Hard working rangers celebrated with awards

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The outstanding work of our rangers will again be celebrated through the annual Northern Territory Ranger Awards.

Minister for Parks and Wildlife Bess Price said nominations are now open, with all rangers working in the NT, including apprentices and non-government rangers being eligible.

“It is no secret that I think our rangers do an amazing job in our harsh climate and tough terrain,” Mrs Price said.

“Our rangers are a humble, hardworking bunch who often play a behind the scenes role in helping our beautiful protected areas such as parks and reserves to function and thrive. These awards are a great opportunity to recognise the outstanding service they provide the public with every day.

“We have rangers at some of the most remote stations in Australia, and they are regularly called upon to go above and beyond the call of duty.

“So often I hear stories of people who were stranded in remote locations because their car broke down or they got lost, and they were assisted by a ranger.

“Rangers are often called on to help people locate lost personal items, or assisting to remove a snake or other nuisance animal from their home or office, or going above the call of duty to ensure they have a fantastic time during their visit to a park or reserve.

“So much of the outdoor Territory lifestyle that we enjoy so much is made possible by our park rangers, often without us realising.

“Whether it be popping down to Litchfield for a swim, camping at Ormiston Gorge or fishing at Limmen National Park, our rangers have played a role in ensuring the parks are well maintained so can be enjoyed by all.”

Nominees will have demonstrated outstanding qualities in their chosen area of work, and commitment to the management of natural and cultural resources. The selection panel will look for examples of leadership, professionalism, outcomes and commitment to Northern Territory
parks. This year, a new category has been introduced, ‘the Outstanding Frontline Award’, which will recognise the achievements of Rangers that are focused on frontline delivery of services every day.

This new award aims to recognise those rangers who provide exemplary services each and every day ensuring the on ground activities are undertaken to the highest standard. This might include visitor services, fire management, weed management or general maintenance activities. These rangers are often the ones that are unnoticed and this award is tailored specifically to these high achievers.

The ‘Minister’s Choice Award’ is another new award that will recognise a ranger that achieves a very high levels of excellence but is not successful in their given category.

Last year, some exceptional nominations were received for individuals who were highly commended in their given category, but who just missed out on winning the award. This award recognises these outstanding individuals and their achievements.

Nominations are open in the following categories for activities and achievements between 1 April 2014 and 31 March 2015:

- Minister’s Award for Outstanding Personal Achievement
- Minister’s Award for Outstanding Team Achievement
- Development and Training Award
- Ranger of the year (regions)
- Minister’s Choice Award
- Outstanding Frontline Award

Nominations close June 30 and can be made in a variety of ways including submitting the selection form, creating an audio or video file and mailing it in, or by email. Online nominations can be made at [www.parksandwildlife.nt.gov.au](http://www.parksandwildlife.nt.gov.au)

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