Minister for Indigenous Policy Malarndirri McCarthy has congratulated the Territorians who won at the 15th Deadlys Awards in Sydney.

“The Deadly Awards are a chance for Indigenous Australians to celebrate their achievements across the arts, education and sport,” Ms McCarthy said.

“The awards which were screened on SBS television last night were a wonderful display of Indigenous talent highlighted by colourful live performances.

“It was fantastic to see a number of Territorians shining on the national stage and picking up awards.”

The Territorians recognised in the 2009 Deadlys Awards include:

• Singer Jessica Mauboy who won four awards including APRA Song of the Year, Female Artist of the Year, Album of the Year and Single of the Year;
• Singer Gurrumul Yunupingu who took out Male Artist of the Year;
• Saltwater Band who won Band of the Year;
• Warwick Thorton for Samson and Deliah who won Outstanding Achievement in Film;
• and The Traditional Credit Union.

“On behalf of all Territorians I congratulate our finalists and winners from the Deadly’s,” she said.

“We are leading the way in a number of fields such as Indigenous music, sport and business and it is important to recognise this excellence.

“It is important that all Territorians especially our youth have positive role models to look up to and inspire them to achieve their dreams.

“I also congratulate Jessica Mauboy on her seven ARIA nominations and on behalf of all Territorians wish her all the best for the awards next month.”

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