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Desert Park Workers Win Awards

The Alice Springs Desert Park (ASDP) has taken home another swag of awards at the Group Training Northern Territory Southern Region Awards 2011 that were held in Alice Springs last night, Wednesday 30 March 2011.

ASDP Director Gary Fry said that this was a great outcome and congratulated all the award winners.

“I am very impressed with the staff and the park itself; it is great to see the hard work of our staff members being recognised on this level,” Mr Fry said.

“Group Training NT provides a lot of professional support for our apprentices and for the Desert Park. It is an important partnership.”

The award for Indigenous Apprentice of the Year was won by ASDP Guide Leanora Laughton who said the Desert Park is an amazing place to work.

“Everyone in the team is encouraging and this has made it easy for me to learn. My knowledge of flora, fauna and the landscape has increased considerably and I am proud to say that I am now a walking encyclopaedia, which is an amazing feeling,” Ms Laughton said.

The award for Outstanding Apprentice Stage Three was won by ASDP Apprentice Botanist Robert Maloney.

ASDP Curator of Botany Scott Pullyblank said that Robert is a highly accomplished apprentice.

“He always has a can-do attitude which is a welcome attribute to our team,” Mr Pullyblank said.

The Alice Springs Desert Park also took home the Host Employer of the Year Award.

The Desert Park currently has seven apprentices and trainees and provides a valuable education resource for the local community.

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