland Tourism Award for Environmental Tourism – finalist.
- 2002 Hotel Motel Accommodation Association (HMAA)- Queensland Award for Environmental Tourism.
- 2002 Fraser Coast South Burnett Tourism Award for Environmental Tourism.
- 2002 Fraser Coast South Burnett Tourism Award for Tourism Restaurant.
- 2002 Hotel Motel Accommodation Association (HMAA)- Award for Environmental Tourism.
- 2001 Conde Nast Traveller- World's Top 10 Tropical Islands.
- 2001 Australian Tourism Award for Environmental Tourism.



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- 2001 Queensland Tourism Award for Environmental Tourism.
- 2000 Australian Tourism Award for Environmental Tourism.
- 2000 Queensland Tourism Award for Environmental Tourism.
- 2000 Conde Nast Traveller – World's Top 10 Tropical Islands.
- 1999 Conde Nast USA special mention in the Environmental Tourism Award
- 1999 Queensland Tourism Award for Environmental Tourism – finalist.
- 1998 Queensland Tourism Award for Environmental Tourism – finalist.
- 1998 Fraser Coast South Burnett Tourism Award for Environmental Tourism.
- 1998 Fraser Coast South Burnett Tourism Award for Tourism Restaurant.
- 1997 Australian Tourism Award for Environmental Tourism – finalist.
- 1997 Australian Hotels Association Best Restaurant – finalist.
- 1997 Queensland Hotels Association Best Restaurant.
- 1997 Queensland Hotels Association Health Gold Plate.
- 1997 Queensland Tourism Award for Environmental Tourism.
- 1996 Fraser Award South Burnett Tourism Award for Environmental Tourism.
- 1995 Queensland Tourism Award for Resorts – finalist.
- 1995 Queensland Tidy Towns- Ecotourism Award.
- 1994 Queensland Tidy Towns- Ecotourism Award.
- 1994 Australian Tourism Award for Environmental Tourism



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- 1994** Royal Australian Institute of Architecture- National Award for Commercial Architecture.
- 1994** Queensland Tourism Award for Environmental Tourism.
- 1994** Pacific Asia Travel Association Awards- Development Gold Award for a new Attraction.
- 1994** Pacific Asia Travel Association Awards- Gold Environment Award for Ecotourism Project.
- 1994** Royal Australian Planning Institute- Award for Excellence in Natural Environment Planning.
- 1994** Fraser Coast South Burnett Tourism Award for Environmental Tourism and Resorts.
- 1993** International Hotel Association/American Express Environmental Award.
- 1993** Australian Tourism Award for a project development.
- 1993** Queensland Tourism Award for a project development.
- 1993** Royal Australian Institute of Architecture (Queensland)- Best Non-Residential Building.
- 1993** Best Building Tourism and Professional Excellence.
- 1993** Queensland Master Builders Association Awards (Hervey Bay area) for the villas in the areas of Best Workmanship, Best Townhouse/Villa Development, Best Use of Timber and Project of the Year.
- 1993** Fraser Coast South Burnett Tourism Award for Development Projects and Environmental Tourism.