Bess Price
Minister for Parks and Wildlife

Sometimes it’s hard to be a ranger – let’s stand by them!

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Nominations are open for the NT Ranger Awards to celebrate the outstanding work undertaken in our parks and reserves.

The annual Northern Territory Ranger Awards are open to all rangers, frontline staff and support staff working in the NT, including apprentices and non-government employees and nominations can be made by the public.

Parks and Wildlife Minister Bess Price said the awards seek to celebrate the amazing work these workers do and to recognise the value they provide to the community – both now and in the future.

“This is tireless, thankless and challenging work – and is based on dedication, determination and passion,” Minister Price said.

“Our rangers work extremely hard in tough, hot, humid and wet conditions, and play a huge behind the scenes role in helping our beautiful parks function and thrive.

“The Territory parks and reserves are some of the most pristine and beautiful places in the country and are extremely popular with tourists and locals.”

This year, the awards will be celebrating the exceptional work of rangers, frontline staff and support staff in managing protected areas.

“We recognise while our rangers play a key role in conservation and preservation of protected areas, they are supported by some outstanding staff, and this year we wanted to ensure that we celebrated the efforts of all staff,” Ms Price said.

“These awards are a great opportunity to recognise the outstanding service our rangers and other staff provide the public with every day.”

Nominations are open in the following categories for activities and achievements between 1 April 2015 and 31 May 2016:

- NT Ranger Award for Outstanding Environmental Achievement
- NT Ranger Award for Commitment to Partnerships and Diversity
- NT Ranger Award for Outstanding Team Effort
- NT Ranger Award for Innovation in Protected Areas Management
- NT Ranger Award for Leadership in Protected Areas Management

Nominees will have demonstrated outstanding qualities in their chosen area of work, and commitment to the management of natural and cultural resources.

Online nomination form has been simplified to encourage more nominations – and PWCNT will also accept nominations through Facebook.

“This is an amazing opportunity to ensure that someone you know is recognised for their outstanding efforts in the conservation of protected areas throughout the NT. We encourage people to nominate and to show their support,” the Minister said.

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