



Paul Henderson
CHIEF MINISTER



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Territorians Celebrate Australia Day

Chief Minister Paul Henderson has congratulated all Territorians who have been recognised this Australia Day – especially those who have become Australian citizens.

Mr Henderson was speaking after attending the Australia Day Flag Raising & Citizenship Ceremony held at the Darwin Entertainment Centre.

“There’s no better day to become an Australian than on Australia Day – and I wish every one the very best on their new citizenship,” Mr Henderson said.

“If you were trying to find the true Aussie spirit today – you needed to look no further than the 132 Student Citizens of the Year announced in Darwin.

“These young Territorians are recognised for making a difference in their school – usually quiet achievers who make a real contribution.

“I’d also like to congratulate Alice Springs comedienne Fiona O’Loughlin who has been named NT Achiever of the Year for 2009 – and all the Local Government Awards winners.

“Territorians were also recognised on the national stage, and I on behalf of all Territorians applaud those on the Australia Day honours list.

“A special mention must all go to Katherine born Mick Dodson who has been named as Australian of the Year.

“Professor Dodson has been an advocate for Indigenous Australians for decades and he has close links to the Territory.”

“I wish all Territorians a great Australia Day – I hope you all get the chance to enjoy a BBQ and some time with your friends and family.”

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