It is also a chance for us to celebrate our unique lifestyle, our amazing people, our history and our achievements.

This year, Territory Day will be celebrated across the NT with concerts, BBQs, fireworks and other community events. It’s Our Day.

The Northern Territory Government will hold fireworks displays on 1 July in 15 locations across the Territory. For information on what’s on in your area visit www.territoryday.nt.gov.au

Don’t let your fun turn ugly

YOU don’t need to stick a firecracker up your clacker to be seriously injured by one, in fact experts warn it’s innocent bystanders who most often end up in the burns unit on Territory Day.

Last year, 21 people were treated across the Territory with ages ranging from four to 54 years with varying severity of fireworks-related injuries.

Royal Darwin Hospital burns unit nurse Margaret Brennan said the ward was ready for an influx of burns patients tonight and in the coming days.

“Four admissions last year were so serious they required going into the operating theatre,” she said.

Follow these simple safety tips: Never give fireworks to children under 12, never hold more than one sparkler at a time, wear natural fibres or cotton, use a sand bucket or a flat, solid surface to stabilise fireworks, avoid inspecting or relighting a “dud” firework, never point, hold or throw lit fireworks at people, never use illegal or homemade fireworks and don’t use fireworks under the influence of alcohol.

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