Hermannsburg Historic Society Spectacular

The life of one of Australia’s most famous artists will be celebrated in Hermannsburg this weekend.

Minister for Regional Development, Karl Hampton, today said the Territory Government is proud to grant the Hermannsburg Historic Society with $5945 in funding to help host this Saturday’s commemorative Spectacular to celebrate the life of Albert Namitjira, who died 50 years ago.

“Albert Namitjira is one of Australia’s great artists and was one of our great leaders,” Mr Hampton said.

“It was through his art that he and his wife became Australia’s first Indigenous citizens, 10 years before other Indigenous Australians were given full citizenship.

“The Territory Government’s support of this event is consistent with our Working Future strategy and Hermannsburg’s status as a Growth Town.

“With its landscape, heritage, arts and relative proximity to Alice Springs, I believe considerable development potential exists in Hermannsburg and Saturday’s commemorative Spectacular will act as a stimulus to development.”

Mr Hampton said the commemorative Spectacular had the potential to become an annual event.

“Mr Namatjira was born in Hermannsburg in 1902 and his powerful legacy lives on through his art and I encourage as many people as possible – locals, interstate or international visitors – to attend this Saturday’s commemorative Spectacular,” Mr Hampton said.

“This event will be an arts, culture and music festival showcasing Western Arrernte artists and performers, with anticipated downstream benefits in the continuing development of the Western Arrernte arts economy.”

This Saturday’s Hermannsburg Historic Society commemorative Spectacular will be held from 1pm and entry is via gold coin donation.

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