



**Marion Scrymgour**  
MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT

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## **Alice Springs Desert Park Wins Brolgas**

Environment Minister Marion Scrymgour today congratulated the Alice Springs Desert Park for winning two Brolgas at Saturday night's Brolga Northern Territory Tourism Awards at the Alice Springs Convention Centre.

The Park won awards in the categories for Eco Tourism and Major Tourism Award.

"This is a significant endorsement of the work all the staff have done, and continue to do, as a leading tourism attraction in central Australia," she said.

"The Major Tourist Attraction category is for attractions which market primarily to national and/or international audience and are considered a hallmark destination in their own right.

"This is the fifth year the ASDP has won the Major Tourism Attraction award.

"The Eco tourism category aims to recognise ecologically sustainable tourism with a primary focus on experiencing natural areas that foster environmental and cultural understanding, appreciation and conservation.

Park Manager Gary Fry said that these wins support the Park's Advanced Ecotourism accreditation and Respecting Our Culture (ROC) accreditation through Aboriginal Tourism Australia.

"Accreditation through the ROC program involved a detailed and rigorous assessment of all aspects of the work at the Desert Park including responsible and effective business practices, sustainable environmental management and of course, commitment to the protection and reinforcement of local Indigenous culture," he said.

"Along with the other local winners, the Desert Park is very excited about being able to represent central Australia in the Australian Tourism Awards in Sydney in February, 2007.

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