



Clare Martin
CHIEF MINISTER



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TERRITORY DAY AWARD

Teacher, translator and academic Raymattja Marika has been named as the winner of the 2006 Territory Day Award.

Chief Minister Clare Martin made the announcement at Darwin's Territory Day and Flag Raising Ceremony at Parliament House.

"What a worthy winner - Raymattja Marika has been a role model for educational excellence in the Northern Territory," Ms Martin.

"Raymattja has worked tirelessly to improve opportunities for Aboriginal people in north-eastern Arnhem Land – especially in the areas of education and training.

"A member of the Rirratjingu clan, she holds a Graduate Diploma in Adult Education & Training from Melbourne University.

"She also has an Advanced Diploma in Teaching from the Batchelor Institute of Tertiary Education.

"Raymattja has a long involvement with Aboriginal education and is a Director of the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies.

"She's also worked as an interpreter and her writings on two-way education are well respected around Australia.

"It's a big day for the winner of the 2006 Territory Day Award – as it is for all Territorians.

"28 years ago - in a ceremony marking the beginning of self-government, the Northern Territory flag was raised for the first time.

"It was a pivotal moment for the Territory – and one which we all take great pride in celebrating each year.

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