Where would you find the rather unusual combination of sheep, fish, melons, flowers, bugs, grubs, rocks and gravel all under the one roof? The Department of Business, Industry and Resource Development (DBIRD) display at this years Fred’s Pass Show of course!

Primary Industry Minister, Kon Vatskalis, said the annual Freds Pass Show provides Territorians with an excellent blend of city and country products and services.

“The Martin Government is all about backing Territorians,” Mr Vatskalis said.

“DBIRD staff work with Territory businesses and industries to ensure the wellbeing of plants, animals, water, people, business and environment, and the public can be assured this year’s DBIRD display will have something of interest for every one!”

Mr Vatskalis said there will be flower arranging demonstrations from 11am on Saturday and Sunday, and Jack’s Melon Farm will again be supplying their delicious melons for tasting throughout the day.

Children will have the opportunity to meet the sheep and enter the colouring in competition for Under 6, 6-10 and 10-15 age groups, where kids will be introduced to the “2 in 5 Kids’ Healthy Eating Program with some great prizes on offer.

Also at the DBIRD display, a native fish aquarium display will show an interesting alternative to the usual exotic tropical fish and plant species found in most aquariums. The display will also show how to protect the Territory’s aquatic environment by responsibly disposing of unwanted fish, plants and water from aquariums.

The public can also find out about DBIRD’s Renewable Energy Rebate Program, learn more about the Territory’s mining and energy industry, and see the variety and range of products that use materials from the sand and gravel quarries that surround the rural area.

“These are the very industries that keep the Territory moving ahead. There’s something for everyone at this year’s Freds Pass Show, so come and find out what DBIRD is doing to ensure the health of Territory business, industry and resources,” said Mr Vatskalis.