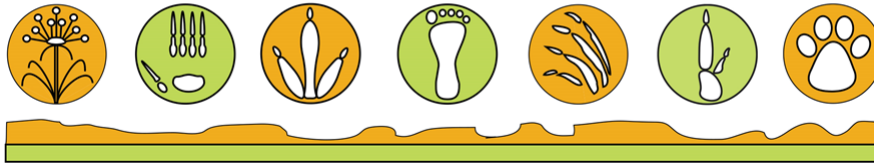


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Elliott musicians scoop top song gong

Musicians from the Northern Territory town of Elliott wowed judges and crowds at the recent 2016 NT Song of the Year Awards in Darwin.

E-Town Boyz, Alex Butler and Justine Rankine, performing with Eleanor Dixon, won the Youth Award for *Kulimindini Is My Home*. Eleanor Dixon and the Sandhill Women took home the Folk prize for *Everything Was at Peace*.

Barkly Desert Cultures, a youth program run by Barkly Regional Council, helped the artists produce the tracks, along with independent Melbourne music producer Monkey Marc, OZIBATLA and Music NT's Beatrice Lewis.

Council's Barkly Desert Cultures Program Manager Sean Spencer, who accompanied the musicians to the awards ceremony in Darwin on 9 July, said they were all really happy and very proud.

"They were absolutely on top of the world," said Sean. "They've all worked really hard on the project. Over the years I've seen them grow and change in so many ways. The accolades are well deserved."

Barkly Regional Council services several communities in the Barkly region, including the townships of Elliott and Tennant Creek.

Alice Springs songwriter, producer and multi-instrumentalist David Crow, also known as Resin Moon, claimed the Overall Song of the Year with his electronic dance song, *Salt*.

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