Apprentices Making A Positive Contribution To The Territory

Apprentices working at some of the Territory’s most popular attractions have a positive future ahead of them, Parks and Wildlife Minister Len Kiely said today.

“In February alone we had seven young Territorians begin their apprenticeships at some of our most popular attractions such as the Territory Wildlife Park and Windows on the Wetlands,” Mr Kiely said.

“This includes full-time apprentice Joshua Bonson who began a Certificate III in horticulture at the George Brown Darwin Botanic Gardens last month.

“Joshua is a hard-working Territorian who many people also know as an up and coming artist - he was a finalist at last year’s Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Award.

“Joshua joined school-based apprentices Jarrod Benton and Brentley Plummer who began their Certificate II in Conservation and Land Management at the Botanic Gardens last year.

“By providing apprenticeships to young Territorians we are increasing the Territory’s skill base.

“These Territorians may one day decide to work in other parts of the Territory so it is our role to ensure they have all the necessary skills they need to be job ready.

“While Joshua, Jarrod and Brentley are undertaking their apprenticeships, they will make a positive contribution to the visitor experience at the Botanic Gardens.

“They will learn what is required to maintain a public park, such as identifying plants and weeds and doing what’s best for a plant’s health.

“Importantly, they will learn particular aspects of garden maintenance and plant presentation so visitors to the Botanic Gardens can enjoy what we have on offer.

“I’ve heard positive things about Joshua, Jarrod and Brentley and wish them – and all other Territory apprentices – every success in achieving their personal goals."

Mr Kiely said Northern Territory Government apprenticeships are advertised regularly and include certificates in tour guiding and captive animals.

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