NT Operators bring home national tourism awards

The Northern Territory won three national awards at the prestigious 2009 Qantas Australian Tourism Awards, held at a gala ceremony in Hobart last night.

Connections Safaris, Voyages Longitude 131 and SKYCITY Darwin took out national honours in the fiercely contested tourism industry awards.

The Minister for Tourism Malarndirri McCarthy congratulated the winners and said that the awards not only reflected the professionalism of the individual operators, but the overall high standards of all NT entrants in the 27 categories.

“For the NT to have won national honours in three of the most sought after categories of Major Tour & Transport Operator (Connections Safaris), Unique Accommodation (Voyages Longitude 131) and Luxury Accommodation (SKYCITY Darwin), is a fantastic result.

“These awards are testimony to the exceptional standards of the operators themselves, as well as the wider tourism industry in the NT and those operators who made it all the way to the Qantas Australian Tourism Awards."

Arnhem Land Eco Cultural Tours was one of three finalists to receive a Highly Commended mention from the judges for the standard of their submission.

The 2009 Qantas Australian Tourism Awards involved finalists from every Australian State and Territory across 27 categories who compete for the honour of national winner.

“The Qantas Australian Tourism Awards recognise the incredible work that our tourism industry put into delivering world class experiences for the hundreds of thousands of visitors we host every year,” the Minister said.

“Our winners show that the NT can match the best in Australia (and the world) and I encourage all tourism operators to enter the 2010 Brolga Tourism Awards so they too can match it with the best of the best.”

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