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**DEPUTY PREMIER LAUNCHES REGIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**

Deputy Premier Andrew Stoner and Member for Dubbo Troy Grant today announced the creation of new jobs for the Central West.

Mr Stoner and Mr Grant made the announcement in Dubbo today during the launch of the 2013 NSW/ACT Regional Achievement & Community Awards.

Mr Stoner said the relocation of Crown Lands' jobs had created 26 new positions in Dubbo.

"The NSW Government gave a commitment to making budget savings and to decentralising services and jobs to regional centres," Mr Stoner said.

"Crown reserves, one of the many responsibilities of Crown Lands, underwent a reform program last year to relocate administrative jobs to business centres at Newcastle and Dubbo.

"Through the service centre model Crown Lands is changing the way it does business and improving its interaction with the public and its clients.

"As well as the transfer of admin jobs to Dubbo, the Aboriginal Land Claims unit relocated from Sydney to Dubbo.

"There are 19 staff from the Dubbo region now employed, including two school leavers, with a further seven positions to be filled."

Member for Dubbo Troy Grant said the new jobs would have a strong economic impact in the Central West.

"The NSW Government is committed to growing jobs in regional NSW and I'm very pleased to see 26 jobs moved to Dubbo," Mr Grant said.

Mr Grant said the NSW Government was proud to be the patron of two NSW/ACT Regional Achievement & Community Awards.

"The Crown Lands division of the Department of Trade and Investment is the patron of two awards recognising the hard work of reserve trust boards that manage publically-owned land such as parks and showgrounds," Mr Grant said.

"The NSW Government is proud to be a part of an awards program that seeks out and acknowledges many regional and rural people and their communities across NSW and the ACT.

"This Awards program provides an essential platform for communities to learn from one another and shine a spotlight on regional development within communities.

"Further details on the awards and how to enter are available at [www.awardsaustralia.com](http://www.awardsaustralia.com) with the winners to be announced on 26 October."

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