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MINISTER FOR PARKS AND WILDLIFE

CELEBRATE HERITAGE WEEK AT THE TELEGRAPH STATION

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Minister for Parks and Wildlife Matt Conlan has encouraged Alice Springs residents to celebrate Heritage Week at the Alice Springs Telegraph Station on Friday the 19th of April.

Mr Conlan said a special night was planned to mark the occasion.

“The Heritage Night event at the Alice Springs Telegraph Station next Friday is hosted by the Parks and Wildlife Commission of the NT and will be a great night of entertainment,” Mr Conlan said.

“The aim of the event is to show people what life was like in the early years at the Alice Springs Telegraph Station and to celebrate Alice Springs’ rich heritage.

“Some of the activities planned for the night include Stuart Partis’ musical play, Polly in the Outback, based around the story of John McDouall Stuart and his loyal horse Polly. The hour long musical play kicks off at 6pm.

“Other special guests include the Sing Australia choir, who will entertain the audience with some of Australia’s favourite songs and a variety of historical displays, slideshows and a bush tucker display.

“There will be something for everyone at Heritage Night and I encourage everyone to get along.”

Heritage Week kicks off today and runs until the 21st of April across the Northern Territory and encourages communities to showcase their unique cultural heritage through a variety of activities and events.

The Alice Springs Telegraph Station marks the original site of the first European settlement in Alice Springs, established in 1872 to relay messages from Darwin to Adelaide, the Telegraph Station served for 60 years before later being used as a school for Aboriginal children.

For more information on Heritage Night, please call the Parks and Wildlife Commission office on 8951 8250.

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