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2007 Gippsland Tourism Awards to be Celebrated this Week

Gippsland's tourism industry will come together with business, Government and the community this Friday 27th July at Bis Cucina in Sale to celebrate the 2007 Gippsland Tourism Awards.

General Manager Chris Buckingham said 'It's terrific to see 25 businesses from across the region taking part in the Awards. We are delighted that in spite of drought, fire and flood, the industry is still having a go.'

Entries have come from across the region and include Visitor Information Services, Tourist Attractions, Accommodation and Food and Wine.

Chris Buckingham said 'This is the tourism industry's opportunity to celebrate the good things happening in tourism at the moment and represent the value of business, community and government working together.'

Representatives from Parks Victoria, Win TV, Telstra Country Wide, Monash University and Gippsland's Local Governments, who have continued to support Gippsland's tourism industry, will be presenting awards on the night.

Mr Buckingham concluded: 'The Awards are really about acknowledging a sensational effort by the tourism sector and encouraging people to work on their business. We look forward to celebrating their success.'

Media Representatives: You are invited to attend this event, to be held at Bis Cucina, Foster St Sale from 6pm. For your complimentary tickets, please contact Jenny Brown at jennybr@wellington.vic.gov.au.

Please find list of individual entrants below, who you are welcome to contact for comment.

BUSINESS	NAME	CONTACT
Piglets	Mel Neil	5628 1155
Springbank B & B	Chris Greene	5627 8060
Limosa Rise	Bronwyn Osborn	5687 1135

Candalaraine alpacas	Lorraine Barnett	5638 1718
Frog Gully Cottages	Ann Andrew	5149 7242
Bloomfield Cottages	Angela Betheras	5623 5188
Wild Dog Winery	Judy Surman	5623 1117
Janalli Bed and Breakfast	Phillipa Beeson	5628 1476
The Grayn Restaurant	Glad Fish	5940 2727
Waverley House Cottages	Jan Davis	5155 1257
Cambrai Backpackers	Marg Rawlins	5147 1600
Montfort Manor	Melinda Wilson	5174 8211
Aerial Skydives	Janine Hayes	1800 674 276
Brandy Creek Wines	Rick Stockdale	5625 4498
Catherine's Creek	Dale Wall	5634 4279
Toora Tourist Park	Rachel Brown	5686 2257
Latrobe Visitor Information Centre	Marissa Pakunskis	1800 621 409
Prom Country Regional Tourism	Christine Legg	5655 2233
Yarragon Villas	Joanne Kingwill	5634 2623
The Grange Café	Rowena Cann	5623 6698
The Outpost Retreat	Barb Snelling	5628 9669
Bis Cucina	Jess Lazzaro	5144 3388
Darnum Musical Village	Albert Fox	5627 8235
Stringybark Cottages	Neil Triggs	5157 5245
Prom Country Visitor Information Centre	Christine Legg	5655 2233

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