Adrian Wagg Memorial Training Award recognises retail excellence

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Dedication, enthusiasm and initiative have earned a young Yolngu woman the Adrian Wagg Memorial Training Award for 2015.

Veronica Djawindil Wunungmurra, who works for the Arnhem Land Progress Aboriginal (ALPA) Corporation, has been presented the award this afternoon at the Charles Darwin University ceremony in Nhulunbuy.

It comes after three Territorians were recognised for their efforts in the vocational, education and training (VET) sector at the National Training Awards in Hobart last night.

Minister for Employment and Training Peter Styles said it was important to recognise and celebrate the outstanding achievements of Territorians undertaking training to meet the growing workforce needs of local business.

“I would like to congratulate Veronica on her dedication in furthering her skills in completing both a Certificate II and Certificate III in Retail,” Mr Styles said.

“I understand Veronica is a valued employee of ALPA and considered a reliable, core staff member at the Gapuwiyak community store.”

The Adrian Wagg Memorial Training Award is sponsored by the Northern Territory Government’s Department of Business and recognises the outstanding achievement by an apprentice, trainee or vocational student from the Miwatj Region in Arnhem Land.

Veronica started work at the Gapuwiyak community store five years ago as a cashier. Her hard work and initiative saw her progress into assisting in other areas of the store.

ALPA’s Deputy Training Manager Angela Nolan said Veronica presented as a vibrant, enthusiastic young woman when she first commenced with ALPA.

“I was the store manager at Gapuwiyak when Veronica started work with ALPA,” said Ms Nolan.

“After three months of excellent attendance and performance, I offered Veronica the opportunity to complete her certificate II Retail which Veronica undertook with dedication.
“While completing the study, Veronica was also offered supervisory responsibility of the cashiers, a role which she performed with excellence.

“Veronica completed her Certificate III Retail in August and is now a store supervisor.”

Her award includes a framed certificate and $500 in goods or vouchers to go towards job/training needs.

A High Commendation Award was presented to Anthony Crafter who completed a Certificate II in Conservation and Land Management. Anthony currently works with the Dhimirru Rangers.

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