STATEMENT – MONTGOMERIE FUND

6 AUGUST 2013

The Northern Territory Government will donate $50,000 to the fund set up to support the family of jockey, Simone Montgomerie, who tragically died during yesterday’s iconic Darwin Cup Carnival.

“This was a tragic accident during the Territory’s biggest sporting event. It has shocked the community and we are anxious to support Simone’s family in any way we can,” Chief Minister Adam Giles said.

Mr Giles met with his Cabinet colleagues this morning who were unanimous in their wish for the Government to contribute to the fund.

“The Northern Territory Government is kick-starting the fund with a $50,000 donation and we urge others in the community to give generously to Simone’s family at this sad time,” Mr Giles said.

“The Government would also like to acknowledge the generous decision of the Darwin Turf Club, in conjunction with Thoroughbred Racing NT, to donate the $200,000 Darwin Cup prize money to the fund.

“Simone leaves behind a 5 year old daughter. We hope this fund will give some small comfort to her family over the difficult days ahead,” Mr Giles said.

“Our thoughts are also with her friends and colleagues in the racing industry as they grapple with this huge loss.

“Simone Montgomerie was a champion jockey and a trail blazer for women in racing.

“She was part of the fabric of the local racing community and her death has touched many hearts.”

Donations can be made into the following Westpac account:

The Montgomerie Fund
BSB 035-302
Account No. 418752

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