The Minister for Sport and Recreation Gary Higgins has congratulated several current and former NT Institute of Sport (NTIS) scholarship holders on being named finalists in the 2015 NT Young Achiever’s Awards.

“Sport provides an amazing foundation for so many other achievements in life and it is great to see our athletes being recognised in different spheres,” Minister Higgins said.

2015 NT Sportsperson of the Year and Australian Kookaburra Jeremy Hayward is a finalist in the Zip Print Sports Award along with this year’s NT Junior Sportsperson of the Year and wheelchair basketballer Tom O’Neill-Thorne.

Former NTIS sailing scholarship holder Hamish Wiltshire is the third finalist in the Zip Print Sports Award category.

The trio join former NTIS cyclist Matt King who has been named a finalist in the NT Government Small Business Achievement Award. Matt attended the NTIS from 2006 to 2009 and represented Australia. He now owns a chain of cycle stores in Darwin.

“The NT Young Achiever Awards aim to celebrate the successes of Territorians aged between 14-27 years,” Mr Higgins said.

“The nomination of these four athletes for their outstanding contribution to both sport and business is a testament not only to their own motivation but the work of the staff at the NTIS who have nurtured and mentored them.

“All four are fine role models whose achievements will translate into helping provide a strong basis for the future social and economic growth of the Territory.

“I congratulate Jeremy, Tom, Hamish and Matt on being named finalists and wish them and all the finalists all the best for the awards.”

The NT Young Achiever Awards will be announced on Saturday 11 April in Darwin.

More information on the awards is available at http://www.awardsaustralia.com/young-achiever-awards/nt
ATTACHED – Photos of Jeremy Hayward, Tom O’Neill-Thorne, Hamish Wiltshire, Matt King

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