AN agreement building on five years of mutually beneficial research and partnerships in education and training between the Northern Territory and the Galapagos Islands has been renewed.

The MOU for international cooperation was signed by Charles Darwin University Vice-Chancellor Professor Simon Maddocks and Charles Darwin Foundation for the Galapagos Islands Executive Director Dr Arturo Irisarri.

Professor Maddocks said the agreement for another five years would allow for continued collaboration in research and capacity building for conservation management and livelihood improvement for remote communities.

Law student off to Harvard

A CDU law student is at Harvard University in the United States where he is fine tuning his skills in immigration and refugee law.

Bachelor of Laws student Mark Gregson said he hoped to strengthen his understanding of international law, refugee and immigration law during the Harvard Immigration and Refugee Clinical (HIRC) Program.

Mark will complete the internship sponsored by CDU in cooperation with the HIRC, on 15 July.

We had a cracker of a night

Territorians in their thousands marked self governance in typical style yesterday with blowing up tonnes of fireworks and celebrating at concerts and other events held across the NT.

More than 20,000 people packed Mindil Beach for the headline concert.

The ochre-coloured flags staked the claim to people’s sand patches as they settled in for the night to watch Casey Chambers and the Cat Empire on the stage.

In the afternoon the big Territory flag fell from the sky with a parachutist.

Relaxing on the beach and soaking up the last rays of the sun were Matthew and Vanesa Rivas and their three sons, Daniel, 7, Oliver, 5, and Adam, 2, who played in the sand.

Mr Rivas said there was nothing better than being a Territorian.

“There’s a lot of pride for this place,” he said.

“A lot of people think we’re backwards, but the laid-back lifestyle is the epitome of this place.

“You can see how happy and carefree the kids are.”

He said they come down every year to Mindil Beach to enjoy Territory Day.

“It’s been getting better and better each year, especially with the live concerts,” Mr Rivas said.

With over $700 worth of explosives siblings Holly, 8 and Zac Hannon, 11 were prepped for a night of fun.

Holly said she was most looking forward to letting off the Peace Keeper because it had four fireworks in it.

Little Zara Henderson, 2 was also poised and ready to wave her Territory flag as she walked down on to the beach with her family.

NT Major Events general manager Andrew Hopper said crowds were up on last year with more than 20,000 at Mindil and over 1000 people at the Palmerston event.

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