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Flying the Flag for Territory Women

In honour and support of the Centenary of International Women’s Day the Territory Government has raised its Women’s Day flag at the front of Parliament House.

Minister for Women’s Policy, Malarndirri McCarthy, said the flag pays tribute to all Territory Women.

“By flying the flag, the Government recognises and celebrates the Centenary of International Women’s Day” Minister McCarthy said.

“2011 marks the historic milestone of 100-years of International Women’s Day, and our flag symbolises women’s achievements and continuous struggle in gaining equity across all sectors of society.

“The flag incorporates the colours of Green, White and Violet which are often associated with the women’s movement.

“These colours were first used by the English suffragettes when they symbolised Give Women the Vote. Green represents hope, white represents purity and violet is symbolic of justice.

“Women have come a long way since the suffragette days and International Women’s Day is an excellent opportunity to reflect upon this progress and look to the future of Territory women.”

The flag will hang at Parliament House until 5 March 2011. A similar International Women’s Day banner will also hang at the corner of McMillians Rd and Bagot Rd this week and then at the Botanic Gardens the following week.

Banners will also be displayed throughout Katherine, Tennant Creek and Alice Springs during the month of March.

Further information about International Women’s Day events across the Northern Territory is available at www.territorywomen.nt.gov.au. Information about events will also be available in local newspapers.

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