CALLING ALL INVOLVED IN TRAINING … DEET NT TRAINING AWARDS NOW OPEN!

The Minister for Employment, Education and Training, Syd Stirling, has urged Territorians involved in training – be they vocational students, apprentices, trainees, employers or training providers – to enter the 2006 Department of Employment, Education and Training (DEET) Northern Territory Training Awards.

The awards highlight organisational best practice and the achievements of individuals engaged in vocational education and training (VET).

The 2006 Northern Territory Training Awards include the categories of:

- Trainee of the Year
- Vocational Student of the Year
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year
- Austin Asche Apprentice of the Year
- School Based Apprentice or Trainee of the Year Award
- VET in Schools Student of the Year
- Small Business of the Year
- Training Provider of the Year
- Bill McLaren VET in Schools Excellence Award
- Training Initiative Award
- Employer of the Year; and
- the new category of VET Teacher/Trainer of the Year Award.

“The new award will be awarded to a qualified teacher or trainer who demonstrates outstanding achievements in all aspects of their delivery of VET training,” Mr Stirling said.

“These prestigious annual Training Awards are a fantastic opportunity for Territorians to receive recognition for their achievements in the vocational education and training (VET) sector – as well as a chance to win cash prizes and travel interstate to represent the Territory at the national training awards”.

Entrants will have the chance to win cash prizes up to $5000. Finalists will also be recognised at the gala DEET NT Training Awards dinner to be held in Darwin in September 2006.

The majority of the DEET NT Training Awards align with categories at the national level, and winners of these aligned awards will go on to represent the NT at the Australian Training Awards held in Adelaide.

To assist nominees in developing their applications, DEET is hosting workshops in all the major regional centres throughout the Territory, with details as follows:
**Palmerston** - Monday 29 May, 2.30 - 4.00pm
Palmerston City Council, 2 Chung Wah Tce, Palmerston

**Katherine** - Wednesday 31 May, 2.30 - 4.00pm
Katherine Training Centre, Second St, Katherine

**Nhulunbuy** - Friday 2 June, 2.30 - 4.00pm
Nhulunbuy Training Centre, Chesterfield Circuit, Nhulunbuy

**Alice Springs** - Friday 2 June, 2.30 - 4.00pm
Chamber of Commerce, Reg Harris Lane, Alice Springs

**Darwin** - Monday 5 June, 2.30 - 4.00pm
Territory Business Centre, The Esplanade, Darwin

“The workshops will provide more information about the various award categories and eligibility criteria, how to nominate and how to support a nominee,” Mr Stirling said.

Further information on the 2006 DEET Northern Territory Training Awards and workshops is available at [www.trainingawards.nt.gov.au](http://www.trainingawards.nt.gov.au). For any additional information regarding the awards and how to apply, students are advised to contact Rosemary Carson on 0409 567 097, while businesses/organisations should contact Paul Rousham on 0412 481 696.

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