



MEDIA RELEASE

DesArt in the Park

Territorians and tourists are set once again to enjoy a unique experience in the form of an Indigenous Art Market at the Alice Springs Desert Park on 4 April 2007.

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.

"The first DesArt was held in October last year with great success and so the Desert Park will host these unique events at various times throughout 2007.

"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 next week's DesArt comes on the back of last Sunday's highly successful open day, where more than 2600 people visited the Park to celebrate its 10th birthday.

And like the birthday celebrations, Mr Fry said delicious food would once again be available.

"Visitors will be able to buy from a sumptuous array of food available in the airconditioned Coolamon Café or straight from the barbeque," he said.

"People can enjoy a selection of dishes such as a steak sandwich, yiros and fresh salads with a chilled wine or beer.

"It will once again be a great night to have dinner under the stars in a beautiful setting and enjoy the Park at night."

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 the Indigenous Art Market would be held from 6pm to 9pm on 4 April, and entry is free.

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