TIME TO RACE IN FOR NT SPORTS AWARDS TICKETS

Tickets have gone on sale for this year’s NT Sports Awards, and the guest speaker has also been announced.

Minister for Sport and Recreation, Delia Lawrie, today confirmed the guest speaker for this year’s Awards is Mr Brian Goorjian, Head Coach of the Sydney Kings and Coach of the NBL Australian Men’s Team - the Boomers - at the upcoming Commonwealth Games.

“Mr Goorjian has achieved NBL greatness including four times NBL coach of the year, Head Coach of the Men’s Australian Basketball Team and Best Coach of the NBL in 25 years. We also hope he will be coming off a gold medal performance at the 2006 Commonwealth Games being held in Melbourne,” said Ms Lawrie.

“The Territory sporting community will have the pleasure of hearing from Mr Goorjian who is acclaimed to be one of Australia's most successful coaches.

“During his time in Darwin, Mr Goorjian will also be conducting a junior sports clinic with the NT National Basketball Squad with around 26 participants between the ages of 14 – 17.”

Ms Lawrie said tickets to the annual Awards are now on sale and expected to sell fast.

“I encourage Territorians get in quickly as historically tickets to the Territory’s sporting night of nights sell out,” said the Minister.

“This event is a highlight on the NT sporting calendar and would not be possible without the continued support from the Northern Territory Government and other major sponsors including TIO, Qantas and Foster’s Australia.”

The NT Sports Awards will be held at the Holiday Inn Esplanade on Friday 31 March. The categories for nominations include:

Qantas NT Sportsperson of the Year
TIO NT Junior Sportsperson of the Year
Crown Lager Coach of the Year
Crown Lager Official of the Year
TIO Administrator of the Year
Qantas Team of the Year
TIO Volunteer of the Year
Qantas NT Performance of the Year
Tickets are $80 for adults and $65 for Concession (children under 18 years of age and seniors) which includes a three course meal and beverage package.

Tickets can be obtained from the Darwin Entertainment Centre box office on (08) 8980 3333, Cover to Cover Books Palmerston Shopping Centre, Tourism Top End Mall Information Booth Smith Street Mall, the Customer Service Desk Casuarina Shopping Square or online at www.darwinentertainment.com.au.

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