WHAT’S HAPPENING ACROSS OUR REGIONS
DEVELOPING THE CENTRE

$4.85 million for the Alice Springs Speedway and Go-arounds.
$5.5 million for a new child and family centre at Larapinta Primary School.
$1.00 million for the inaugural RedCentreMATS.
$34 million for Alice Springs Hospital.
$4 million for improved athletics and netball facilities in Alice Springs.
$25 million to construct a new preschool at Bratting Primary School.

ECOBIZ GRANTS HELP LOCAL BUSINESSES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

ALICE in the Territory, a hotel property in Alice Springs, was recently awarded a grant under the ecolbiz NT scheme, which is an environmental partnership program that helps Territory businesses adopt resource-efficient practices that are good for the bottom line as well as the environment.

Alice in the Territory will be using its grant to implement eco-efficiency initiatives including retrofitting airconditioning to 50 rooms and installing LED lighting which will contribute to electricity saving initiatives.

The Alice Springs Reptile Centre was also successfully awarded an ecolbiz NT grant to install a solar crocodile pool heater, solar airconditioners and an electric vehicle charger point that will enable an electric vehicle to be charged at work when the business is performing its problem-snake removal service.

Ecolbiz NT is aimed at small to medium local enterprises that are searching for ways to improve how they do business while receiving cost savings and improving their environmental efficiency. Eco-efficient initiatives deliver financial, environmental and social benefits to the community, businesses and the Territory.

To find out more about how an ecolbiz NT grant could help your business achieve savings and achieve competitive advantage, visit dob.nt.gov.au/business/starting-business/ecolbiz/Pages/default.aspx.

BRINGING ON TERRITORY LAND RELEASE

WORK is underway on infrastructure projects to facilitate land release in Kilgariff, Larapinta and Ti-Tree as part of the Northern Territory Government’s Bringing on Territory Land Release – Regional Towns program.

At Kilgariff, a duplication of the entry road will improve access to existing residential lots while new water, sewer, electrical and communications infrastructure will support further land release. Local contractor, Sitzler Bros Pty Ltd, commenced work in November 2014 and is scheduled to finish mid-2018.

Water supply to Ti-Tree will be improved by the construction of new tanks and pumps near the town at the supply bore field. These will serve to supply to existing residents and ensure that there is capacity for future residential land release in Ti-Tree. In Larapinta, planning is underway for further land releases. This includes an assessment of layout options for new roads and services and a review of existing infrastructure capacity.

These headworks projects are part of the Northern Territory Government’s $24.16 million investment in regional towns across the Territory, to enable and support economic development and population growth.

TERRITORY DAY – BIGGER AND BETTER EACH YEAR!

THIS year’s Territory Day celebrations are set to be the biggest since self-government in 1978. There will be community firework displays in 15 locations across the Territory as well as a series of events in Alice Springs, Tennant Creek, Katherine and Darwin.

In Alice Springs, the Araluen Cultural Precinct, in partnership with Red Hot Art and CAAMA, will hold a Street Party BBQ in the Todd Mall, a seniors’ lunch at the Araluen Arts Centre and new historical displays at The Residency to be launched on Territory Day.

The Street Party BBQ is being co-ordinated with the Alice Springs Town Council, which is providing in-kind support to the event. The community firework display will be held at ANZAC Oval.

In Tennant Creek, Barkly Regional Arts and Barkly Regional Council will hold a family-friendly music event. This event and the community firework display will be held at Parkins Reserve Football Oval.

Following on from last year’s community consultation process, the Northern Territory Government has incorporated feedback into plans for this year. The consultation showed:

■ People believe Territory Day is important and should be celebrated.
■ Territorians are proud of the Territory and of Territorians.
■ People believe Territory Day should be a celebration that belongs to the people and recognises our history, our heroes, our achievements, our lifestyle and our future.
■ Territorians believe there is already a great deal happening in the Territory that is aligned with Territory Day values.
■ People accept firework displays are part of Territory Day celebrations.

For details about what is happening in your area, visit www.territoryday.nt.gov.au.

TOP CLASS INTERNATIONAL TENNIS CONFIRMED TO RETURN

THE Australian Pro Tour tennis will be back in Alice Springs later this year.

The Australian Pro Tour is a series of international men’s and women’s tennis events held over several months in regional cities and towns all over Australia.

Australian Pro Tour events have been held in Alice Springs since 2009, giving local tennis fans a chance to see professional players battle it out.

The Government provides $75,000 to help stage the Alice event where local players can compete as wildcard entries. Local officials also gain experience in a professional setting.

Community activities are part of the Pro Tour tournament program, including coaching clinics and opportunities for local boys and girls.

Further details of the September event will be released in coming months.

PUTTING THE RED CENTRE ON CHINA’S TRAVEL ITINERARY

As part of Tourism Australia’s ‘Corroboree China’ event, 34 top Chinese travel agents visited central Aus-
tralia on a five-day tour last week.

The travel agents took in several sights and local attractions around Alice Springs, Kings Canyon and the iconic Uluru, getting a first-hand look at what the region can offer Chinese tourists. The trip will help the travel agents sell more NT holidays to Chinese customers, which will have flow-on benefits to local tour operators and businesses with China recognised as an emerging lucrative market for the Territory.

ALICE SPRINGS HOLIDAY PROGRAM OPTIONS

A JAM-PACKED holiday program will provide young people in Alice Springs with plenty of options to have fun, keep engaged and active. The program includes an array of activities with a strong focus on health and wellbeing, and encouraging the wider community and families to get involved.

The NT Government will invest $70,000 to boost youth recreation activities in Alice Springs over the June/July winter holiday period, and help complement strategies currently in place to reduce youth related anti-social behaviour.

The winter youth calendar is a collaborative partnership between government and youth service providers who work together to provide a program to keep young people off the streets and active.

This year’s calendar has been developed through contributions and partnerships by Tangentyere Youth Services, Bushmob, Gap Youth and Community Centre, Central Australia Aboriginal Coun-
egress, Alice Springs Town Council and NT Police.

A calendar will be printed and distributed throughout Alice Springs.

For more information or to get a copy of the calendar contact the Department of the Chief Minister on 8901 5781.

ALICE SPRINGS YOUTH ACTIVITIES – WINTER 2015

BRYAN KILEY at the Alice Springs Pro Tour.

Christopher Reese, Alice in the Territory general manager, put on a special tour for the travel agents with a Pro Tour tournament.

Chinese travel agents hot-air balloon in Alice Springs.

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