Honouring Territory’s inspirational youth

AustralianSuper Career Kick Start Award

PHILADELPHIA 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, 18 of Anula is the first Northern Territory person to receive a 100 per cent score in the Advanced 1 Ballet examinations and only the fifth in Australia.

ConocoPhillips Environment Award

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 northern Australian Shorebird Conference in Darwin with an attendance of 120 delegates. Amanda was the recipient of the 2013 ANZ Holsworth Wildlife Research Award.

Genesse and Wyoming Australia Indigenous Achievement Award

JEROME Gilbert, 23 of Nauiyu works as an Aboriginal community worker at Nauiyu Health Centre and has a Certificate 3 in Community Services.

Glencore McArthur River Mining Regional and Rural Initiative Award

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 community and boosting the economy. After completing tertiary studies, Ryan hopes to return to Alice Springs and work in the Adventure Tourism industry showcasing the Northern Territory to tourists.

Minister for Young Territorians Excellence in Youth Leadership Award

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THE 2016 Northern Territory Young Achievers Awards, held at SkyCity Darwin on Saturday, April 16, acknowledged the many talented, dedicated and inspiring young people who call the NT home.
The 12 category winners, chosen from a strong field of nominees, were announced in front of a crowd of 400.

Centralian Middle School teacher Kate Axten was named as the Channel 9 Young Achiever of the Year. Winners received $2000 and a magnificent trophy thanks to TIO and as the Young Achiever of the Year, Ms Axten received an additional $2000 and an Overall Young Achiever of the Year Trophy.

The 12 category winners were:

- Rebecca Ellison of Alawa — PTTEP Australasia Health and Wellbeing Award
- BETHANY BRE-ANN O’SHEA OF DRIVER — NT Government Young Carer’s Award
- Amanda Lilleyman of Darwin — ConocoPhillips Environment Award
- Jerome Gilbert of Nauiyu — Genesse and Wyoming Australia Indigenous Achievement Award
- Trevor Olver of Ludmilla — NT Government Small Business Achievement Award
- Penrith of Marrara — Charles Darwin University Arts Award

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Channel 9 Young Achiever of Year

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 Axten 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.

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