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CRICKET VETERAN AWARDED ICC HONOUR

NT Cricket President, Dr Bruce Walker has received the *ICC Centenary Volunteer Medal* – one of only 50 awarded Australia-wide.

The medal was presented to Dr Walker by Cricket Australia Director, Dr John Bannon in front of a standing ovation by some 500 guests at the Imparja Cup Gala Dinner in Alice Springs last night.

When presenting the award, Dr Bannon said:

“Throughout his professional life, Bruce has dedicated himself to improving the livelihoods of Indigenous Australians through his work at the Centre of Appropriate Technology and also through cricket. He has a vision for cricket in the Northern Territory that Cricket Australia shares and he continues to drive and inspire the growth of the game in the NT.”

A genuinely surprised Dr Walker initially appeared lost for words. He said:

“I am surprised and gratified to be honoured in this way. Cricket has been a very enjoyable part of my life and work in the Territory. The opportunity to lead the development of Australia’s last cricket frontiers, Indigenous and Territory, would have been reward enough.

I have enjoyed the many friendships forged through a shared commitment to the game.”

Dr Walker has been a Director on both the Alice Springs Cricket Association Committee and the NT Cricket Board since 1983. He has served as President of NT Cricket since 2002.

Other recipients of the *ICC Centenary Volunteer Medal* include the past two Chairs of Cricket Australia, Bob Merriman and Creagh O’Connor.

Background

As part of the ICC’s Centenary celebrations, the *ICC Centenary Volunteer Medal* was created to recognise and reward the significant contribution made to cricket globally by key volunteers. These are the people who give their time for the benefit of others and are crucial in preserving cricket’s special values as well as sustaining and developing the game at the grassroots and nurturing the stars of the future.

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