

PRESS RELEASE (Date) **GROOTE EYLANDT AWARDS 2007**

Group Training NT together with Gemco, hosted a very successful award and dinner evening for seventy guests at the Alyangula Recreation Club last Friday 2 March 2007.

The night was to celebrate and encourage eighteen Apprentices and Trainees who were awarded stage completion, final completion or awards for their great effort and commitment during their training last year and beyond.



Special guest and speaker, Lucas Dow, Gemco General Manager, was on hand to provide encouragement. "The night was a terrific celebration of the dedication and achievement of the GTNT apprentices and trainees at GEMCO. Importantly the night also recognised the invaluable contribution of GTNT and the Apprentice's and Trainee's mentors. Without the efforts of the GEMCO mentors and supervisors the success achieved in this important area of training would not be possible. GEMCO looks forward to seeing these Apprentices and Trainees continuing to make valuable contributions to Australia's resource industry." He said.

Mike Harrison, CEO of Group Training NT also spoke of the commitment of the Trainees and their trainers and how essential it is to develop a vision for training from school days and beyond.

Rob Yeo, Manager GTNT East Arnhem and capable Master of Ceremonies for the evening went on to say that congratulations were in order to all Gemco Apprentices and Trainees.

"The awards night was a lot of fun and was well supported by Apprentices, Trainees and their families and staff. The night is in recognition of the effort made by all those involved in training and signifies the achievements made". Rob said.

Rob also spoke of the importance the role of mentor in the training process and the vital contribution to the development of the future workforce they play.

Mark McKee (understudied by Bevan Gostelow) , Dave Barnett and Gary Sinclair also assisted in the evening and a special thanks to Carolyn Fletcher, Melainie Collins and Naomi Taufalele for their invaluable assistance in helping the night be such a pleasant event.

A final well wish to all recipients from Rob Yeo. "Well done to all, and good fortune to those that have completed their training and have joined the workforce in their achieved capacity."