ACKNOWLEDGING THE HARD WORK OF THE NT PUBLIC SERVICE

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Members of the public service have been acknowledged for their outstanding contribution to the public sector and the broader Territory at an awards ceremony in Darwin.

The Chief Minister’s Awards for Excellence in the Public Sector showcase exceptional talent and innovation in their service.

Chief Minister Adam Giles congratulated the winners and praised their contribution to initiatives that make a real difference to the public sector administration and Territorians.

“Tonight’s medal winners have gone above and beyond the call of duty and are an asset to the Northern Territory public sector,” Mr Giles said.

“The award recipients have shown outstanding performance, innovation, continuous improvement and exceptional results.

“The public service is key to delivering the Government’s long-term vision for a Northern Territory that has a prosperous economy, strong society, confident culture and a balanced environment.

“These dedicated public servants have made great accomplishments by working to improve Darwin’s airport, harnessing new technology to make building approvals faster, and giving thousands of Territorians their ticket to freedom by assisting them to obtain their first drivers licence.”

Minister for Public Employment John Elferink also attended the awards and commended the winners for their efforts which have not gone unnoticed.

“Their hard work and commitment is a testament to the quality of employees at the Northern Territory public service,” Mr Elferink said.

“Public sector employees are crucial to driving the Northern Territory forward, with their talent and hard work making a real difference.”

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The award winners are:

**Department of Business**  
Aviation Work Group for Aviation Strategy: New Airline Services to the Northern Territory  
*Category:* Growing Our Economy  
*Recognising:* Outstanding achievements in facilitating economic growth

**Department of Lands Planning and the Environment**  
Building Advisory Services, Building Approvals Online Development Team for Building Approvals Online  
*Category:* Strengthening Government and Public Administration  
*Recognising:* Outstanding achievements for an effective, efficient, accessible and accountable public sector

**Department of Health**  
eLearning Centre, Workforce Development for Department of Health eLearning Strategy  
*Category:* Delivering Quality Education and Training to Territorians  
*Recognising:* Outstanding achievements in education and training for the community

**Department of Transport**  
DriveSafe NT Remote for DriveSafe NT Remote Indigenous Driver Education and Licensing Program  
*Category:* Indigenous Advancement  
*Recognising:* Outstanding achievements in capacity and capability of Indigenous Territorians

**Department of Land Resource Management**  
Land Assessment Unit for The Land Resources of the Victoria River District  
*Category:* Valuing Our Natural Environment  
*Recognising:* Outstanding achievements that protect, enhance and preserve the Territory’s natural resources

**Department of Health**  
Remote Alcohol and Other Drugs Workforce for Remote Alcohol and Other Drugs Program  
*Category:* Enhancing Health and Wellbeing  
*Recognising:* Outstanding achievements to enhance the health and wellbeing of Territorians through healthy environments

**Department of the Chief Minister**  
Office of Multicultural Affairs and Darwin Waterfront Corporation for Darwin Waterfront Harmony Soiree  
*Category:* Enriching Our Society  
*Recognising:* Outstanding achievements for an equitable, inclusive, diverse and participatory Territory
Individual medal winners were:

**Karen Blanchfield** - Department of Education

**Paul Cawood** - Parks and Wildlife Commission of the Northern Territory

**Tom Crosby** - Department of the Attorney-General and Justice

**Richard Hunt** - Department of Education

**Dr Lorna Melville** - Department of Primary Industry and Fisheries

**David Miller** - Department of Land Resource Management

**Dr Rosy Warden (awarded posthumously)** - Department of Health and Department of Treasury and Finance

**Peter Whelan** - Department of Health

**Helen Wiffen** - Department of the Chief Minister