

PRESS RELEASE

ALICE SPRINGS AWARDS 2007



Group Training Northern Territory (GTNT) recently held their southern region awards night at the Alice Springs Desert Park. Over 100 local employers, apprentices, parents and school careers staff attended this annual event.

The evening recognised the efforts of the 35 apprentices and trainees who completed their training in 2006 along with those who are still continuing.

The 'Apprentice of the Year' award was won by Hamish McGauchie of McGauchie Upholstery who completed his Motor Trimming qualification after undertaking training in both Queensland and Victoria. His supervisor stated that Hamish was the most professional and valuable apprentice he has

employed in 30 years.

Winner of the 'Trainee of the Year' award went to Matthew Turner who completed his Tour Guiding traineeship at the Alice Springs Desert Park and is now employed there as a guide.

For the first year an 'Outstanding Achievement' award was instituted to recognise those who work in remote areas. Stealle Jackson was the recipient of this award for his work in completing an Essential Services Operations traineeship at Yuendumu.

YouthTraX Employer award went to Rayleen Brown of Kunga's can Cook, who has worked tirelessly to offer work placements to school students interested in pursuing a career in hospitality catering.

Regional Manager of GTNT, Antony Yoffa said that evenings like this demonstrated the talent of a large group of apprentices along with the commitment of a dedicated group of host employers.

"These sorts of evenings also strengthen our position in the community as a leading employer of apprentices along with being at the front end of innovative approaches to indigenous employment and training", said Mr Yoffa.

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FULL LIST OF WINNERS

<p style="text-align: center;">Apprentice of the Year Hamish McGauchie (McGauchie Upholstery)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Trainee of the Year Matthew Turner (Alice Springs Desert Park)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Remote Apprentice Outstanding Achievement Stealle Jackson (Power & Water Corporation)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">School Based Apprentice of the Year Mitchell Wooding (Alice Off Road Mechanical)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">School Based Outstanding Achievement Award Khiani Payne (Dept of Chief Minister)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Trainee Outstanding Award Kylie Harbour (Territory Business Centre)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Outstanding Apprentice Stage 1 Jack Page (MacKenzie Constructions)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Outstanding Apprentice Stage 2 Chansey Paech (Alice Springs Desert Park)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Outstanding Apprentice Stage 3 Scott Cleghorn (Peter Kittle Motor Company)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Training GTNT – RTO Commitment to Training Award Stacey Blom Dept Employment, Education & Training</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Supervisor of the Year Chani Burns (Sylvester's Hair Studio)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Host Employer of the Year McGauchie Upholstery (Andrew McGauchie)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">YouthTraX Host Employer Rayleen Brown (Kungka's Can Cook)</p>		