CELEBRATING CULTURAL DIVERSITY

Territorians will have the chance to learn how to Greek dance, cook an African feast and enjoy Japanese films after the Northern Territory Government allocated almost $30,000 in grants to help stage community events.

The Acting Minister for Multicultural Affairs, Marion Scrymgour, said cultural diversity was an important part of the Territory’s unique lifestyle.

“Ranging from $850 to $5000, these grants will help stage events that will showcase some of our different cultural backgrounds and heritage,” Ms Scrymgour said.

“We believe this support for our diverse community groups allows them to foster their own cultures and traditions and make an even greater contribution to the Territory as a whole.”

The Government has committed a total of $28,750 to a range of groups, including:

- The Mediterranean Greek Cultural Dance Group of the NT - “How to Dance Greek” classes in the lead up to Glenti 2008;
- Africa Australian Association – production of a ‘Pan-African’ feast cookbook;
- Latino NT Association – stage a Latin American cultural event;
- Australian-Japanese Association of NT – Japanese film night; and
- Multicultural Council of the NT – staging Australian Muslim Cameleers Exhibition.

“The events and projects are being produced throughout the year, and I encourage all Territorians to make the most of these great opportunities to celebrate our multicultural diversity,” Ms Scrymgour said.

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