Racing To BuildSkills

The Northern Territory Government and racing industry have backed a winner with a program to train jockeys, stable hands and trainers.

Training Minister Marion Scrymgour today congratulated 31 owner trainers and stable hands who have completed racing qualifications in the Territory this year.

“The Melbourne Cup might be the race to win next week but the Territory is leading the field when it comes to training,” said Ms Scrymgour.

“The Territory is the only jurisdiction which requires accredited training for advanced stable hands, trainers and jockeys.

“Over the past two years 98 Territory racing workers with extensive experience and considerable knowledge have gained nationally recognised training certificates.

“The Territory skills recognition program is a fresh idea which has resulted in a strong foundation for the Territory racing industry.

“Our training program is recognised as one of the best in the country, taking out 2\textsuperscript{nd} place in a field of 47 in a quality award in New South Wales.

“Together with Thoroughbred Racing NT, CHARTTES and TAFE NSW the Territory Government has developed a quality training program which is giving Territory racing workers a great reputation around the country.

“The Darwin Cup Carnival and Alice Cup Carnival are growing every year and both have become important events on the national racing calendar.

“This great part of the Territory lifestyle wouldn’t be possible without the dedication and hard work of trainers, stable hands and jockeys.

“The Territory Government is committed to supporting the racing industry and the people who work in the industry.

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