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The woman was arrested and charged with arson and criminal damage. She will appear in Alice Springs Magistrates Court at a later date.

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She stated that she was indecently assaulted by the driver as she reached this address.

The driver is described as aged between 25 to 35 years old, short brown hair and a beard.

The minibus is described as being white with a motif on the side.

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Sparks fly over school attendance officers

THE NT’s Minister for Education has accused Warren Snowdon of being “anti-attendance” after the Member for Lingiari said the NT Government was jeopardising education outcomes.

Mr Snowdon last week put out a media release claiming the Education outcomes. Minister Chandler admitted that policies such as school attend-
ance supervisors and officers are having a disruptive and counterproductive effect on NT schooling outcomes and that more resources were needed. Mr Snowdon said, slamming the NT Government for education cuts.

Minister Chandler called Mr Snowdon’s comments “dis-
gusting” and “politically moti-
vated”. “Mr Snowdon can split hairs and send politically moti-
vated press releases from his Canberra office all he likes,” Mr Chandler said.

While he’s doing that, Minister Scullion and I will continue to put students first, improving outcomes and mak-
ing their futures brighter.”

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IMPORTANT NEWS

CENTRALIAN families celebrated a chilly Picnic Day among desert flowers and native animals yesterday.

The winter chill didn’t stop local families and tourists from visiting the Alice Springs Desert Park which hosted the Picnic Day Family Fun Day from 10am to 2pm.

Children immersed themselves in nature craft activities, feasted their eyes upon the Nature Theatre presentation, listened intently during Wombat Story time, met the friendly dingoes Digger and Marle, and revelled in the joy face painting.

Even parents were catered for, with informative talks about the history of dingoes, interesting facts about the Desert Park and short educational movies that showed how the desert has evolved, on offer.

A charity barbecue was also held to raise money for the park’s maintenance.

Minister for Parks and Wildlife Bess Price said it was the perfect opportunity for families to spend the day together.

“The Territory lifestyle often revolves around the great outdoors and the Family Fun Day is a great opportunity for families to enjoy the day off and spend time together in our beautiful parks,” the minister said.

“The Family Fun Day is a fantastic opportunity for locals and tourists to experience the wonderful Desert Park and learn about our amazing wildlife in the Territory,” she said.

“The Territory is home to so many beautiful and diverse parks and Picnic Day is a chance for Territorians to connect with and make the most of our natural wilderness.”

From nature craft and face painting to a flying bird show and kangaroo feeding, there is something for everyone to enjoy.

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