Living Arts Policy On The Discussion Table

Arts and Museums Minister Gerry McCarthy today encouraged Territorians to attend community forums to discuss the Territory’s future arts policy.

“The arts play a vital role in the Territory’s sense of identity as well as being an important part of the tourist industry and the Territory’s economy,” Mr McCarthy said.

“That’s why the Territory Government wants Territorians to provide input so the future arts policy reflects community input, ideas and attitudes.

“We also want to align arts policy and programs with this Government’s priorities by improving service delivery, promoting greater equity in access to opportunities in arts that also lead to education, wellbeing and health outcomes and encourage creativity, innovation and knowledge.

“Through the consultations, the Department of Natural Resources, Environment, The Arts and Sport (NRETAS) will finalise a new draft arts policy for Government consideration and determine strategies for developing a new arts funding framework.”

The community consultation sessions dates are as follows:

- Katherine – Friday 30 July 2010, 7.30am – 8.30am
- Alice Springs – Wednesday 4 August 2010, 4.30pm – 6pm
- Tennant Creek – Thursday 5 August 2010, 4.30pm – 6pm
- Darwin – Tuesday 10 August 2010, 4.30pm – 6pm

“The consultation sessions provide Territorians the opportunity to discuss how a new arts policy can help fulfil Territory 2030 goals and Working Future priorities,” Mr McCarthy said.

“Artists, art workers and business owners, community development workers and anyone passionate about Territory arts are encouraged to provide feedback on the Living Arts – Policy Discussion Paper.”

To book your place at a consultation please RSVP to arts.office@nt.gov.au or call 1800 678237 or visit www.arts.nt.gov.au for more information.

Written comments are also welcomed and can be forwarded to Arts NT by Wednesday, 18 August 2010 via email to arts.office@nt.gov.au.

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