Central Australians will have the opportunity to experience the atmosphere of yesteryear at the Alice Springs Telegraph Station Heritage Night this Friday.

Minister for Parks and Wildlife Bess Price said the annual event is celebrating its 25th year.

“There will be something for people of all ages at this year’s Heritage Night and I urge everyone to come along, participate and enjoy the evening,” Mrs Price said.

“Heritage Night is the opening event for the National Trusts Heritage Week and will have special guests, the Morse Codian Fraternity.

“Operating at the Telegraph Office all week, the public can send a morse telegram to anywhere in the world for a gold coin donation.

“You will feel like you have taken a step back in time with other attractions including a working blacksmith, traditional children’s games and leather making.

“There will also be boomerang throwing, whip cracking and camel rides. This is definitely a fun Friday alternative to a night in front of the television.

“Staff and volunteers will be in old style clothing and there is a competition for best dressed period costume in various age categories.

“I encourage locals and visitors to come along and support this event and experience some of Central Australia’s incredible heritage.”

Heritage Week involves a wide variety of members from the Alice Springs community and is run by Parks and Wildlife, the National Trust and volunteers.

Heritage Night will be open at the Telegraph Station from 4pm to 8pm this Friday.

Entrance to the evening is free and there will be drinks and hot food on sale by various community groups.

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