Women in agriculture celebrated

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Women living and working on the land will be front and centre over the next three days, with the 2015 Women in Agriculture Conference and Annual General Meeting being held in Alice Springs.

Minister for Primary Industry and Fisheries Willem Westra van Holthe said the event is a celebration of the women who lead agribusiness across Australia and the globe.

“Women are the backbone of the agricultural sector, often juggling the commitments of running a family alongside the challenges of working on the land,” Minister Westra van Holthe said.

“It’s important they are honoured and recognised for their amazing contribution, especially here in the Northern Territory where they play such a vital role.

“The agriculture sector is worth over $500 million annually to the Northern Territory, generating economic activity and employment, particularly in our regional areas.

“Ensuring the Territory’s agricultural sector is strong and vibrant is an important part of the Northern Territory Government’s plan to create more opportunities for Territorians,” Minister Westra van Holthe said.

The theme of the 2015 Women in Agriculture Conference is ‘Celebrating Diversity; Cultivating Central Connections’, with the aim of creating new professional and personal networks.

Minister Westra van Holthe said his Departments of Primary Industry and Fisheries and Land Resource Management are proud sponsors of the 2015 Women in Agriculture Conference.

“The Country Liberals Government is committed to the advancement of women; we have some amazing women working in government and many of them will be promoting their good work at this event.”

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