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Alice Springs Most Outstanding Apprentices & Trainees

Group Training Northern Territory's Southern Region Awards night was held recently at the Alice Springs Desert Park.

In excess of 60 employers, apprentices, parents and training providers attended the celebration evening.

"These Awards recognise the outstanding efforts of apprentices, trainees and their supervisors", said Antony Yoffa, Regional Manager GTNT Alice Springs.

CEO of GTNT Mike Harrison attended the evening and congratulated all those involved. "In our 20th Anniversary year, the company continues to show a strong commitment to the regions", said Mr Harrison.

"Our Board is committed to increasing opportunities for Indigenous apprentices and trainees both in urban and remote areas".

Mr Harrison congratulated all winners and paid tribute to host employers. "Without employers providing apprenticeship opportunities, GTNT would not be able to assist with increasing the skills base of the Northern Territory".

Winners of the 'School Based Apprentice' and 'Trainee of the Year' awards will now be nominated for the Northern Territory Training Awards that are held in Darwin in September

YouthTraX, who undertake school-to-work transition programmes with the schools, presented two awards on the evening.

GTNT is the largest employer of apprentices and trainees in the Northern Territory. The company has offices in Darwin, Katherine, Nhulunbuy and Alice Springs and provides a monthly visiting service to Groote Eylandt, Tennant Creek and Yulara.

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Following are the winners of the Alice Springs Awards:

YouthTraX Host Employer of the Year

Andrew & Michelle Armistead of Outback Automotive

YouthTraX Career Initiative Award

Liza Bowers (Alice Springs & Anzac Hill High Schools)

Outstanding Apprentice Stage 1 (tied award)

Rex Stuart (Peter Kittle Motor Company) & Elias Wakelin (Voyages Ayers Rock Resort)

Outstanding Apprentice Stage 2

Ronnel Colon (Power & Water Corporation)

Supervisor of the Year

Jochem Van Der Reijden (Alice Springs Desert Park)

Host Employer of the Year

Road Transport Historical Society

School Based Apprentice of the Year

Bianca Erlandson (Department of the Chief Minister)

Indigenous Apprentice of the Year

Ashlee Porter (Alice Springs Desert Park)

Trainee of the Year

David Curtis (Department of Education & Training - Tennant Creek Training Centre)