The Minister for Tourism Paul Henderson would like to congratulate the Mindil Beach Sunset Markets on reaching their 21st birthday.

The award-winning Mindil Beach Sunset Markets will kick-off its 21st year with food and fireworks at tonight’s opening of the 2007 Season.

“The opening of the market marks the beginning of the dry season, cool nights and start of peak tourist season,” Minister for Tourism, Paul Henderson said.

“The Mindil Beach Sunset Markets is an iconic Darwin event enjoyed by more than 500,000 locals and tourists each year.

“From its inception in 1987 with 40 stalls, the market has grown and diversified to become one of the most anticipated gastronomic events of the year, boasting 59 food stalls with more than 1200 different menu items and over 200 craft and services stalls.

“The market is run by a non-profit association and provides support for 270 small businesses, employment for more than 1000 locals and contributes an estimated $15 million to the local economy each year.

“Since 1991, the market has been awarded with four Brolga Northern Territory Tourism Awards and the Northern Territory Government Charles See Kee Award for its valuable contribution towards the advancement of multiculturalism.
"In 2004, the National Trust of Australia named the Mindil Beach Sunset Markets an Icon of National Significance, securing it as a "must-do" Darwin experience.

"The Mindil Beach Sunset Markets is open Thursday’s from 5–10pm and Sunday’s from 4–9pm now through the end of October," Minister Henderson said.

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