Bess Price
Minister for Parks and Wildlife

March into the Desert Park 2016

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The Alice Springs Desert Park invites the community to ‘March into the Desert Park’ on Friday, 11 March.

Desert Park Director, Paul Ah Chee said ‘March into the Desert Park’ is a family night for local residents and tourists alike where visitors will be able to enjoy a marvelous night of live entertainment, activities for children, displays, food and drinks.

“If you think you have seen the Desert Park, think again!” Mr Ah Chee said.

Minister for Parks and Wildlife Bess Nungarrayi Price said this is a great opportunity to see what is new in the Park and to help celebrate another successful year, while preparing for an exciting year ahead.

“There will be a variety of activities and events spread across the Park, including live entertainment in the courtyard until 8pm,” she said.

There will be plenty of musical entertainment from Laurie May, Steph Harrison and Xavia Nou as well as local artist Colin Lillie. These artists will be playing throughout the Park, then undertake a showcase performance in the Courtyard.

This year’s event will be broadcast live on the CAAMA Radio network with 2016 Alice Springs citizen of the year Gerry ‘Gman’ Lyons at the helm.

For the kids, there will be face painting, a colouring-in competition, appearances from our mate Bilby and science stations where you will be able to explore flora and fauna under microscopes.

There will be a special opportunity to see a training session take place with the raptors of the Nature Theatre and you’ll have the chance to get up close with our reptiles in the Nocturnal House, while our horticulturalist will also be on hand to explore 20 years of Botany at the Desert Park.

Visitors will also be able to try their hand at boomerang throwing, hear some traditional stories of the area and enjoy an interactive session on traditional Bush Tucker.

The Friends of the Desert Park will be running a BBQ on the night and Coolamon Café will also be open for tasty dinner options, while there will be displays from the Parks and Wildlife Commission of the NT and Wildcare NT.
Don’t miss out on renewing or purchasing a Territorian Pass between 4pm and 6pm – all those who do will go into the draw to win an exclusive behind the scenes tour of the Desert Park.

The free March into the Desert Park event is from 4pm – 8pm on Friday, 11 March.

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