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Bess Price
Minister for Parks and Wildlife

Enjoy a taste of yesteryear at the Alice Springs Telegraph Station

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Central Australians will have the opportunity to have a taste of days gone by during National Trust Heritage Week at the Alice Springs Telegraph Station (ASTS).

Minister for Parks and Wildlife, Bess Price, said ASTS would host school holiday fun, an open day and markets over four days in April.

“Pack a picnic and spend the morning at the Telegraph Station these school holidays,” Mrs Price said.

“Kids will be able to learn about the history of Alice Springs and experience life in the Bradshaw era with fun games and activities.

“There will be egg and spoon races, hoop rolling, skittles and much more.

“The school holiday program will run April 8-10 from 10am-11am each day and is suitable for children aged 6-12. Each child will need to be accompanied by a guardian.

“Then on Saturday April 11 you will be able to explore inside the old buildings for Heritage Open Day and enjoy a bite to eat at the markets.

“Grab a bite to eat, sit back under the shady trees between the old buildings and soak up the atmosphere of yesteryear.

“Discover what it was like to live in the Managers Residence and prepare food in the Managers Kitchen, both of which are not normally open to the public.

“You’ll feel like you’ve taken a step back in time when you send a morse code Telegram to family and friends at the Old Post and Telegraph office with the visiting Morsecodian’s for only a gold coin donation.

“You will see the Lace makers at work and can chat to an 1887 gold prospector from Arltunga.

“There will be an opportunity to get up close and personal to meet the Mounted Police horses and a chance to test your skills with old style kids games and activities.”

The Open Day is a free event and open 2pm to 5pm on the 11th of April.

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