



Unity Through Enterprise

**The Arnhem Land Progress
Aboriginal Corporation**

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Owned by the Yolngu residents of Minjilang, Milingimbi, Ramingining, Galiwin'ku and Gapuwiyak Communities NT

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ALPA wins NT Training Awards Employer of the Year

In recognition of its strong commitment to Indigenous jobs and training, ALPA was awarded the Employer of the year award at the NT Training Awards on Saturday 29 August. Across the ALPA group, there are 933 employees, 83% of whom are indigenous.

Throughout its 43 year history, ALPA has invested heavily in staff training, first establishing a training school at Galiwin'ku in 1981, and continuing this investment to the current day, with over \$600,000 being spent in training on an annual basis.

With a group turnover in excess of \$100 Million per annum, ALPA is arguably one of the most successful indigenous businesses in Australia, encompassing 25 remote retail stores, an enterprise RTO, the delivery of employment services via the Remote Jobs and Community Program, and community based social enterprise developments via Rulku Enterprises Aboriginal Corporation in Milingimbi and Dinybulu Regional Services in Ramingining. Through Rulku and Dinybulu, ALPA has pioneered a ground breaking contract and casual labour hire service, enabling Yolngu people to retrain and enter labour markets.

ALPA's corporate activities fund its benevolent aims and they have always retained a policy of giving back to the communities in which they operate. For over thirty years, ALPA has been subsidising fresh fruit and vegetables in its stores, and gives back to communities in many other ways, including funding students from Indigenous communities to study elsewhere and providing funding for community events and ceremonies. ALPA also provides support for small business mentoring and development to encourage other indigenous businesses to grow. Total benevolent activities for 2014-15 were in excess of \$1.5 million.

ALPA would like to thank all of our members and employees for their valuable contributions and invite them to share in the success of this award.

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