Awards celebrate hard work of NT Rangers

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

Minister for Parks and Wildlife, Bess Price, said tonight’s awards recognise the work that rangers do to make our parks safe and to preserve our environment and its assets for all Territorians.

“The Giles Government recognises the value of our on ground staff and celebrates all rangers working in the Territory, including apprentices and non-government rangers,” Mrs Price said.

“Our rangers are humble and hardworking and these awards are a great opportunity to recognise the outstanding service they provide the public with every day.

“So much of the fantastic outdoor lifestyle Territorians enjoy is made possible by our park rangers, often without us realising. Whether it be fishing at Mary River, camping at Judbarra or enjoying a swim at Umbravarra Gorge Nature Park, our rangers have ensured the parks and reserves are well maintained so can be enjoyed by all.

“The nominations were heart-warming and inspirational and I congratulate all of this year’s nominees. We received nominations that talked about leadership, dedication to the job and a passion for the field.

“The tasks rangers do on a daily basis are often dangerous and dirty and we want to thank them for working hard to make our parks so wonderful.

“Thank you and congratulations to all rangers across the Northern Territory – whether nominated or not – for the wonderful contributions you make each and every day to protect and conserve our parks and wildlife for future Territorians.”

The 2015 award winners are:

Ranger of the Year – Top End: Mr David McLachlan
Ranger of the Year – Barkly – Katherine – VRD: Mrs Christine Michaels-Ellis

Ranger of the Year – Central Australia: Mr Peter Beddows

Development and Training Award: Mr Daniel McCormack

Minister’s Encouragement Award: Alice Springs Telegraph Station Rangers

Minister’s Award for Outstanding Frontline Achievement: Mrs Christine Michaels-Ellis

Minister’s Award for Outstanding Personal Achievement: Mr Shaun Evans

Minister’s Award for Outstanding Team Achievement: The Wildlife Operations Team Darwin”

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