Department of Correctional Services installs the Field of Light

The Field of Light exhibition in Uluru was installed by the Alice Springs Community Work Parties.

Boosting our Economy

$5.5 million will be invested in schools throughout Central Australia as part of the Northern Territory Government’s exciting Boosting our Economy package.

The Field of Light exhibition opened on 1 April 2016 and runs until 31 March 2017.

Open Territory in Central Australia

Central Australian businesses wanting to increase their sales and raise their profiles have a range of options coming up thanks to the inaugural Open Territory program of events.

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Spending by domestic and international visitors to the Northern Territory last year hit $2 billion for the first time in six years.

The expenditure was driven by a surge in Australian holiday-makers to the Territory in 2015, which saw a 29 per cent increase on the previous 12 months.

The latest visitor statistics from Tourism Research Australia show the Territory is on track to reach the target of $2.2 billion visitor economy by 2020 if current growth continues.

For more information about Open Territory and the 100+ events being held across the Territory visit http://openterritory.nt.gov.au/.

For more information about the Field of Light exhibition, visit www.infrastructure.nt.gov.au.

Northern Territory Government anticipates its investment in these fundamental services will provide great opportunities for small local businesses while driving the Territory’s economy.

The bulk of the funding will see Sadadeen Primary School’s multipurpose hall undergo an extension and refurbishment, with other schools enjoying new preschool facilities, classrooms and external painting, just to name a few.

Central Australian Middle School principal Eddie Fabijan said he is "thrilled to see his school reap the benefits of a generous injection into the NT’s economy. The funding will contribute to a new sports field and acoustic treatment to the existing basketball courts".

With local construction businesses the target of the economic injection, a number of tender details have been announced with certain works expected to commence by the end of April 2016.

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Open Territory is a Northern Territory Government initiative in partnership with local businesses and not-for-profits to host a program of events which showcase trade and investment in the Territory as well as profile what NT businesses, suppliers and industries have to offer locally, nationally and internationally.

This exciting program of events runs until the end of May and will help local businesses raise their business profile and attract investment.

Highlights include:

• Exporting and Global Readiness Seminar on the 20 April – The seminar will provide businesses with information to move from selling their products and services in the local domestic market to the international market.

• Deliver to China, 10 May – The Australian China Business Council will host a half day ‘Send to China’ e-commerce workshop. The workshop is designed as a practical hands on event where attendees will learn how to use e-commerce and the Australian Free Trade Agreement to export services and premium low-volume goods to China.

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