TASTE THE TERRITORY

THE inaugural Territory Taste Festival will be held in April next year to share the enjoyment of good food.

Territory producers, farmers, growers, stallholders, suppliers, bush harvest experts and the hospitality industry will take part.

The festival will be held at the Darwin Convention Centre with shoulder activities at the Darwin Waterfront Precinct and restaurants around greater Darwin. It will be open from 10am to 10pm, April 16-17. Entry will be $20 for a one-day pass or $30 for a weekend pass.

Locally, nationally and internationally-renowned chefs will demonstrate cooking with Northern Territory produce, and producers will discuss the Territory’s growing food scene.

The Territory Taste Festival will feature live entertainment at the Darwin Waterfront Precinct, NT seafood, food and wine tasting, pop-up restaurants, beer garden and cocktail lounge, a program of featured local produce dinners at participating restaurants and a 150ft table dinner, farmers’ markets, indigenous bush tucker, chef talks and demonstrations in a 180+ seated area and exclusive master chef workshops.

One of the event organisers Anny Lorimer said food events all over the world attract great audiences.

“The Territory Taste Festival will be the major showcase of the Northern Territory’s strengths in the primary and hospitality industry, and help establish the Territory as a gourmet destination,” she said.

“Territory Taste magazine plans to extend the festivities to audiences throughout the NT with a series of planned regional events with the 150ft table, so everyone gets to experience and share the “paddock to plate philosophy” that will put the Northern Territory on the foodies’ map.”

Chief Minister Adam Giles said there is enormous potential for the Territory to become a “must do” destination for foodies.

An Open invitation to a trade bonanza

A new Department of Business program featuring a list of key events and timed to take advantage of a major international meeting and forum, will provide a platform for businesses, including small to medium enterprises, to raise their national and global profiles, reports ASHLEY MANICAROS

A new series of business events to complement the successful October Business Month has been developed to run from March to May next year. Called Open Territory, the program will include sport, arts and cultural activities. It will be driven by the Department of Business.

Business Minister Peter Styles said the Open Territory program will provide businesses, including small to medium enterprises, an opportunity to raise their national and international profiles.

“Open Territory will complement October Business Month and be based on the same successful model but with a greater focus on profiling business capability in the Northern Territory as well as showcasing trade and investment opportunities and strengthening Government-to-business and business-to-business relationships,” Mr Styles said.

A number of international investors who attended the Northern Australia Investment Forum held in Darwin last month will be returning for the event.

It has also been confirmed the BIMP-EAGA – Brunei-Darussalam, Indonesia, Malaysia, The Philippines East ASEAN Growth Area – ministerial meeting will be held on April 27, 2016 in Darwin during Open Territory.

Mr Styles said the scheduling is ideal to enable visiting political, business and industry representatives to stay on longer and attend Open Territory events including the Regional Australia-Asian Chambers Forum being put together by the Chamber of Commerce NT. Chamber chief executive Greg Bicknell said there had been strong interest in the forum.

“We have received an exciting response from our fellow chamber of commerce representatives across the region, who are keen to discuss relevant opportunities and issues facing business growth in the region and investigating the role the private sector can play in developing the North,” he said.

With a number of international businesses and investors in the Territory, local SMEs will also have the chance to showcase their goods and services through a Trade Expo.

More events are in the planning stages with the complete program to be finalised over the coming months.

Open Territory
March - May 2016

A new program of business events will be held for the first time in 2016, showcasing all that Territory businesses, suppliers and industries have to offer.

To view the current program of events, visit openterritory.nt.gov.au

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