Time to check smoke alarms

ALICE Springs residents have been urged to be extra conscious of house fires given that there is high use of fireplaces, heaters and other electrical equipment during this time of the year. According to Smoke Alarm Specialist Vicki Bailey, Australians need to wake up to the danger that they are putting themselves and their families as by not having working smoke alarms. Statistics show that an accidental house fire occurs approximately every 26 minutes in Australia – killing more than 100 people each year. Local firemen have echoed the sentiments, saying many people make the mistake of deactivating their smoke alarm while cooking or when it starts beeping and that smoke alarms should be checked monthly.