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Australia Post joins Centenary Celebrations

Statehood Minister, Malarndirri McCarthy is today calling on all Australians to turn off their emails and to start sending letters and messages the old fashioned way – by post.

Australia Post has joined the Territory’s Centenary celebrations by producing a pre-stamped commemorative envelope featuring the Centenary logo designed by local artists Jane Young, Yalmay Yunupingu and Chips Mackinolty.

Statehood Minister, Malarndirri McCarthy said the envelope is for sale nationally at Australia Post retail outlets and urged the nation to get writing and use our envelopes.

“Australia Posts’ support is very welcome and I thank them for generously sharing our story and taking our vision to become the Seventh State to the rest of Australia,” said Ms McCarthy.

“This is about harnessing the hearts of our fellow Australians and the pre-stamped commemorative envelope produced by Australia Post provides a snapshot of the Territory’s history and future vision for the nation.

“The Northern Territory flag and Centenary logo are prominently and proudly displayed on the front of the envelope and they look fantastic – so put down your iPads and pick up a pen, write a letter and send it in one of our pre-paid envelopes!”

The envelope also incorporates a historical photograph of Samuel Mitchell, the Acting Administrator, and David Bevan, first judge of the new Territory Supreme Court, with Eliza Mitchell raising the Commonwealth flag in 1911 to mark the surrender of the Northern Territory by South Australia to the Commonwealth.

On the back of the envelope is a message from Minister Malarndirri McCarthy which states: “2011 marks 100 years since South Australia surrendered the Northern Territory to the Commonwealth under the Northern Territory Surrender Act 1908 (South Australia) and the Northern Territory Acceptance Act 1910 (Commonwealth). In this centenary year, the Northern Territory Parliament calls on Australians to reflect on the Northern Territory’s democratic history. In 1911 there were no Northern Territory representatives in Federal Parliament. Today, with 226 politicians in Canberra, four represent the Northern Territory. The Northern Territory Parliament is walking together in a bipartisan process to become the seventh state in the Australian federation.”.

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