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**Muttacar Safety-Everyone’s Business**

A play and workshop aimed at educating Indigenous Territorians on road safety is being launched today in Darwin.

Minister for Children’s and Families Malarndirri McCarthy says there is not an indigenous family in the NT that hasn’t been affected by the consequences of road accidents.

“Indigenous people are three times more likely to die in a car crash or pedestrian incident than non-Indigenous people,” said Ms McCarthy.

“This is unacceptable, and we need to educate our people to take care while driving and using the roads.

“Through creative arts this play and workshop package - Muttacar Sorry Business – highlights the impact of road trauma in Aboriginal communities.

“It emphasises risk-taking behaviour such as drink and drug-driving, speeding, vehicle overcrowding and failure to wear seatbelts is not acceptable.

“The Northern Territory Government is committed to road safety and has provided $150 000 in funding to this unique project.

“The play written and developed by the Yirri Yaakin Theatre in Western Australia will be delivered by ArtBack NT.

“The play featuring actors Ali Mills (Larrakeyah), Jason DeSantis (Tiwi) and Minta Franks (Alice Springs) will travel 4000km visiting more than 14 indigenous communities in the Territory.”

The play will run from 4-4.45pm at Brown’s Mart today. Great vision opportunities.

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