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Darwin sparkles as Pride Festival gets out the sequins

Darwin will be sparkling for the next two weeks as the Pride Festival kicked off this weekend.

Tourism Minister, Malarndirri McCarthy, welcomed visitors to the Darwin Pride Festival which runs until 27 November.

“I am very pleased to support the Darwin Pride Festival which celebrates the diversity of the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer, and the broader Territorian community,” said Ms McCarthy.

“It is also a great opportunity for our community to look beyond the stereotypes and to learn about the relevant issues, the stories and experiences, the humour and the humanity of our fellow Territorians.

“The Gay and Lesbian community is also an important niche market throughout the tourism industry and the Territory Government has invested \$100,000 in the Darwin Pride Festival.

“We’ve just had US President Barack Obama here, and Darwin is named by the Lonely Planet as one of the world’s Top Ten Must See Cities for 2012, and now we have the Darwin Pride Festival.”

“It is a fantastic event and I encourage everyone to try and make it to some of the planned events over the next two weeks.”

The Territory Government has partnered with Harvey World, Alice Springs to develop packages for the Alice Springs gay and lesbian community to travel up to the Top End for Pride 2011 and Queens of the Galaxy event.

Darwin Pride features events and activities that reflect the diversity of the local community. Events range from ticketed shows to free family picnics.

Event information and tickets can be secured at: www.darwinpride.com.au/

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