Media Release

Adam Giles
Chief Minister of the Northern Territory

**Alice Springs Show – 55 years young**

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Alice Springs is gearing up for another big Show weekend with thousands expected to flock to Blatherskite Park for food, fun and entertainment.

“It’s hard to believe but the first Alice Springs show was way back in 1960, making the event 55 years young but still going strong,” Chief Minister Adam Giles said.

“It’s great to see the whole community come together for two full days to enjoy the entertainment and have a general catch-up year after year. There’s something for everyone so head down and enjoy the action.

“I’m thrilled to be officially opening the show on Friday. It’s the highlight of the Alice Springs social calendar and an important community event for Central Australia

“The opening kicks off at 2.30pm with the Grand Parade providing a spectacular entrance into the main arena of Blatherskite Park.

“If you’re hungry – you’re in luck. This year they have a unique range of food for the whole family to enjoy and of course there are also the heart pumping rides down sideshow alley for those who like a thrill.

“New to the Show is the exclusive Territory Fender Saddlery Workshop where you can find out more about the art of making handcrafted stock saddles.

“Keep your ears open for the revving of the V8 utes and your eyes peeled for the Stilt Walkers. The kids will also love the song and dance antics of Cool 4 Kids in the exclusive ‘Kids Zone’.

“Get down and support the Riding for the Disabled competitors who demonstrate compassion and respect for animals while competing with outstanding sportsmanship in the different classes.

“We’re also very fortunate to have a special educational display commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Great War.
“This year you can also take advantage of the Cloakroom where you can stow away show bags and coats for a small fee.

“I look forward to seeing people for a great weekend down at the show.”

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