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### Local employees set to increase at Yulara

The Territory's largest employer of apprentices and trainees today announced a new initiative to increase the number of local trainees at Ayers Rock Resort.

Group Training Northern Territory (GTNT), a not for profit employer has joined forces with Voyages to offer training places within Ayers Rock Resort in 2009.

Dubbed '*Rock Hoppers*' the programme will see participants gain a Certificate III in Hospitality whilst working in a variety of hotels within the resort.

"Local Year 12 school leavers are being targeted with the opportunity to work at the Resort for a year" said Antony Yoffa, GTNT Regional Manager.

"The programme is ideally suited to those looking to take a gap year prior to going to University in 2010. It will allow them to gain a qualification, save money and prepare for moving out of home with accommodation supplied at Yulara" said Mr Yoffa

Those not planning to go to University and seeking a career in the Industry will be offered on-going employment within the Resort.

"We see '*Rock Hoppers*' as providing an opportunity to tap into a local workforce", said Mike Chep, Area HR Manager Ayers Rock Resort. "We have created a flexible roster which will allow trainees to go home to Alice Springs on a monthly basis".

"Having a joint approach gives Voyages the opportunity to focus on the training aspect of the placement whilst GTNT support and mentor the trainees in the workplace" said Mr Chep.

"GTNT will pay a completion bonus of \$1000 to those who complete their qualification and a minimum employment duration of 9 months", said Mr Yoffa.

Potential employees and their parents are invited to an information session to be held at GTNT (19 Hartley Street) on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm. Both GTNT and Voyages staff will be on hand to answer questions. Email enquiries to [antony.yoffa@gtnt.com.au](mailto:antony.yoffa@gtnt.com.au) Employment commences in late January 2009.