



Dolores Daiquiri is bringing the Australian Burlesque Festival back to Alice Springs in October.

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Sultry show sure to wow

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Burlesque Festival coming back to town

SULTRY, funny and entertaining are just a couple of superlatives that could be used to describe the Australian Burlesque Festival show coming to Alice Springs later this year.

The Festival will bring their 10th anniversary special, *Tropical Tease*, to Alice Springs in October with the acclaimed group performing three shows across three nights in the Red Centre.

After first performing in town in 2017, Festival Director

Dolores Daiquiri said it was a no-brainer to bring the celebration of burlesque back to Alice.

"Last year was the second time we've been and both the shows were at the Araluen Arts Centre. We thought we'd bring it more in town and Monte's was happy to have us so we'll put on three fairly large shows," Ms Daiquiri said.

"Alice Springs has a big arts community and a lot of very

talented artists, musicians and performers. This is actually our 10th anniversary so we're really excited about this year because we've got a lot of shows right across the country with lots of performers.

"Because of that, we're bringing performers from right around the country and internationally to perform in the festival.

"We'll have some international guests performing in

Alice Springs along with the local Desert Diamonds as well."

The headline acts of October's shows include the US' Sweetpea, Europe's Chris Oh and Sydney's Diesel Daquiri.

"There's a little bit of something for everyone, from the glamorous showgirl numbers to the singing and dancing numbers to the comedic value as well," Ms Daiquiri said.

"You'll probably see some

comedic showgirl routines, a little bit of swing dancing, some singing, a little bit of tap dancing, some darker routines, sultry routines as well.

"Every routine is different so there are lots of different acts."

The Australian Burlesque Festival will perform their *Tropical Tease* show at Monte's on October 9,10 and 11.

Tickets are now available on the Burlesque Festival website. The shows are all for ages 18 years or older.

Boost for businesses

THE Territory Government will pay invoices within 14 business days, rather than the current 21 days under a new initiative to "cut red tape".

The new payment terms will apply to invoices of less than \$1 million. Chief Minister Michael Gunner said it would improve cash flow for small businesses. "This is really important for the confidence and health of our small businesses and will make their life much easier," he said. Master Builders NT chief executive Dave Malone said the shorter wait would allow businesses to better function. "Cash is king for small business. They sit around waiting for the cheques to come in while they pay out wages and costs," he said.

Vinni Ciccone from System Homes said this would help relieve pressure on the business by ensuring it had the cash to pay its subcontractors on time.

Calls for tax breaks

THE Territory's Federal Member for Solomon Luke Gosling says the Federal Government should double the zone tax offset to encourage more people to shift to the Northern Territory. Mr Gosling said the early results in a Charles Darwin University population survey were further evidence that it was past time that the Morrison Government started helping to grow the Territory. The zone tax offset is a tax concession offered by the Australian Taxation Office for people who live in remote areas of Australia. The offset is to assist with the higher cost of living, amenities and other environmental factors associated with remote living. The CDU survey is part of a project aimed at developing an NT Government population strategy.

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