

# Local civil construction projects to be celebrated in 2019 Earth Awards



Each year the Civil Contractors Federation NT Earth Awards recognise and reward excellence in civil construction. The awards are an opportunity for local businesses to showcase their achievements to the industry, prospective clients and the community more broadly.

Civil Contractors Federation NT Chief Executive Officer, Tom Harris says the awards allow both small and large scale successes to shine.

“The awards are categorised by project value to give all businesses involved in civil construction a chance to participate,” Tom said.

In 2018, Aldebaran Contracting took the prize in the \$2-5 million category for its Shady Camp boat ramp upgrade.

“Shady Camp is one of the primary access points for fishermen in the Darwin region and is a hot spot for catching a prized barramundi. Upgrading the boat ramp had great benefits for plenty of Territorian fishos.”

Prior to the works, the boat ramp was an open stretch of eroded ground with no fall for boats to drop from trailers, which makes for a risky launch in some of the most croc-



**Yurhunj Bridge over Roper River**

codile infested waters in the Territory.

The upgrade included a 60-meter-long dual lane ramp with slip resistant concrete for safer launching and provided jobs for 20 locals, including six Indigenous employees and eight apprentices.

“Another project celebrat-

ed at last year’s awards was the design and construction of new high-level crossings at the Roper and Wilton Rivers,” Tom said.

The joint project between Sitzler and the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics won the \$30-75 million category. The successful completion of this project

has provided significant benefits to the remote community of Ngukurr and its surrounds.

Upgrades to the two crossings significantly reduced the total number of days roads to Ngukurr are closed throughout the year which has led to substantial improvements for service provisions and

delivery in the area.

“These works took place in a highly sensitive ecological and Indigenous environment, so the project team needed to work closely with regional businesses and traditional owners from the Yugul Mangi Aboriginal Development Corporation,” Tom said.

“The open and transparent approach to communicating this project with stakeholders early meant the works could be delivered with as little impact and disruption as possible, as well as on time and on budget.”

69 Territory businesses worked on the project, four of which were Indigenous owned and resulted in a 14 per cent Indigenous participation rate.



**The new boat ramp at Shady Camp**

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“State winners automatically advance to the national awards so I strongly encourage businesses to enter for well-deserved recognition of what we do here in the Northern Territory.”

Nominations for the Earth Awards are now open. Expressions of interest close 26 April with final submissions due 10 May.

## 2018 winners

### Earth Awards

#### ► Project value up to \$2 million

##### Sitzler Pty Ltd

Wadham Lagoon Drainage Upgrades

Sponsored by GraysOnline & BUSSQ



#### ► \$2 million to \$5 million

##### Aldebaran Contracting Pty Ltd

Shady Camp Boat Ramp Design and Construct

Sponsored by Northern Territory Government



#### ► \$5 million to \$10 million

##### Ostojic Group Pty Ltd

Plenty Highway Upgrade & Seal CH140.75km to CH146.30KM

Sponsored by Northern Territory Government



#### ► \$10 million to \$30 million

##### Ventia Services Pty Ltd

Cox Peninsula Remediation Project

Sponsored by Halkitis Brothers



#### ► \$30 million to \$75 million

##### Sitzler Pty Ltd and Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics

Roper and Wilton River – High Level Crossings Upgrade

Sponsored by Ostojic Group Pty Ltd



Platinum sponsor – Gallagher Insurance Brokers



Gold sponsor – HiQA Geotechnical



### Trainee and Apprentice Awards

Civil Contractors Federation acknowledges the importance of recognising outstanding efforts and achievements by the next generation of contractors. The Trainee and Apprentice Awards celebrate people undertaking courses and apprenticeships in the civil construction industry.

#### ► First Year Apprentice Award

##### Kass Lehmann – BMD Urban

Sponsored by Dial Before You Dig



#### ► NT Mature Age Achiever

##### Dirk Dunser – BMD

Sponsored by ETAS



#### ► Rae Snodgrass Apprentice of the Year

##### Greg Sargeant – BMD

Sponsored by Civil Train



### Subbie of the Year Award

#### Top End Line Markers

Sponsored by the Department of Trade, Business and Innovation.



### Hall of Fame Inductees

In 2018 Civil Contractors Federation NT, inducted two new members into the Hall of Fame, recognising their services over many decades to the Northern Territory’s Civil Construction sector.

#### Tomo Ostojic – Ostojic Group

#### Keith Aitken – Advance Civil Engineering