Stabbed 13 times

A man with 13 stab wounds was taken to Alice Springs Hospital on Friday night. Police received a report of a residence in Sadadeen about 11pm and saw two males inside. Watch Commander Melissa Burns said: "One was lying on the ground with injuries and as a result, police entered the residence and found a 46-year-old male with 13 stab wounds to his body," she said.

Detective Senior Sergeant Peter Mulley said the offender allegedly stabbed the man in the chest, back and neck with a kitchen knife. He was transported to Alice Springs Hospital and is in critical but stable condition. A 46-year-old man was arrested and charged with intentions to cause serious harm. He has been refused bail.

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TIGGR Airways touches down in Alice Springs this morning, scheduled for touch down at 9.30am, were treated to a scenic detour of Central Australia before landing.

Then there was a very important plane reception, including a water-cannon cavalcade by airport firetrucks and personal welcomes by Chief Minister Adam Giles and Tourism Minister Matt Conlan.

The first of the resumed Melbourne service was scheduled to land at 11.20am.

"We are delighted to see Tiger return to the Alice," Mr Giles said. "Average occupancy rates in Alice Springs rose seven percentage points in 2010 when Tiger Airways was last in the market. "Tiger Airways stimulated visitation by price-sensitive travel segments to Alice Springs and Uluru, improving the local tourism market."

Tourism NT is supporting the reintroduction of Tiger Airways flights to Alice Springs with a radio promotion in Sydney and Melbourne that features a competition with five prizes of return flights, four nights and digital marketing activity.

The grounding of the low-cost carrier by aviation authorities, over safety concerns, had hit local businesses hard. There will now be four return flights weekly between both Melbourne and Sydney creating about 5000 extra seats each week.

Sydney flights land at 10.30am and leave at 11am on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Melbourne flights operate on the same days, arriving at 11.30am and leaving at 11.30am.

Each of today's inaugural flights from Sydney and Melbourne will carry 15 trade passengers and the Sydney flight will also carry consumer and travel media who will be taken on a familiarisation of the region.

"More than half the visitors who come to the Territory are holiday and leisure visitors who will welcome Tiger's competitive fares, leaving them with more spending money on arrival," Mr Conlan said.

Tiger Airways in Alice Springs

Tiger's return to the Red Centre followed months of discussions between Alice Springs Airport (ASA), NT Government and the airline. ASA general manager Kate Coop said the new services offer exciting opportunities.

"The extra choice for travelers will lead to increases in visitor numbers, which is fantastic news," she said. "The price competitiveness of Tiger Airways' fares will enable more people to experience the Red Centre and for locals to visit other cities."