



MEDIA RELEASE

DesArt at the Desert Park

Territorians and tourists are set to enjoy a unique experience in the form of an Indigenous Art Market at the Alice Springs Desert Park on 6 October.

Park manager Gary Fry said this event was in collaboration with DesArt, the Association of Central Australian Aboriginal Art and Craft Centres.

“More than 10 art centres affiliated with DesArt will be displaying and selling their works at the night market against the wonderful backdrop of the West MacDonnell Ranges at the Park,” Mr Fry said.

“Items for sale are capped at \$200, making it affordable for those attending the night and seeing as most items won’t be too large, tourists will especially find it easy to pick up a few artworks and carry them around,” Mr Fry said.

“Visitors will be able to buy from a sumptuous array of food available in the air-conditioned Coolamon Café or straight from the barbeque.

“They can enjoy a selection of dishes such as a steak sandwich, viros, an Indian curry and fresh salads with a chilled wine or beer.”

Christopher Brocklebank will be performing and the Janganpa dance troupe will also have a twenty minute spot during the evening.

“So not only is it a great night to have dinner under the stars in a beautiful setting, there is the chance to do some early Christmas shopping,” Mr Fry said.

“The park is not often opened at night so this is a new and exciting way for people to have a good time and we hope the Indigenous Art Market at the Park becomes an annual event.”

Mr Fry said central Australian films for the whole family would also be screened continuously in the Park’s cinema during the night.

He said entry to the Indigenous Art Market, held from 6pm to 9pm on 6 October, would be free.

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