TERRITORY TOURISM CELEBRATED AT BROLGAS

Northern Territory tourism’s night of nights, the Brolga Awards, was recently held in Alice Springs to celebrate the industry and hardworking local tourism operators.

The official tourism awards are now in their 29th year and recognise and encourage tourism businesses to strive for excellence in every area of their operation.

This year three individuals and 21 businesses were recognised for service to the tourism industry.

The construction of the five kilometre bike path begins to welcoming more who look forward to the aspirations of Traditional Owners achieving the aspirations of Traditional Owners

Award winners celebrate at the 29th Brolga Awards

CENTRAL AUSTRALIAN HIGHLIGHTS:

- Uluru Camel Tours picked up three awards including Best Tourist Attraction, Best Adventure Tourism and Best Tour and Transport Operators
- The Tatts Finke Desert Race was a popular winner on the night taking out the award for Best Festival and Event for the 40th anniversary year of the race through Central Australia
- Voyages Ayers Rock Resort won Best Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Tourism

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HOSPITAL RECEIVES GENEROUS DONATION

The delivery of care to Central Australian children will be enhanced with the Alice Springs Hospital recently receiving two pieces of medical equipment.

The Hamilton Transport Ventilator (with neonatal capacity) and the Glidescope Video Laryngoscope, worth a combined $70,000, were donated by Variety, The Children’s Charity, and the Joint Rotary Clubs of Alice Springs.

The transportable neonatal ventilator will enable the hospital to undertake retrieval (and transfer) of babies in remote areas to the hospital and also from the hospital to Adelaide with the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

Another device to assist in the intubation of critically unwell children is the Glidescope Video Laryngoscope which will be based in the hospital’s Emergency Department. The Laryngoscope enables the operator to see down a child’s throat to the larynx with the aid of a camera.

Chief Operating Officer of Central Australia Health Service Sue Karner said “We provide services to around 12,500 young patients each year so this equipment will certainly be put to great use and we thank Variety for their generous donation.”

The new pieces of equipment are a welcome addition to the constantly expanding resources of the Central Australia Health Service.

WELCOME DR MARK CREES – NEW DIRECTOR OF ARALUEN ARTS CENTRE

An arts professional with impeccable credentials has started as the new Director of the Araluen Cultural Precinct.

Dr Mark Crees was most recently the General Manager at the Darwin Festival. He has also worked as the General Manager of Theatre Works, a performing arts centre in Melbourne, and an arts and culture consultant, artistic administrator and resident producer and executive producer.

At the Darwin Festival, Dr Crees successfully restructured the organisation from a sprint-model to a marathon-model, took carriage of a strategic planning process resulting in a road map for the next three years and delivered two festivals under two different artistic directors. He also secured the first three-year partnership in the history of the organisation with the City of Darwin.

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