11 May 2010

NT place to be this Dry Season

The Chief Minister today announced the top end would see the Australian Sprintcar Championship coming to Darwin from May 27 to 29, in another boost to the Territory’s bumper Dry Season events calendar.

“The Dry Season is now officially here and we have a fantastic calendar of events coming up right across the Territory.”

“Whether its the SkyCity Triple Crown V8 Supercars Championship series, watching Port take on Melbourne at TIO Stadium, the Tattersall’s Finke Desert Race in Alice Springs, the Darwin Cup Carnival or Bass in the Grass – we have a flavour to suit every taste.”

“It’s not just motor heads and footy fans that will enjoy the offerings with a fantastic array of cultural events like the Barunga Cultural and Sports Festival, Greek Glentti, Darwin Festival, Orchid Spectacular, Darwin City Muster and NT Literary Festival all coming up.

“From foodies to rev heads, wordsmiths to green thumbs, footy fans to racing pundits – the Territory will have something to interest everyone.”

Mr Henderson said more than 825,000 domestic and overseas visitors would flock to the Territory during this Dry Season – spending an average of $150 each – every day.

“That’s great news for our pubs, restaurants, clubs, hotels and local tour operators, who can expect to have a record amount of money pumped in this Dry Season.”

“Following the global financial crisis last year, this Dry Season will be a great shot in the arm for local businesses and working families in the Territory,” Mr Henderson said.

Event Listing next page
Contact: Lidija Ivanovski  0457 933 856

Dry Season Events

May
14-16 - The NT Writers' Festival, Darwin.
21 - Paspaley Star Ball, Darwin.
22 - Toyota AFL Round 9, Melbourne Demons v Port Adelaide.
22 - BASSINTHEGRASS, Darwin.
22 - Katherine Race Day.
22 - Katherine Pink Ribbon Rodeo.
27-29 - 2010 Australian Sprintcar Championship, Darwin.
29 - Desert Knowledge Precinct Open Day, Alice Springs.
30 - Palmerston Festival.

June
4-6 - Merrepen Arts Festival, Daly River.
5-6 - Adelaide River Show and NT Country Music Talent Quest.
5-6 - Northern Territory Tropical Garden Spectacular, Darwin.
6 - NT News City2Surf.
6 - Rail Trail Walk, Katherine.
11-12 - Darwin Speedway Rodeo.
11-14 - Barunga Cultural and Sports Festival.
11-14 - Tattersall's Finke Desert Race, Alice Springs.
12-13 - Greek Glenti, Darwin.
18-20 - SkyCity Triple Crown V8 Supercars Championship series, Darwin.
25-26 - Darwin International Rodeo, Darwin Convention Centre.
26-27 - Orchid Spectacular, Darwin Showgrounds.
27-04/07 - Arnhemland Bird Week and Aboriginal Cultural Adventure, Maningrida.
27 - Moto-X Racing at Micketts Creek Track, Berrimah.

July
1 - Territory Day.
3 - Darwin Cup Carnival, Day 1 - Mix 1049 Darwin Guineas Raceday.
3 - Beat The Heat Drag Racing, Hidden Valley.
9-11 - NT Moto Cross MX Titles, Palmerston.
10 - Darwin City Muster.
10 - Lions Imparja Camel Cup, Alice Springs.
17 - Darwin Cup Carnival, Day 4 - SkyCity NT Derby.
17 - Toyota AFL Round 16, Western Bulldogs v Port Adelaide.

August
2 - Darwin Cup Carnival, Day 8 - Carlton Mid Darwin Cup.
8 - Beer Can Regatta, Darwin.
13-24 - 27th Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award.
16 - RSPCA Cupcake Day.
18-21 - Children's Literature in the Centre Festival, Alice Springs.
20 - NT Indigenous Music Awards, Darwin.

September
1 - NT Waterfowl Hunting Season Open.
3-4 - Chariots of Thunder Series, Northline Speedway, Hidden Valley.
4 - AFL Central Australia Grand Final, Alice Springs.
4-5 - Darwin Boat and Leisure Show.
9-19 - Territory Ultimate Film Festival.
10-24/10 - Desert Mob Aboriginal art exhibition, Alice Springs.
10-19 - Alice Desert Festival.