



Wendy-Jane Saywaker at Cowra's Vineyard Motel.

## Vineyard Motel in the running for top accommodation award

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One of Cowra's very own accommodation destinations, The Vineyard Motel, has been named as a state finalist in the TakeABreak.com.au Best Places to Stay Awards.

The Vineyard Motel was named in four of the awards categories including, best romantic holiday, best pet-friendly accommodation, best hotel-motel holiday accommodation and best group holiday accommodation destination.

Proprietors Wendy-Jane and Ken Saywaker are excited about being finalists and being recognised for providing a high quality service to visitors.

'People become so relaxed that they feel very much at home,' Wendy-Jane said, 'nothing is too much trouble.'

The Vineyard were nominated after receiving feedback from guests who had stayed there in the past year, they were then asked to complete a questionnaire justifying which category the Vineyard was most appropriate for and why.

'We entered into six categories and became finalists in four,' Wendy-Jane said.

The fact that the Vineyard offers more than just a motel with views is what makes them unique.

'We're a cross between a guest house, B&B and motel. We have the best parts of each,' she said. 'It's a place to stop, chill out and relax. All the other places in town serve a different function to us.'

'People become so relaxed and feel like they are at a home away from home which is what makes the Vineyard so popular with couples, families and pets alike.

'We treat all our guests like our favourite Aunty – they get looked after, get some TLC and a little bit of cheek thrown in too,' she said.

To decide the winners, judges will look at the accommodation's relevance to the category it is nominated in and the information and service it provides to its guests. State winners will be announced later this month.