Celebrating sixty years of excellence in the NT

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The 60th Anniversary of the Northern Territory Training Awards was launched today. Minister for Employment and Training Peter Styles officially opened nominations at the National Trust House at Myilly Point.

“The Awards have a long tradition of celebrating the NT Vocational Education and Training sector’s best trainees, apprentices, vocational students, training organisations, trainers and employers since 1955,” said Minister Styles.

“2015 provides an opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate the history of training and workforce development in the Northern Territory over the past 60 Years.

“The Northern Territory Government is committed to training and up-skilling Territorians to equip them to make the most of future opportunities.

“The Vocational Education and Training sector plays an integral role in the economic growth of the Territory, through skilling and training our current and future workforce.”

The awards are an official recognition of excellence and achievements in gaining the highest standards of knowledge and skills and for personal achievement in the vocational education and training sector.

“The awards offer finalists the chance to gain personal satisfaction and access opportunities in their industry, and provide the opportunity to be part of an elite group of ambassadors who represent the Territory’s best in vocational education and training,” said Minister Styles.

“Arafura Tree Services won Northern Territory small employer of the year in 2014 and they represented the Northern Territory at the Australian Training Awards. These are the peak national awards for the Vocational Education and Training sector.

“They represent the success that is possible through the vocational education and training sector in the Northern Territory. They demonstrate their achievements here today by sharing their stories about training and have gone on to step into the role of encouraging others to take up the challenge of training.”
“National recognition as a leader in your field of study, training or work not only builds new career opportunities but it gives you the chance to be an ambassador for the national VET sector and an ambassador for the Northern Territory.

“Nominations for the 2015 Awards are officially open today, and I encourage all individuals and businesses involved in the Vocational Education and Training Sector to participate in this historic milestone year for the NT Training Awards,” said Minister Styles.

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MAGE ATTACHED: Kuiyam Waianga completed his indigenous traineeship with Arafura Tree Services and is now a qualified Abborist.

Left to right - Peter Styles, Travis Molloy (trainee), Kuiyam Waianga, Charlie Smith (owner Arafura Tree services), Corey Campbell (specialist climber)

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