



MULTICULTURAL COUNCIL OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY INC.

MEDIA RELEASE

OzFusion 2016 – a multicultural celebration of Australia Day

Local community organisations are joining forces to organise *OzFusion*, a multicultural celebration on Australia Day. Now in its fourth year as an official Australia Day event, Darwin's *OzFusion* promotes what is great about Australia and showcases Darwin's vibrant cultural diversity through a program of exciting and engaging performances. The event is being organised by a number of community organisations, including the Australia Day Council NT, Multicultural Council of the NT, Multicultural Youth NT, and Maleleucca Refugee Centre. The event is generously sponsored by the NT Government, City of Palmerston, and Darwin International Airport.

Chair of the Australia Day Council the Hon Dr Daryl Manzie said , “We recognise that 26 January has a vastly different meaning for many Australians, and we respect that. The Territory demonstrates a very positive approach to Australia Day, we take pride in recognising and celebrating the great achievements of Territorians and embracing the cultural diversity of our communities and the activities they organise for our national day. Where else in Australia could you enjoy the entertainment of more than 15 multicultural performances all in one day?”.

President of the Multicultural Council of the NT Kevin Kadirgamar explains that "Through *OzFusion*, we are celebrating the unity amongst our diversity. Year after year, this event reminds us of the beauty of modern Australia, and instils a sense of pride and belongingness in all who attend".

For the first time, *OzFusion* will be hosted in Palmerston. This free family event will take place at the Palmerston Recreational Centre on 26 January, Australia Day 2016 from 4pm till 7pm.

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