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Katherine shines at 50th Show

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The Katherine Show is celebrating its 50th anniversary in style, with two fun filled days of competition and challenges.

Minister for Primary Industry and Fisheries and Member for Katherine Willem Westra van Holthe said the event is one of the most popular on the annual calendar.

“The Katherine Show is loved by both locals and visitors alike. The half century birthday of this wonderful event is going to see the show bigger and better than ever before,” Minister Westra van Holthe said.

“Entries for the Camp Draft are already full and nominations for the General, Cattle and Prenominated Equestrian have also closed.

“This is a major turnaround from the low entries under the dark days of Labor’s ban on live cattle exports. The Country Liberals Government has worked hard to get our cattle industry back on the road to success.

“Also back by popular demand at the 50th Katherine Show are the dog novelty events and jumping. With weave poles, tunnels and mini jumps, this event is a crowd favourite,” Minister Westra van Holthe said.

The Department of Primary Industry and Fisheries (DPIF) will also have a strong presence at the Katherine Show, with its pavilion open both days.

Minister Westra van Holthe said DPIF staff will be on hand to present key information around the Department’s work with cattle, rangelands, cropping and horticulture.

“The display will also feature promotions on animal welfare, plant quarantine, animal biosecurity, and information on the new reef fishing control laws along with new fish measuring stickers as giveaways for boat owners,” Minister Westra van Holthe said.
“We’ll also ask the public to try their hand at home agriculture by planting parsley, basil and thyme, available free from the DPIF stand.

“There will also be an interactive map illustrating the wide variety of commercial horticultural crops that are grown in the Northern Territory.”

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