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On July 1, 1978 the Northern Territory was granted self-governing status by the Commonwealth Government of Australia.

In celebration of this event, a flag raising ceremony and rally was held on the Darwin Oval attended by more than 6,000 people.

In addition to the Darwin ceremony the new Northern Territory flag was raised in other ceremonies throughout the Northern Territory from Bathurst Island, in the Top End, to Finke in the far south.

During the celebrations on the Darwin Oval, the following message was read to the people of the Territory from the Australian Prime Minister, Mr. Malcolm Fraser . . .

"Today's historic occasion symbolises the strength and the spirit of men and women of the Territory, a spirit that has endured suffering, withstood hardships and overcome many times of adversity."
DESCRIPTION OF SLIDES

Slide No.
1. Title slide “Northern Territory Self-Government Ceremonies”
2. The Darwin Oval. The Darwin Fire Brigade presents a display of their fire fighting apparatus.
3. The Darwin Oval. A display by parachutists is given during the celebrations.
4. The Darwin Oval. An army band entertains the crowd.
5. The Darwin Oval. A royal guard is provided by representatives from the three armed services.
6. The Darwin Oval. The Administrator, Mr. John England, addresses the crowd.
7. The Darwin Oval. During the ceremony, the new Northern Territory flag is handed over to the Administrator, Mr. John England, by the Minister for the Northern Territory, Mr. Evan Adermann.
8. The Darwin Oval. The Chief Minister, Mr. Paul Everingham, addresses the crowd.
9. The Darwin Oval. The new Northern Territory flag is prepared to be raised by two members of the RAAF.
10. The Darwin Oval. The Northern Territory flag along with the Australian flag is flown over the oval.
11. The Darwin Oval. As the flag is raised HMAS Derwent fires a 17 gun salute in celebration of the event.
12. The Darwin Oval. The Australian Airforce contributes to the celebration of the flag raising ceremony by staging a flyover. Three Grumman Tracker aircraft along withan F 111 and an Orion aircraft take part in the flyover.
13. The Darwin Oval. The final event at the oval celebrating the granting of self-government status to the Northern Territory is a fireworks display staged in the evening.
14. Nightcliff Primary School, Darwin. In celebration of self-government the new Northern Territory flag is distributed to school children throughout the Territory.

15. Nightcliff Primary School, Darwin. At many schools special concerts are staged in celebration of the granting of self-government status to the Northern Territory.

16. Bathurst Island. The new Northern Territory flag is raised for the first time at a ceremony on Bathurst Island, north of Darwin.

17. Bathurst Island. Two children proudly display the new Territory flags they have been presented with.

18. Bathurst Island. As part of the self-government celebrations on Bathurst Island, school children stage a display of Aboriginal dancing.

19. Finke. Flag raising ceremonies and celebrations of the granting of self-government take place in small communities throughout the Northern Territory including Finke near the South Australian border.

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