



Syd Stirling

MINISTER FOR EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION & TRAINING

13 July 2006

NEW AWARD TO HONOUR TOP NT ADULT EDUCATOR, AS PART OF ADULT LEARNERS' WEEK 2006

Minister for Employment, Education and Training, Syd Stirling has announced a new award – *the NT Adult Educator of the Year Award* – and invited Territorians working in the field of adult education and learning to apply.

Mr Stirling said the new award has been created as part of *Adult Learners' Week (ALW)* celebrations, and the winner will be announced during *ALW*, 1 – 8 September 2006.

“Adult educators play an important role in the delivery of training to Territorians,” he said. “This new award will be presented to an individual for outstanding work in teaching, training, administration or a combination of these.”

The winner will receive \$1000 prize money along with the opportunity to represent the Northern Territory in the *Adult Learning Australia Awards*.

The Northern Territory *ALW* is coordinated by the Northern Territory Department of Employment, Education and Training (DEET), and is sponsored by the Australian Government Department of Education, Science and Training, and Adult Learning Australia Inc.

“In addition to the new award, the week presents opportunities for Territorians to participate in and get a ‘taste’ of various lifelong learning and adult education activities,” Mr Stirling said. “It is a time to celebrate, promote and advance all forms of adult learning.”

He said the focus of *ALW* this year is on encouraging Territorians to think about a new career and employment options – especially adult traineeships and apprenticeships.

“Educators and organisations offering courses, classes, lectures, exhibition, tours, training programs, tutoring or discussion groups for adults should consider using *ALW* as an opportunity to celebrate and promote their activities to the wider community.”

Learning providers should register their activities by early August.

For further information on *ALW* log onto <http://www.deet.nt.gov.au/training/events/alw.shtml> .

Contact Minister Stirling's Office: 08 8901 4053