

Award of the Administrator's Medal for the
2009 Royal Darwin Show Junior Steward of the Year
SPEECH by His Honour Mr Tom Pauling AO QC
Administrator of the Northern Territory
Darwin Showgrounds, 24 July 2009

Distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen, it gives me great pleasure as Patron of the Royal Agricultural Society of the Northern Territory to be here at the 58th Royal Darwin Show and to have this opportunity to acknowledge the efforts of the Junior Steward of the year.

2009 sees somewhat of a departure from previous awards as the Administrator's Medal is being given equally to the redoubtable twins - Lachlan and Fletcher Ellis. Lachlan and Fletcher have been junior stewarding almost since they could walk and come from a family with a long association with the Darwin Show Society.

Grandfather, Percy Ellis, was a much loved and respected President who served for many years and is remembered with great fondness and respect. Percy was an Honorary Life Member and last year it was my privilege to award the twin's Grandmother, Judy Ellis, similarly for her efforts as a tireless and willing worker at the Show. I note that this year she is a Chief Steward in the Cookery Section.

Lachlan and Fletcher began helping their Nan and Pop during the show by running errands. In more recent years they have been Junior Stewards in Rotary Hall. They both willingly perform any task asked of them and are without exception courteous and helpful to fellow stewards and the public.

I know that the organisers wish they had more young stewards like Lachlan and Fletcher - they are our future. Well done to you both.