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Territory Day a chance
to celebrate
achievements

Territory Day was a chance for Territorians to celebrate their achievements and look forward to the future, Deputy Chief Minister Syd Stirling said today.

Mr Stirling said a range of activities had been planned around the Territory to celebrate the 24th Anniversary of self-government and reflect on what it means to be a Territorian.

"The Northern Territory is a unique place, boasting a truly multicultural society and a real independence of spirit," Mr Stirling said.

"The NT has come a long way since achieving selfgovernment in 1978 and Territory Day is a fantastic opportunity for us to come together to celebrate what it means to be a Territorian and to look ahead to the future.

"I urge all Territorians to take part in the celebrations planned in their area on 1 July."

In Darwin, Territory Day celebrations will be held in Bi-Centennial Park starting at 5pm with the raising of the Northern Territory flag by members of the Australian Defence Force.

The flag-raising will be followed by a presentation of certificates to new Australian Citizens.

The Administrator will then announce and present the Young Territorian of the Year award.

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At the conclusion of the ceremony, guests are invited to Parliament House where Mr Stirling will host a reception for new citizens, awardees and their families.