



**Media Release**

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### **Council Mayor applauds Barkly basketballers**

Barkly Regional Council Mayor Steve Edgington congratulated local youth at an awards ceremony for a regional basketball contest last weekend.

Eight teams of basketball players (four male and four female teams) from communities around the region took part in the 2017 Barkly Regional Basketball Competition, run by Council's Barkly Youth staff in partnership with Anyinginyi Sport and Recreation.

Mayor Edgington, who presented players with trophies and medals after the grand final on Saturday, 18 November, said he was impressed with the regional participation of the basketball competition, with teams from Ali Curung, Ampilatwatja, Arlparra, Elliott and Tennant Creek.

"I was greatly impressed by how many communities from across the region took part," he said.

"It was also inspiring to see so many youngsters, male and female, taking part and goes to show that young people are willing to participate in healthy activities, like sport, when opportunities are presented to them.

"These are the kinds of positive activities Council is keen to be involved with and to promote for the young people of the Barkly."

Tennant Creek (male team) won the grand final on Saturday, 18 November against Ampilatwatja by 28 to 18 and in a closely-fought game Elliott (female team) won the grand final against Ali Curung 15-14.

Matthew Green, of Tennant Creek, was awarded the Best Player (Male) and Marazita Bill, from Elliott, won the Best Player (Female).

Peter McCormack, of Ampilatwatja, won the Most Valuable Player Award (Male) and Levina Shannon from Ali Curung won the Most Valuable Player Award (Female). Patrick Young and Mazarita Bill took out the scorer award for both male and female teams Elliott.

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