Sarah has a passion to improve health and wellbeing in Aboriginal communities. In 2015, she joined Centralian Middle School as a lead teacher. She was involved in the planning and execution of a range of cultural and educational events, including the first Northern Territory Aboriginal Education Program. Sarah is currently a student at Charles Darwin University, majoring in Early Childhood Education.

**AustralianSuper Career Kick Start Award**

**PHILADELPHIA Hughes**

Philippa Hughes, 27 of Marrara started working as a Telesales consultant, was promoted to business development representative and then decided to study. On completion of her Certificate IV in Frontline Management, she was awarded Most Outstanding Student. Philadelphia undertook an indigenous cadetship and has completed her first year Bachelor of Psychological Science degree. She won the National Training Awards for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year and is now the Australian Ambassador. Philadelphia volunteers as a Lifeline Crisis Support Counsellor.

**Charles Darwin University Arts Award**

**HAYLEY Kelly**

Hayley Kelly, 18 of Anula is the first Northern Territory person to receive a 1000 per cent score in the Advanced 1 Ballet examinations and only the fifth in Australia. She has performed multiple times with The Darwin School of Ballet and The Beat Festival. She performed in two special Darwin productions about the effect bullying, alcohol and drugs has on teenagers. Hayley is currently completing a Diploma in Dance and has just been accepted into the Sydney Dance Company Pre- Professional Year, where she will undergo a year of full-time training.

**Genesee and Wyoming Australia Indigenous Achievement Award**

**JEROME Gilbert**

Jerome has been a member of St John Ambulance for the last 10 years. He has been a member of the Northern Territory Cadet Division. Jerome led a proposal to put to the St John Ambulance team on a health care and first-aid project in East Timor in 2015, and was the Australian Ambassador. Philadelphia volunteers as a Lifeline Crisis Support Counsellor.

**Glencore McArthur River Mining Regional and Rural Initiative Award**

**RYAN Gaskon**

Ryan Gaskon, 18 of Alice Springs is a YMCA climbing instructor and enjoys passing on his knowledge, passion and enthusiasm to younger climbers. Ryan coordinates and participates in recreational climbing events with his local climbing club. He was involved in the initial developments of the Red Centre Huts, now a fixed annual event increasing tourism to the economy. After completing tertiary studies, Ryan hopes to return to Alice Springs and work in the Adventure Tourism industry showcasing the adventure tourism opportunities in the Northern Territory to tourists.

**Minister for Young Territorians Excellence in Youth Leadership Award**

**SARAH McLaughlin**

Sarah McLaughlin, 21, of Darwin has been a member of St John Ambulance NT for the past 13 years. She creates a full training program and social calendar each year for the Cassiarina Cadet Division. Sarah led a St John Ambulance team on a health care and first-aid project in East Timor in 2015, and was the youngest team member. Sarah has a passion to improve health and wellbeing in Aboriginal Communities, and is researching and planning a proposal to put to the St John Board.

**Honouring Territory’s inspirational youth**

**Amanda Lilleyman**

Amanda Lilleyman, 28 of Darwin is studying migratory shorebird ecology in Darwin Harbour for her PhD research. Considered a local expert on shorebirds, she is often contacted by the media for opinion pieces and research publications. Amanda co-ordinated a team of shorebird researchers to help catch, band and track shorebirds in Darwin Harbour for the fieldwork data collection stage of her PhD project. She successfully organised the ninth Aboriginal Shorebird Conference in Darwin with an attendance of 120 delegates.

Amanda was the recipient of the 2013 ANZ Holsworth Wildlife Research Award.

**Channel 9 Young Achiever of Year**

**KATE Axten**

KATE Axten, 26, of Alice Springs joined Centralian Middle School in 2014 as a graduate Year 7 teacher. She has coached the local and school basketball teams and is currently player and assistant coach of the Yirara girls’ soccer team.

Kate was selected among 10 other Indigenous Australians for the Classic Wallabies Exchange to South Africa, a volunteer leadership program for Indigenous youth.

Kate received a 2015 Naidoc Award for Female 25 and over. She plans to undertake a Master’s Degree in Education.

**Supporting Young Territorians**

TIO congratulates the 2016 NT Young Achiever Award nominees and winners.

Thank you for your outstanding contributions, innovation, leadership and community spirit.