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Art At The Heart

The Northern Territory Government is proud to host the biggest conference ever held in Alice Springs.

Arts Minister Marion Scrymgour said more than 900 artists, arts workers and volunteers will meet in Alice Springs this week for the Regional Arts Australia National Conference, Art At The Heart.

“This is an exciting opportunity for Alice Springs and the Northern Territory to showcase the enormous talent and variety of our local artists,” Ms Scrymgour said.

“Conference delegates will have the opportunity to visit a number of events while in Alice - including Imagine Alice, Alice Desert Festival Wearable Art Exhibition, DesArt in the park, Ngapartji Ngapartji and the Indigenous Film Program.

Ms Scrymgour said the Northern Territory Government is committed to supporting and promoting the Territory arts industry and has invested $160 000 funding to host Art At The Heart.

“It’s estimated Art At The Heart will inject more than $2 million into the Central Australian economy, bringing enormous benefits to the whole community.

“The community has put in an amazing effort to ensure all delegates are welcomed to Alice Springs, this will include 50 local hosts personally greeting all delegates on their arrival.

“The opening ceremony of the conference has also provided a unique opportunity for local artists and performers to develop their skills in the process of planning and performing the event.

“Art At The Heart is an exciting time for Alice Springs and I welcome all the visitors to Alice this week.

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