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## **ALICE SPRINGS DESERT PARK WINS TOP TOURIST ATTRACTION**

The Alice Springs Desert Park has won the prestigious Major Tourist Attraction category at the 2007 Brolga Awards.

This is the sixth time the Desert Park has won a Brolga Award – highlighting the role it plays in attracting tourists to Alice Springs and boosting the local economy.

Minister for Parks and Wildlife, Delia Lawrie, said it is a world class tourist attraction that deserves the accolades.

“Our staff at the Desert Park are outstanding and I congratulate them on receiving another Brolga Award,” Ms Lawrie said.

“The Alice Springs Desert Park offers a unique experience tourists are not able to get anywhere else.

“Last year the Alice Springs Desert Park received 91,000 visitors making it one of the must see attractions for visitors to Central Australia.”

This year the Brolga Awards introduced a new category – The Young Achiever Award – which was won by Alice Springs Desert Park Guide Matthew Turner.

Mr Turner started a guide apprenticeship with the Park in 2006 and prior to that had completed work experience there when he was still at Alice Springs High School.

“In the short time Matthew has worked at the Park he has excelled as a Guide and I congratulate him on his win,” Ms Lawrie said.

“Matthew’s enthusiasm and developing knowledge on Central Australian flora, fauna, culture, geology and history make him a popular guide at the Park.

“His Brolga win is another achievement to add to the Group Training Northern Territory Trainee of the Year Award he won in May,” said Ms Lawrie.

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