Talented athletes and coaches from Alice Springs and surrounding areas were last night recognised at the Centrebet Northern Territory Institute of Sport (NTIS) Southern Region Awards.

Volunteers, service providers, supporting businesses as well as national representatives were also acknowledged on the night.

Minister for Sport and Recreation Matthew Bonson congratulated the athletes and said the Territory continues to produce great sporting talent.

“The Awards not only recognise our athletes but are a chance to thank the many volunteers and sponsors for the contribution they make to our sporting community,” he said.

Alice Springs athletes have produced some strong performances during the past year.

Swimmer Zac Dalby won bronze for the 200m Individual Medley and 200m Butterfly in the under 14 age group at the recent National Age Swimming Championships in Perth.

Tegan Pannell was one of the best players on court for the U17s Netball at the National Championships during the year.

David Johnston finished in second place in the U19s category at the National Cross Country Mountain Bike Series held on the Gold Coast.

Andrew McArthur is ranked number six in Australia in the men’s adult category for Tenpin Bowling.

Award categories, nominations and winners:

**Centrebet NTIS Southern Region Individual Athlete of the Year:**
Andrew McArthur (Tenpin Bowling) *(WINNER)*
David Johnston (Mountain Biking)
Zac Dalby (Swimming)

**Centrebet NTIS Southern Region Team Athlete of the Year:**
Scott Richards (Tenpin Bowling)
Steve Tonkiss (Hockey)
Tegan Pannell (Netball) *(WINNER)*

**Centrebet NTIS Southern Region Coach of the Year:**
John Pyper (Cycling)
Kain Holt (Swimming)
Leanne Southam (Netball) *(WINNER)*
Peter Richards (Tenpin Bowling)
PJ Mabasa (Hockey)

**Centrebet NTIS Southern Region Commitment to Excellence:**
David Johnston (Mountain Biking)
Joshua Johnny (AFL) *(WINNER)*
Tegan Pannell (Netball)

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