



TERRY MILLS MLA | **CHIEF MINISTER OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY**
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CELEBRATING INDIGENOUS ART AT DESERT MOB

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Chief Minister Terry Mills has attended the opening day of the 22nd annual Desert Mob event in Alice Springs.

The event features artworks from Indigenous artists and art centres throughout central Australia and beyond and comprises a Symposium, Marketplace and Exhibition.

Mr Mills said the event showcased to the world the very best of Central Australia.

“This is a terrific event of world-class quality and I congratulate the Association of Central Australian Aboriginal Arts Centres Incorporated, Desert, and the Araluen Art Centre for all their hard work,” Mr Mills said.

“Central Australia clearly has a rich art culture and my Government will ensure this culture will play a pivotal role in revitalising the Territory’s tourism industry.”

Minister for Arts and Museums, Matt Conlan, said events like Desert Mob help tell the great Territory story.

“This year’s Desert Mob exhibition features 32 art centres and 291 works of art, all of exceptional quality from emerging Indigenous artists,” Mr Conlan said.

“The event truly is one of a kind with not just art but song, dance and theatre also showcasing the stories and traditions of Indigenous Territorians.”

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