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ROADS AND MARITIME SERVICES ABORIGINAL PROGRAMS WIN PREMIER’S AWARD

Minister for Roads and Freight Duncan Gay today congratulated Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) for winning a Premier’s Public Sector Award for co-ordinating the Western NSW Aboriginal Learner Driver Programs and Licensed and On the Road entry.

Mr Gay said he was thrilled the team had received this important acknowledgment for all their efforts in helping Aboriginal communities in Western NSW.

“I’m extremely proud of the staff at RMS for taking out the Premier’s Public Sector Award, which recognises outstanding performance and achievements in the NSW public sector,” Mr Gay said.

“I also congratulate the Centre for Road Safety, ACE Colleges and Birrang for all their help in supporting RMS deliver these important programs.

“The award focuses on customer service and recognises programs, which improve service delivery and outcomes for customers, build a strong customer service culture and place customers at the heart of service.

“RMS was a finalist in three categories, Building Infrastructure for Hunter Expressway, Revitalising regional NSW for Tenterfield Main Street Renewal and Strengthening the environment and communities category for the Western NSW Aboriginal Learner Driver Programs & Licensed and On the Road, which it won.

“These programs help our Aboriginal communities gain the skills they need to become safe and legal drivers, which in turn ensures access to transport, jobs, education and health services.

“In the past year, the program has provided more than 1400 driving lessons, resulted in 79 people gaining their learner licence and 83 people gaining their Provisional P1 licence.

"These outcomes, which can be life changing for Aboriginal kids and adults are so important for the livelihood of these communities and it’s so great to see this success acknowledged,” Mr Gay said.

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