DriveSafe NT Remote wins an Australian Business Award

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The Territory Government’s DriveSafe NT Remote Driver Education and Licencing Program has today been recognised as an ABA100 Winner for Innovation in The Australian Business Awards 2014.

The DriveSafe NT Remote Driver Education and Licencing Program operates in over 30 remote communities across the Territory, teaching people about safe driving and assists people in attaining their licence.

DriveSafe NT Remote provides the following mobile services to remote communities:

- Learner theory classes
- Driving Lessons for holders of Learner licences
- Tests for Provisional Licencing
- MVR services such as registration, licence renewals and vehicle inspections
- Road safety education sessions to primary and senior students

Minister for Transport, Peter Styles, has praised the efforts of the Department of Transport and congratulated them on achieving this award.

“This is an incredible achievement for the Department of Transport. Yet again have they achieved success in delivering for Territorians,” Mr Styles said.

“DriveSafe NT Remote has been getting people licenced since it started in April 2012 and we are very proud of the work they have done for Aboriginal Territorians.

“Aboriginal Territorians are overrepresented in our road fatality statistics and around one in three fatalities on our roads involves a driver who does not hold a licence.

“There exist a number of barriers which make it difficult for people who live in communities to get licenced. DriveSafe NT Remote visits communities and offers a free service that works with people to create a better outcome for all.
“Beyond equipping individuals to become licenced the program teaches responsible driving and aims to warn people about the dangers on our roads: drink driving, speeding and not wearing seat belts.

“Congratulations again to our public servants involved in this program. We are all very proud of your efforts and acknowledge your dedication which goes beyond all our expectations.”

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