



BALLINA LOCAL TAKES OUT TOP TOURISM AWARD

Ballina local Amber Kolo has won the coveted Michael (Mick) Crawley Memorial Award for Young Achiever of the Year at the North Coast Tourism Awards held last weekend.

Ms Kolo is a communications and marketing professional at the NSW Crown Holiday Parks Trust (NSW CHPT) and was presented with the honour in front of a crowd of industry professionals in Byron Bay at the 2015 North Coast Tourism Awards for Business Excellence.

NSW CHPT CEO, Steve Edmonds said Ms Kolo was nominated for her outstanding work with the Trust and North Coast Holiday Parks as well as for her volunteering activities.

“Amber is part of our talented Marketing team who all do impressive work and are dedicated to the promotion of our 26 coastal and nine inland holiday parks and reserves,” Mr Edmonds said.

Ms Kolo was born in Ballina and has lived, studied and worked in the Northern Rivers area for most of her life. Tourism has always been Amber’s passion and her studies, professional career, interest in travel and volunteering activities all reflect this.

An active member of local event committees such as the Love Lennox Festival, The Tourism Symposium and the Brunswick Head Bowls Festival, Ms Kolo is also active with the local Business Chambers and voluntarily attends business networking functions and workshops.

Ms Kolo said winning the Award in an industry she was passionate about was an unexpected honour. “My family were so incredibly proud of me and my friends and colleagues have been very supportive of my success,” Ms Kolo said.

“This Award also represents a lot of dedicated team work with my colleagues at the Trust so I thank them for helping me to achieve this honour.”

North Coast Holiday Parks Corindi Beach also won a Bronze in the Caravan and Camping Category of the North Coast Tourism Awards.

Mr Edmonds said the Award was a fantastic achievement and recognised the hard work of the dedicated team at Corindi Beach. The Bronze also reflects our Mission to transform our parks into the most desirable destinations that meet the recreational and accommodation needs of all families in NSW,” Mr Edmonds said.

NSW CHPT was formed to consolidate the operations of 26 coastal and nine inland holiday parks and reserves located on Crown Land throughout NSW in some of the State’s most iconic locations.

For more information about the coastal or inland holiday parks managed by the Trust visit southcoastparks.com.au, inlandwaters.com.au and northcoastholidayparks.com.au. A summary of all coastal and inland parks managed by the Trust is also listed on the [NSW CHPT web site](#).

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