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## **BOODEREE FINALIST IN STATE TOURISM AWARDS**

Booderee National Park is a finalist in two categories for the prestigious NSW State Tourism awards.

The gala awards night will be announced at Star City Casino on November 20.

Booderee's nomination as finalist recognises the fantastic job the park does in drawing visitors to the region, with more than 400,000 people a year coming to camp, walk, swim, kayak and enjoy the park's stunning beaches, unique botanic gardens and Aboriginal cultural connections.

Booderee Visitor Services Manager John Harvey said the park was thrilled at its selection as a finalist.

"We are very proud at this recognition of the role we play in attracting visitors to this region," he said.

"Our visitors value these natural and cultural areas very highly. Booderee embodies all that the Jervis Bay region has to offer – white sandy beaches, clear coastal waters, magnificent bushland and an ongoing and vibrant Aboriginal culture for all to enjoy."

Mr Harvey said success at the state level recognised the huge effort staff had put in at Booderee to showcase the park and increase the park's profile.

The Wreck Bay Community jointly manages the park with the Australian Government.

Community Liaison Officer of the Wreck Bay Community Wendy Brown said the community was proud of what Booderee had achieved over the last few years.

"Together we strive to give visitors a memorable experience and share Indigenous culture and knowledge with them," she said.

Booderee's submission highlighted a range of camping and recreational experiences on offer in the park through all seasons. These include the opportunity for visitors to learn more about protecting the environment and its Aboriginal cultural connections.

Ranger guided interpretive activities are presented free of charge during school holidays to help every visitor get the most out of their time at the park. There are also self-guided walks through the bush and interactive fun at the visitor's centre all year round. Booderee's submission also highlighted Booderee's Botanic Gardens as the only Koori- owned gardens in the world.

For more information on Booderee National Park visit [www.booderee.gov.au](http://www.booderee.gov.au) .

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