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YEE HAA – BUS ROADEO ACTION

It’s a roadeo like no other… no dust, no cowboys and no bull… just buses and drivers all vying for the chance to compete in the National Bus Roadeo titles.

The Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Delia Lawrie, this morning waved the chequered flag heralding the start of the 7th NT Bus Roadeo.

“Our bus drivers help provide an important transport service to the Territory public, and this event provides them with an opportunity to show off their skills,” said Ms Lawrie.

“The competing bus drivers navigate around a course with a number of obstacles that are designed to test the range of abilities expected from a professional driver.

“The obstacles reflect actual driving conditions likely to be experienced in normal daily bus driving such as vehicle control, passenger comfort, traffic regulations, dress standards and driver safety and efficiency within a competitive time frame.

“The opportunity for drivers to demonstrate their skills in a friendly, competitive environment means there are a number of positive outcomes from the bus roadeo, with one of the most important being an improvement in customer service and satisfaction from our bus drivers.”

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