DON’T GO CRACKERS THIS TERRITORY DAY

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The Northern Territory is gearing up for the 35th anniversary of Self Government and will celebrate it with a bang.

Chief Minister Adam Giles said Territory Day is a great way to acknowledge our sense of community and pride, celebrate our unique lifestyle and get involved with community events.

“Whether it’s watching the fireworks display at Mindil Beach, letting off a cracker at home or celebrating with a barbecue, Territory Day is about celebrating being a Territorian,” Mr Giles said.

“With Territory Day almost here once again I urge everyone to put safety first when handling fireworks.

“There will be 14 free public fireworks displays held right across the Territory for everyone to enjoy.

“The Territory Government funded public firework displays are a fun and safe way to enjoy Territory Day.

“Many Territorians love letting off their own crackers, and I ask people to be responsible and take precautions.

“Make sure you have a hose or bucket ready in case of emergencies and observe your surroundings before lighting fireworks.

“Never point, hold or throw lit fireworks and remember dud fireworks can still go off, so leave them for 15 minutes then douse them with water.

“Fireworks can only be let off between 6pm and 11pm on July 1, so please be considerate and stick within that timeframe or face a $282 fine.

Animals have a much more sensitive and broader range of hearing than humans and fireworks can cause pets to take flight and try to escape the loud noises.

“Losing a pet can be distressing for both the animal and the owners so please ensure your pet is safe and secure and has plenty of water.”

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