

## **25. The Ted Wilson Award for Outstanding Contribution to Tourism by an Individual**

*\*This category does not attract an entry fee\**

***The board of Inland Tourism Awards Inc. formally recognises the Outstanding Contribution by Ted Wilson to our Tourism Industry.***

*This award recognises the extraordinary personal and professional achievement and contribution by an individual over many years to regional tourism. Judges consider the particular activities and contribution of the nominee outside the expectations of normal employment.*

*Nominations must be made to through the Regional Tourism Organisation in your region. Please contact the secretariat with your nomination who will inform the RTO.*

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### **Mr. Ted Wilson**

The Inaugural Chairperson for the Inland Tourism Awards Inc. In 2004 Ted was for many years the driving force behind the Awards.

The first awards were held in Coonabarabran in 2004 and Ted remained Chair until his retirement in 2007. That year Ted was awarded with a Ministerial Certificate of Appreciation for his commitment to regional tourism.



2006Awards MC, Mr Ray Martin with Mr. Ted Wilson

Ted was a passionate advocate of tourism in his long and distinguished career in which he held positions of Chairman Blayney Shire Tourism, Chairman Explorer Country Tourism, Deputy Chairman Central NSW Tourism, Delegate to Central Ranges Food and Wine Group and Chairman Inland NSW Tourism Awards. Ted also owned and operated the Neville Siding Unique Tourism Accommodation.

In his final days, Ted created a trust fund to raise much needed funds for Motor Neurone Disease Research.

#### ***Important notes:***

- *The award will not be made to the same person twice.*
- *Nominations are acceptable from any party except the nominee.*
- *The answer to each question must not be more than 2 pages.*
- *The nominee's Curriculum Vitae and no more than 5 letters of recommendation may be included.*

- *The award will be presented at the discretion of the judges, based on the submissions received.*
- *This award will not necessarily be recognised annually.*
- *The criteria and rules for entry for the 2008 New South Wales Tourism Awards for Business Excellence DO NOT apply to this category.*

**The judges will take into account the following aspects of the contribution when assessing a nomination.**

1. Provide a brief overview of the nominee, highlighting their outstanding attributes. Include a brief history of their career in regional tourism, including a description of their current employment, if applicable. **(10 points)**

*TIPS: Extracts from their curriculum vitae may prove useful.*

2. Provide examples of the nominee's personal service over and above the nominee's paid employment to the regional New South Wales tourism industry. **(10 points)**

*TIPS: The emphasis should be on personal and professional commitment.*

3. Provide specific examples of activities resulting from the nominee's contribution that have significantly benefited the regional tourism industry. **(10 points)**

*TIPS: Examples could include: conceptual development, operation, administration, management, regional promotional activity, research, advocacy, representation, improvement of industry standards, participation in industry organisations, etc.*

4. Outline the degree of personal involvement, the success resulting from that involvement and the long-term benefits to the regional tourism industry as determined by the ongoing nature of achievement or success. **(20 points)**

**Total 50 points**

NB: This category does not incur an entry fee.