NEW AWARD FOR BEST INDIGENOUS SCHOOL BAND

The Territory Government will put up $5000 for the Best School Band at the NT Indigenous Music Awards being held on 27 August, Minister for Employment, Education and Training Syd Stirling announced today.

Mr Stirling said the Minister’s Award aimed to recognise the achievements of school bands and encourage their efforts.

“These organisers of the Indigenous Music Awards wrote to me asking that we sponsor this new category.

“They said that until now, school bands have had to compete against emerging acts, many of whom have already produced a recording or undertaken professional performances.

“This has made it difficult for school bands to be given the recognition they deserve.

“Government is pleased to be able to support this initiative which will allow Territory school bands to compete in their own category.

“There are some extremely talented and exciting school bands in the Territory and it will be fantastic to seem them receive recognition at this prestigious event.”