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**Territorians at play: Arts and Culture**

The Country Liberal Party is committed to supporting and enhancing our Arts and Culture in the Northern Territory.

Country Liberal Party Leader Denis Burke said, “A CLP Government will increase support for the Arts and Culture to encourage development of these activities, so important to the way of life of most Territorians.

“The Country Liberal Party wants to reinvigorate the Territory Arts and Culture program with a range of exciting and innovative policies.

“We want to use our natural advantages in a form that will capture the world’s imagination. The Territory is a unique special place and we want to support those people who want to express that in all its forms.

“The Country Liberal Party government will:

- Review the structure for management and development for Arts and Culture in the Territory,
- Increase Support for Community Groups,
- Stage an annual Outback Spectacular and Music Festival,
- Take Territory Indigenous Art to the World,
- Support the expansion of Art Programs throughout the Territory,
- Increase support for Regional Events,
- Provide sponsor support to bring major International Standard Stage Productions to the Territory,
- Tell the Territory Story,
- Increase support for the Performing Arts,
- Increase support for Territory Film and Television,
“The Country Liberal Party will take the Territory’s Art to the world and this will also enhance our tourism industry and attract visitors here.

“Along with the Country Liberal Party’s plan to drive down the cost of electricity, we have the plan to re-energise Arts and Culture in the Territory.”