Michael Gunner
Chief Minister of the Northern Territory

23rd Chief Minister’s Northern Territory Export and Industry Awards

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Northern Territory Agrifood business Consolidated Pastoral Company has been named the 2016 NT Exporter of the Year.

“The 23rd NT Export and Industry Awards recognise outstanding achievements of NT exporters and industry leaders and promote the importance of international trade,” Chief Minister Michael Gunner said.

“CPC is Australia’s largest privately owned cattle producer has more than 30 years’ experience exporting cattle from the NT to Asia and the Middle East.

“Owning and operating 19 cattle stations across Northern Australia, including 375,000 head of cattle across 5.6 hectares of land, CPC’s primary focus is to connect the best Australian beef to the World.

“The Northern Territory’s main export products continue to be oil and gas, mineral ores, live cattle and agricultural products.”

International trade continues to experience strong growth. To March 2016 exports of goods from the NT was AUD $5 billion and imports were AUD $2.2 billion.

The Chief Minister also announced that the inaugural Industry Innovation Award has gone to the Centre for Appropriate Technology, for their innovative mobile phone hot spot technology.

“I congratulate the Centre for Appropriate Technology for receiving this award which recognises their tireless work and dedication to deliver innovative technologies to support sustainable and enterprising communities across the Territory,” Mr Gunner said.

Darwin based company BusLink VEVO, known for their transport services to the resource industry took out the Resource Service and Supply Award.

Since its inception, Buslink VEVO has maintained a 100% locally residing workforce and taken over 3,440 light vehicles off Darwin roads and reinvested back in the community.

Northern Territory winners progress as national finalists in the Australia Export Awards to be held later in the year.
“As a finalist in the Australia Export Awards, Northern Territory Award winners will be benchmarked against their peers across the country, with winners receiving national recognition for their international success,” Mr Gunner said.

“The Northern Territory Government continues to work collaboratively with the Chamber of Commerce and locally-based SMEs, not just in supporting these awards, but to build our international trade relationships including recent delegations to national and international trade shows and expos.”

**Award Winners:**

- **Exporter of the Year:** Consolidated Pastoral Company
- **Agribusiness:** Consolidated Pastoral Company
- **Creative Industries:** Buku Larrnggay Mulka Art Centre
- **Regional Exporter:** Tiwi Plantation Corporation
- **Small Business:** Monsoon Aquatics
- **Education & Training:** Charles Darwin University
- **Manufacturing Industry:** Northern Cement
- **Resource Supply and Service:** Buslink VEVO
- **Industry Innovation:** Centre for Appropriate Technology
- **Innovation Commendation Award:** I Vet
- **Business Services:** Guppytraders.com
- **Indigenous Exporter of the Year:** Buku Larrnggay Mulka Art Centre
- **International Business Student of the Year:** Faatih Natasha Putri
- **International Business Student Commendation:** Ritwik Dasgupta
- **International Student:** Enggar Daranindra

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