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EDWARD CHEONG AH TOY – 2005 TERRITORIAN OF THE YEAR

Chief Minister, Clare Martin, today said that the 2005 Territorian of the Year, Edward Cheong Ah Toy, is a worthy recipient and a fine Territorian.

Ms Martin said that he was recognised with the award for his long service to the community of Pine Creek, and to the Northern Territory, through his contribution to local government, education support and tourism.

“Eddie was born and raised in Pine Creek, attended school in Darwin and then returned to Pine Creek to run Ah Toy’s General Store at the age of 18 – a position he has held for the past 50-years,” she said.

“During that time he has devoted countless hours to community based events and organisations including the volunteer fire brigade, Pine Creek Tourist Association, sports and social club, school committee and school council, local branch of the National Trust of Australia and Bicentennial and Millennium Committees.”

A father of four and inaugural winner of the Pine Creek Citizen of the Year award in 1990, Mr Ah Toy was presented his Territorian of the Year award by the Chief Minister at ceremony at the Parliament forecourt this morning.

The 2005 Young Territorian of the Year, Daniel Bourchier, has been thoroughly involved in the youth affairs of the Tennant Creek community as well as throughout the Northern Territory and Australia.

“Daniel is well known and respected for having a keen interest in youth affairs, and represented his peers on many occasions, as well as the wider community,” she said.

“I have personally met Daniel on a number of occasions and know that his passion and commitment to making the Territory a better place makes him a worthy winner.”

Ms Martin said that the Katherine Historical Society received an honourable mention.

“The Society is a group of hardworking volunteers who have made a great contribution to the growth and maintenance of the Katherine Outback Heritage Museum.

“Volunteers are responsible for fundraising and grant applications and also procure and collect relevant historical materials - the group also ensures that the Museum’s building and grounds are maintained for the entire community.”

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DARWIN REGION

2005 Darwin Region Territorian of the Year - Mrs Irene Mellios. Irene has dedicated four decades of volunteer work for the Greek community in Darwin and fundraising for the Cancer Council of the NT. She has been involved with the Greek School activities, Parents and Guardians, Meals on Wheels with the Red Cross, fundraiser for Australia's Biggest Morning Tea and the Cancer Council of the NT.

2005 Darwin Region Young Territorian of the Year - Ms Vicki Schultz. Vicki was recognised for her dedication and advocacy for young people within the Territory.

ALICE SPRINGS REGION

2005 Alice Springs Region Territorian of the Year – No nominee

2005 Alice Springs Region Young Territorian of the Year - Mr Cassius Ronberg. Cassius was selected for his ongoing contribution to the education of Indigenous children in Alice Springs.

KATHERINE

2005 Katherine Region Territorian of the Year – Ms Yve Weinberg. Yve was nominated for her contribution to education and welfare of children in the Territory.

2005 Katherine Region Young Territorian of the Year – No nominee

NHULUNBUY

2005 Nhulunbuy Region Territorian of the Year – Mr Len Waddington. Len is the longest serving member of the Gove Peninsula Festival committee. His company has been a major sponsor of events over the last five years.

2005 Nhulunbuy Region Young Territorian of the Year – Ms Clare Woodrow. Clare is heavily involved with young people in Nhulunbuy and their community involvement.

PALMERSTON

2005 Palmerston Region Territorian of the Year – Adopt a Park Committee. This committee encourages families who live around a park to adopt the park which gives “ownership” to them in helping to keep it rubbish-free, reduce vandalism and generally keep an eye on it.

2005 Palmerston Region Young Territorian of the Year – No nominee

TENNANT CREEK

2005 Tennant Creek Region Territorian of the Year – No nominee

2005 Tennant Creek Region Young Territorian of the Year – Mr Daniel Bourchier