NT SHOW CIRCUIT HITS THE ROAD WITH NEW $660 000 FUNDING PACKAGE

The aroma of fairy floss and the screams from sideshow alley are about to roll into a town near you… with the 2005 Northern Territory show circuit hitting the road.

Primary Industry and Fisheries Minister, Kon Vatskalis, said NT shows have been given new life this year with a $660 000 funding package.

“This is a three year funding package that will be administered by the Northern Territory Show Council (NTSC),” said Mr Vatskalis.

“Our shows are an important part of our great Territory lifestyle, but in recent years they have struggled financially due to increasing costs.

“The Martin Government felt it was necessary to provide certainty for the future of the shows.

“This funding package follows on from the $620 000 grant we delivered last year for the upgrade of the Darwin Show Grounds – the first major improvement works carried out at the site in 20 years.”

Mr Vatskalis said this year’s show display by his Department of Business, Industry and Resource Development (DBIRD) will focus on the theme “It All Adds Up to Better Business.”

“The display highlights the fact that no matter which DBIRD group you look at, it is all about business. Whether it is the business of mines and energy production, aquaculture, fisheries, business, trade or primary industry, they are all in business, and all help keep the Territory moving ahead,” he said.

The dates for this year’s show circuit are –

Alice Springs July 1-3
Tennant Creek July 8
Katherine July 15 &16
Darwin July 21-24

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