**Crows, Suns are Territory bound to face Dees**

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ADELAIDE — the AFL club Darwin legend Andrew McLeod became a household name at — and Gold Coast Suns will compete for premiership points in the Northern Territory in 2017. They are the Melbourne Demons’ new opponents in their two AFL home-and-away season games in the NT, replacing Fremantle and Port Adelaide, respectively.

The Suns, including Southern Districts product Steven May (pictured), and Demons will clash in Alice Springs on May 27 next year, while the Crows take on Melbourne in Darwin on July 15.

Territorian Curtly Hampton is on Adelaide’s list.

AFLNT and the Adelaide Football Club officially forged a relationship in April, when they successfully bid for a licence in next year’s inaugural AFL Women’s competition.

May, 24, has played 88 games for the Gold Coast, but missed selection when the Suns played the Western Bulldogs in Darwin in 2012.

“I can’t wait to play an AFL match in Alice Springs,” May told the NT News.

“As a Territorian, you don’t get the opportunity to play in your home state at the highest level very often.

“I’m sure many of my family and friends will make the trip down from Darwin and that’s something I’m excited about.”

The Demons, the AFL and the NT Government announced a new two-year, $3.2 million deal in July, revealed exclusively in the NT News.

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