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Indigenous Economic Development Forum winner

Today, local member for Nhulunbuy Lynne Walker presented Indigenous Business owner Helen Martin from Banubanu Wilderness Retreat with an Ipad 2.

The prize was given as a part of a follow up survey on the Indigenous Economic Development Forum (IED) which was held in October 2011 at the Darwin Convention Centre.

Ms Walker said Indigenous business owners were invited to submit their feedback on the event to help shape future forums.

“The IED Forum focused on ways to build, support and strengthen Indigenous business partnerships and develop the capacity of stakeholders to achieve sustainable economic activity throughout the Northern Territory,” she said.

Results from the survey show 87.8% of business owners said they would benefit from another Business to Business (Indigenous business and private sectors) event in the future.

“These results show the need for continued business support and partnerships by government,” Ms Walker said.

“From the survey, we were able to identify what events and programs were valuable for business owners.”

Helen was one of 343 people that attended the IED forum which was attended by representatives from a wide range of industries including tourism, horticulture and construction.

“This was my first time attending the forum and I thoroughly enjoyed the experience, meeting a lot of new people and networking,” Helen said.

“I also enjoyed the guest speakers who were inspirational.”

For more information, go to www.dhlqrs.nt.gov.au/iedforum

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