ALICE SPRINGS WELCOMES NEW YOUTH CO-ORDINATOR

Minister for Central Australia, Karl Hampton, today announced a new Youth Co-ordinator has been appointed to the Alice Springs Youth Hub.

James Gatenby, a youth worker with extensive experience in both Australia and New Zealand, takes up his position at the Hub this week.

Mr Hampton paid tribute to outgoing Co-ordinator John Adams and said he was pleased that someone with extensive experience in the youth sector would succeed John into the position.

“John led and facilitated the Hub’s activities from the very outset and he did a terrific job,” Mr Hampton said.

“Under his guidance and leadership the Youth Hub has become a focal point for youth service delivery, as well as a place that young people can call their own.

“John and his team at the Hub facilitated very successful school holiday activity programs, made sure the youth sector was informed and engaged and most importantly ensured youth in Alice Springs had a voice in the town.”

Minister Hampton said that James Gatenby is a worthy successor, who has 16 years of child protection experience in Australia and New Zealand as well as a range of experience in the non-government sector.

“James’ background and experience, combined with the services and activities offered by The Hub, will contribute to the 2030 target to make major gains in the health and wellbeing of young Territorians.

“The provision of effective services to youth in Alice Springs and Central Australia is of vital importance, and the Youth Co-ordinator plays an key role helping co-ordinate services, reducing duplication and ensuring government agencies and nongovernment services work together to better target kids at risk.
“The creation of the position of Youth Co-ordinator is a key commitment under the Alice Springs Youth Action Plan.

“I am sure everyone involved will join me in welcoming James to his new role and in looking forward to the developments his skills and expertise will usher in for the youth of the region.”

Attached: Photo of Minister Hampton and James Gatenby taken at the Alice Springs Youth Hub

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