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NATIONAL GROUP TRAINING AWARDS-MARCH 2007



GTA Australian Apprentice of the Year (Indigenous) won by Reggie King. GTA National Awards night was held at the Grand Hyatt on March 30, 2007.

Reggie King is an Assistant Essential Services Operator in the remote NT.

Reginald (Reggie) is a qualified Chef by Trade. Due to family commitments he returned to his wife's traditional homeland, Yarralin Community, which is approx 1100km Southwest of Darwin in the Northern Territory.

Being in such a remote location there is little or no employment opportunities for Chefs so Reggie decided to diversify. There was a position available as an assistant Essential Services Operator (ESO) in the Community.

An ESO is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the water supply, generation of electricity and maintaining the sewerage systems. Outsourced contractors for Power Water formerly did this job.

In a joint initiative, Group Training Northern Territory, local Councils and Power Water, have been able to coordinate a training program in Cert II Electrotechnology, which gives a participant a formal qualification to operate the essential services, which in turn creates real jobs in the community.

Reggie has won Local and State awards to be eligible to be nominated in the National GTA Awards. Group Training NT congratulates him on his efforts and this prestigious award.

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