



Delia Lawrie
ACTING CHIEF MINISTER



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Territory's Top Businesswomen Awarded

Acting Chief Minister, Delia Lawrie, today congratulated the Territory's finest female entrepreneurs at the 2011 Telstra Business Women's awards at the Darwin Convention Centre.

Ms Lawrie, a keynote speaker at the event, said the Telstra Business Women's Awards are a great way to showcase and celebrate the achievements of the Territory's talented business women.

"Territory women are renowned for their can-do attitude, and the awards are an opportunity for our outstanding business women to be acknowledged for their career success," Ms Lawrie said.

"Congratulations to Estelle Cornell from Allora Nursery, who was named Northern Territory Business Woman of the Year and who also received the business owner award," Ms Lawrie said.

"Our amazing Estelle is one of Australia's leading plant experts and Allora is one of the country's top nurseries as a result of her dedication and commitment."

Winning the Marie Claire Young Business Woman of the Year award, Kylie Beumer is the only female in command of an Australian Navy ship – a patrol boat based out of Darwin.

"Kylie's leadership will inspire many young Territorian women to consider a career in the Navy," said Ms Lawrie.

The community and government award went to Priscilla Collins from the North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency, where as CEO she oversees 10 000 legal matters a year and advocates for indigenous justice.

The private and corporate sector award went to Jodie Milne from Quest Serviced Apartment Palmerston, where she has created an impressive portfolio of national and international clients just six months after opening.

"The Territory Government has a strong track record supporting business success while increasing opportunities for women," Ms Lawrie said.

“Promoting gender equity and increasing the number of women in positions of power are key elements of our *Territory 2030* Strategic Plan, and it is encouraging to see so many female success stories across many fields.

“Congratulations to all the winners today, the hard work and commitment of Territory women in the business sector is invaluable to our community and the territory is behind you as you go on to compete in your categories in for the national awards next month.”

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