Minister for Community Development John Ah Kit will host a function in Alice Springs tomorrow (25 October) to honour Central Australian teachers as part of World Teachers Day.

Mr Ah Kit, who will represent Employment, Education and Training Minister Syd Stirling at the function, said World Teachers Day was a chance to say thank you to educators for their invaluable contribution to the community and their commitment to improving educational opportunities for young Territorians.

"The Government sees improving educational outcomes as our highest priority, but without the dedication, professionalism and sheer hard work of teachers we can achieve nothing," Mr Ah Kit said.

"The theme for World Teachers Day – ‘Teachers create dialogue every day’ – recognises the essential role teachers play in our community to promote dialogue, understanding, mutual respect and solidarity.

"Teachers provide crucial support to young people as they rise to meet the challenges of a rapidly changing world.

"Central Australia is fortunate to have so many dedicated teachers delivering quality education to students regardless of their age or where they live."

Mr Ah Kit said the Government was committed to enhancing the status of the teaching profession.

"Teaching has been under-valued for too long, which has caused difficulties in attracting and retaining people in the profession," he said.

"The Government is focusing on improving recruitment and retention through a number of initiatives including the establishment of a Teachers Registration Board and the employment of an additional 100 teachers over four years."

Tomorrow’s World Teachers Day function will be held at the Gum Tree Room, Alice Springs Resort, at 4.30pm.