MINISTER FOR CENTRAL AUSTRALIA

CENTRAL AUSTRALIAN VOLUNTEERS RECOGNISED

20 May 2013

Minister for Central Australia Matt Conlan tonight congratulated the Territory’s top volunteers and organisations from Central Australia as part of the Northern Territory Volunteer of the Year Awards.

Mr Conlan said the winners were announced on Thursday and tonight’s ceremony was an opportunity to celebrate and reward the valuable contribution of volunteers in the region.

The awards continue to grow with 18 nominations received for volunteers in Central Australia, 10 more than last year.

“It’s great to see more volunteers nominated from Central Australia this year, it is important that we recognise their valuable contribution,” Mr Conlan said.

“There are hundreds of volunteers in Central Australian that use their time to help others.

“They play an important role in our community and support many local sporting, environmental, Indigenous and community organisations.”

Riding for the Disabled (RDA) Alice Springs won the Volunteering SA&NT Award for Organisational Excellence (Small Organisation).

“This volunteer based organisation provides horse riding and horse husbandry for riders with disability or those from disadvantaged backgrounds.

“They help riders develop skills, but also more importantly self-esteem and pride.

“It is a fantastic part of our local community and a real pleasure to see the RDA team recognised for the way they support and take care of their volunteers.

“Congratulations to the team at RDA and to all our fantastic volunteers in Central Australia thank you and keep up your good work.”

Riding for the Disabled Alice Springs will receive $3000 in prize money.

The awards are an initiative of the Northern Territory Government and Volunteering SA&NT.

A list of all nominees and winner from Central Australia are attached.

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