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Four admitted to Hall of Fame

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FOUR long-term Territorians have been honoured for their contribution to the Northern Territory civil construction industry.

The four — Ernie Wanka, Terry Downes, Eddie Dhu and Robert Wilson — were inducted to the Civil Contractors Federation NT's Hall of Fame at its recent Earth Awards gala dinner.

The Earth Awards recognise environmental and construction excellence in civil construction projects in the Northern Territory.

Robert Wilson has been in the Territory working for Henry Walker and all of its derivatives for the past 42 years.

He was made a Companion of Engineers Australia in recognition of his civil engineering expertise, which has included construction of major works throughout the NT including East Arm Port, RAAF Base Darwin, Bradshaw Training Area along with a myriad of roads and sub divisions.

Ernie Wanka has been a

major contributor to the civil construction industry in the Territory through his work with the Territory Government's Department of Transport.

Terry Downes from Downes Graderways in Katherine started with a grader, a wife and a loan at the age of 20 in 1970, having graduated from stick picker on the Carpentaria Highway for the Federal Department of Housing and Construction in 1968.

In 1975 he moved into Henry Walkers yard to be involved in the Cyclone Tracey clean up in Darwin.

Terry has worked all over the Territory for the NT Department of Transport and Works, mining companies, and is responsible for building numerous subdivisions in Darwin and Katherine.

Eddie Dhu is a long-term Territory representative of the bitumen industry in Alice Springs.

Eddie is respected for his operational, logistic and leadership skills throughout many decades of work in the region.



Hall of Famers — left to right — Eddie Dhu, Ernie Wanka, Terry Downes and Robert Wilson — were honoured for a lifetime of work