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Darwin's Most Outstanding Apprentices & Trainees

Group Training Northern Territory Awards 2009

Group Training Northern Territory held its annual Darwin awards last night at the Sky City Casino to recognise the achievements of the apprentices and trainees that completed their qualifications in 2008. The awards were presented by the Hon. Delia Lawrie MLA and the Master of Ceremonies was sport celebrity, Charlie King. The Board, Management and staff would like to congratulate all nominees and winners of the awards and thank the Host Employers, Supervisors, parents, training organisations and schools for all their commitment and support of apprenticeships and traineeships.

Group Training Northern Territory is a not for profit organisation that commenced trading in 1989. It's main aim was to increase the number of apprentices in training in the Territory and to improve the quality of their training. This occurs by employing apprentices and hosting them with employers, and providing mentor support. We have offices in Darwin, Alice Springs, Katherine and Nhulunbuy.

Group Training Northern Territory has grown to be the largest employer of apprentices and trainees in the Northern Territory and have become a major employer in its own right. The Board of Directors is drawn from leaders in the Community and Business sector of the Northern Territory and they have made significant contributions to the development of GTNT over the past 20 years.

Group Training Northern Territory is playing an integral role in the transition from school to work with Australian School Based Apprentices and the NT Work Ready program. The aims of the programs are to engage students in work related courses to enhance their future career opportunities. Students will have the option of undertaking an Australian School Based Apprenticeship and or VET based courses, whilst undertaking their NTCE.

Group Training Northern Territory will continue to play a major role in developing the skills required to meet the demands of the Northern Territory economy and business community. Our approach has been and will continue to be based on a partnership approach with government, business and the community in the development of innovative approaches to the needs of the Northern Territory labour market.

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