Less tyranny of distance

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An important step forward has been taken for distance education in the territory. Last week marked the opening of a new $12.9 million NT School of Distance Education. Formerly known as the NT Open Education Centre, the new school is located in the Bullocky Point Education Precinct. The 2100sqm, three-storey building provides state-of-the-art premises with technology and facilities to meet the specialist delivery of teaching and learning to more than 400 students accessing learning through distance.

Twitchers unite in Alice Springs

The annual Red Centre Bird Festival is returning to celebrate the diverse birdlife of Central Australia. The festival provides activities for experienced birdwatchers, nature lovers and those starting the journey of birdwatching. The festival runs over five days from August 17-21, and is full of activities for people of all ages. A full program of the bird-related fun is available at the Alice Springs Desert Park website.

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Enjoy a walk-off through history

Fifty years ago, on a remote Territory cattle station, revolution was in the air. In protest to their poor working conditions at Wave Hill Station, the Gurindji people said enough was enough – and walked off the job. With the August anniversary at hand, the Northern Territory Library is preparing to open an audiovisual essay of life and work on Wave Hill Station prior to that history-changing moment in 1966.

It also features the words of Gurindji storytellers who recount their own histories of Wave Hill Station and the walk-off. The exhibition, coupled with the launch of author Charles Ward’s book A Handful of Sand, will take place at the library at Parliament House on August 31, from 5.30pm.