International Women’s Day celebrates Territory women

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International Women’s Day will celebrate women across the Territory through a range of different events supported by almost $20,000 in Northern Territory Government grants.

Minister for Women’s Police Bess Price said this government values and supports our Territory Women.

“This year’s theme of ‘Make it happen’ encourages women to actively pursue their goals, celebrate their accomplishments and to champion effective action for recognition and greater equality,” Mrs Price said.

“The events and activities are designed to celebrate women’s achievements and empower Territory women and girls.

“International Women’s Day is not only an opportunity to celebrate our Territory women but also to look back on past struggles and accomplishments and lessons learned and to look ahead for opportunities that await future generations of women.

“There are some fantastic events this year including a central Australian netball roadshow. Our government is partnering with Netball NT to bring an inspiring Aboriginal elite player, Melina Saunders, a former Australia Under 21 and Queensland Firebirds player, to speak with young girls in remote communities across Central Australia.

"In the East Arnhem region, the council will hold an event with traditional ceremonies in several communities.

“These ceremonies will acknowledge women’s roles and achievements and inspire women to support their communities. They aim to promote strength, unity and pride in self and will be open to over five thousand women living the region.

“In the Barkly Region, women will be able to attend a breakfast to recognise the vital role all women play in our society and the ‘ordinary’ women who have had triumphs and performed acts of courage.

“Those amazing women will share their stories and views on how women can begin to overcome the challenges of poverty, homelessness, inequality and disempowerment.
“In the Darwin region, there will be a dinner run by the Australian Local Government Women’s Association at Sky City with a range of key speakers and also a walk followed by a morning tea at Parliament House."

International Women’s Day is this Sunday, March 8. A full list of events can be found on the Office of Women’s Policy website.

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