

## Activity Report

On Australia Day we come together as a nation to celebrate what's great about Australia and being Australian. In the Northern Territory these celebrations take on many forms, from a dinner, to fun runs, flag raising ceremonies, multi-cultural events and a network of community and family fun days held across the Territory.



### Awards

- 161 students were recognised through the **Australia Day Student Citizen Awards**, sponsored by the Department of Education.
- 23 communities participated in the **Australia Day Local Government Awards** recognising 41 individuals and 20 community groups who have made an outstanding contribution to their community across three award categories; Citizen, Young Citizen and Community Event.
- 16 extraordinary individuals including 4 award recipients were selected for the **2018 Northern Territory Australian of the Year Awards**.
- 1 Northern Territory finalist was recognised as national **2017 Senior Australian of the Year**, Sister Anne Gardiner a 84 year old Catholic Nun and former school principal who has dedicated her service to the Tiwi Community. Sister Anne has tirelessly continued to campaign for her cause through the Australia Day Award.

### Events

- 250 people attended the **Australia Day Dinner “An Evening with Samuel Johnson”** held on 27 January at the Darwin Convention Centre.
- 4,000 people participated in the **Australia Day Fun Run** on the morning of Australia Day.
- 50 people attended a special event **OZ ID** in June with award winning media presenter Ray Martin and an inspiring panel of Australian of the Year Award recipients. This free event was built around the conversation of who we are and what is our Australian identity?
- 18 people from across the Northern Territory travelled to Adelaide for the **2017 Australia Day National Conference** in July.

### Programs

- 38 people from across 14 Northern Territory Regional Councils attended the **Australia Day networking forum** and Keep Australia Beautiful Conference held in Alice Springs in October.
- 48 communities received **grants** from Australia Day Council NT totalling \$35,000.00 to ensure the spirit of Australia Day is enjoyed by all Territorians.
- 30 organisations registered to participate in the **Australia Day Sports Carnival** with an array of sporting events held throughout January.
- 300 people attended 12 community events as part of our **Tour of Honour** with ACT Australian of the Year Alan Tongue.

### Ambassadors

- 6 high achieving and proud Australians travelled to communities across the Northern Territory to inspire and unite communities on Australia Day