OPEN DAY AT DEMOCRACY’S HEADQUARTERS

"This Saturday Territorians and visitors will have a rare but wonderful opportunity to find out what goes on behind the scenes of the Territory’s three houses of democracy", said Her Honour Sally Thomas AM, the Administrator of the Northern Territory.

"Government House, Parliament House and the Supreme Court will be open to the public on Saturday 24 August".

Her Honour the Honourable Sally Thomas AM, Administrator of the Northern Territory, and Mr Duncan McNeill, invite visitors to experience the graciousness of the Territory’s vice-regal residence, and learn more about the extensive role of the Administrator. There will be live entertainment, Devonshire teas and a sausage sizzle.

"Government House and its rich past proudly belongs to Territorians. It is most appropriate that people have the opportunity to appreciate a landmark that continues to be a big part of the Territory’s constitutional history, and especially as it has endured many calamities since it was completed in the 1870s.

The gardens are particularly beautiful with many points of botanical and historical interest. Our team of horticulturalists will also be on hand to answer any tricky gardening questions", Her Honour said.

The Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, the Honourable Kezia Purick, will host events at Parliament House Open Day where people can learn about parliamentary democracy.

"In Australia we are privileged to enjoy democratic freedoms, such an important foundation of our society so it is important that people feel part of the process", said the Speaker. "Parliament House is at the heart of our democracy and a splendid example of modern architecture".

Madam Speaker will give visitors a personal tour of the Parliamentary Chamber. The Project Manager responsible for building Parliament House will also give visitors a unique perspective on how the building was constructed. There will also be a range of exhibitions and activities in the Main Reception Hall for young and old.

The Honourable Chief Justice Trevor Riley will host a variety of events at the Supreme Court Open Day.
"This will be a unique opportunity for people to gain an insight into what happens at the Supreme Court and find out more about our system of justice".

The Chief Justice will host a Sentencing Forum where visitors can ask questions about sentencing or other related matters. Visitors can also attend a mock trial, listen to a back of house talk, join a tour of the courts, holding cells, jury rooms, and the Supreme Court's remarkable works of art.

“There will be informative displays about legal, corrective, consumer affairs and interpreter services, and a fascinating insight into police forensics”.

The Chief Justice encouraged Territorians and visitors to attend all three buildings.

"These buildings represent important foundations of our society and to have all three open on the same day is an opportunity not to be missed.

Hours of opening Saturday 24 August:
Government House:  2pm - 7pm.
Parliament House:  9am - 3pm.
Supreme Court:  9am - 3pm.

For more information call:
Government House  8999 7103
Parliament House  8946 1430
Supreme Court  8999 5295

[more details on attached brochure and Schedule of Events]