Visiting Alice Springs open day

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The Northern Territory Government is hosting an information day to help visitors from remote communities plan a trip to Alice Springs.

Minister for Housing, Bess Price, said the Visiting Alice Springs information day on Monday 6 July will help bridge the knowledge gap about the services available when staying in Alice Springs.

“It is important community members make an effort to plan their time in Alice Springs so they don’t end up stranded or without accommodation,” Mrs Price said.

“The main aim of this event is to remind visitors about things to remember when leaving country and about what is acceptable behaviour in town.

“The Department of Housing will have a stall with information on their new visitor management policy including posters, fact sheets and applications forms.

“The Giles Government has listened to feedback from tenants and the community who have asked for more assistance to manage visitors.

“The length of time public housing tenants can have visitors to stay before needing Department of Housing approval has been reduced from six to two weeks in remote areas and four to two weeks in urban areas.

“The timing of this event coincides with the Alice Springs Show, which is a great family event that attracts many visitors from remote communities.

“We want to make sure guests don’t overstay their welcome or cause issues within public housing and the wider community they are staying in, and that everyone understands the services they have access to while in town.”

The event runs from 10am to 2pm at Alice Springs Civic Centre Lawns on Monday July 6.

A free BBQ lunch will be provided.

Agencies involved include:

Alice Springs Town Council, Alice Springs Women’s Shelter, Centrelink, Central Australian
Aboriginal Congress, Correctional Services, Department of the Chief Minister, Department of Community Services, Department of Education, Department of Housing, NT Police, Fire and Emergency Services, Tangentyere Council and St John Ambulance, Central Australian Health Service

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