Chief Minister congratulates Australia Day award winners

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Chief Minister Adam Giles today congratulated the recipients of Australia Day honours for their professional and community service.

Territorians from all walks of life have been recognised for their contribution in making the Territory a better place for the whole community.

Mr Giles said the awards were a timely reminder of the selfless contributions that are made every day by so many Territorians.

“The busy nature of our lives means we often fail to pause and consider the extraordinary efforts of these committed individuals,” Mr Giles

Mrs Kathleen Abbott has been appointed a Member of the Order of Australia for significant service to Indigenous Territorians as an advocate for improved health and wellbeing. Timothy Nadjowh has been appointed to the Order of Australia for significant service to the Indigenous communities of West Arnhem Land.

Charlie King has been awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia for service to broadcast media and to the Indigenous community of the Territory.

“I am extremely pleased to see the contributions of those who have dedicated their lives to helping Indigenous Territorians receive recognition as well. Without the advocacy of passionate individuals, many of the issues facing Indigenous Territorians would remain unaddressed,” Mr Giles said.

"Every day I am impressed by the energy and commitment of Territorians, particularly our outstanding public service. I’m pleased the efforts of some of our finest public servants also receive recognition today.”

Mike Burgess, former Chief Executive of the Department of Chief Minister has been appointed as Member of the Order of Australia in recognition of his significant service to public administration in the Territory.
Chief Executive of the Department of Lands, Planning and Environment, John Coleman and Ernie Wanka, Executive Director, Road Network in the Department of Transport have been awarded the Public Service Medal for outstanding service.

“Northern Territory Police have also been recognised for their efforts in making our communities safer for all. Our Police are on the job 24/7 and make a fantastic contribution to our community through their diligence and commitment.

A lifetime of urging Territorians to be responsible on the road has seen Superintendent Bob Rennie recognised with the Australian Police Medal together with fellow officer Commander Bruce Porter.

“On behalf of all Territorians, I warmly congratulate all our Australia Day honours recipients,” Mr Giles said.

AUSTRALIA DAY 2015 CITATIONS IN ORDER OF PRECEDENCE

Appointed a Member of the Order of Australia in the General Division

Mrs Kathleen Anne ABBOTT AM

For significant service to the Indigenous community of the Northern Territory as an advocate for improved health and well-being.

Mr Michael Damian BURGESS AM

For significant service to public administration in the Northern Territory through governance, coordination, and infrastructure development roles.

Mr Timothy NADJOWH AM

For significant service to the Indigenous communities of West Arnhem Land as a leader and elder, and to the visual arts.

Awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia in the General Division

Mr Charlie KING OAM

For service to the broadcast media, and to the Indigenous community of the Northern Territory.
Awarded the Public Service Medal Northern Territory Public Service

Mr John Anthony COLEMAN PSM

For outstanding public service to the community of the Northern Territory, and through parliamentary advisory roles.

Mr Ernest Charles WANKA PSM

For outstanding public service to infrastructure planning in the Northern Territory, particularly the design, construction and maintenance of the road transport network.

Awarded the Australian Police Medal

Commander Bruce Douglas PORTER APM

For distinguished police service in the Northern Territory.

Superintendent Robert William RENNIE APM

For distinguished police service in the Northern Territory.

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