Alice Springs Desert Park Desert Farm Open Day

Parks and Wildlife Minister Karl Hampton today invited Territorians to visit the new Desert Farm at the Alice Springs Desert Park (ASDP) tomorrow.

“The Desert Park is one of the Territory’s most popular attractions playing host to hundreds of plant and animal species found across Central Australian deserts,” Mr Hampton said.

“More than 77,000 people visit the park annually where they can experience the desert by getting outdoors in the fresh air to explore the culture, flora and fauna of our region.

“And for the first time public will be able to explore the Desert Farm on Saturday 2 April between 9am and 3pm.

“Visitors will be able to enjoy a guided walk around the Farm and the chance to get their hands dirty and planting a seedling at the Farm.

“Children will enjoy the day with a free Desert Farm activity book and a drawing competition.

“The Park’s quest is to grow and harvest native Central Australian food in order to feed the wildlife in the Park’s collection and the public will have the chance to be a part of this.

“The Farm has commenced planting bush bananas, quandongs and yams in preparation for harvesting with the presentation of food trialled in different ways.

“The Desert Farm will provide hand on space for locals and visitors to learn about bush foods, horticulture, and the nutritional value of plants and natural diets of local animals.”

Mr Hampton said the Desert Farm Open Day is the first of many activities occurring at the Desert Park during the school holidays.

Youth aged between 12 and 25 are invited to sign up for Youth Week activities with opportunities to experience first hand the diverse careers including horticulture and zoology at the Park between 4 and 8 April.

The Open Day and school holidays are an excellent opportunity to explore the new West Macs Discovery Centre and children’s sand pit play area.

Go to www.alicespringsdesertpark.com.au or phone 8951 8788 for more information.

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