

Media Release

## **Registrations open for Alice Springs Masters Games**

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Registrations are now open for next year's Alice Springs Masters Games with three new sports set to spearhead a jam packed program of sport and entertainment from 13-20 October 2018.

The Games have grown into one of the Territory's major sporting events, held bi-annually since the inaugural Games in 1986.

"More than 30 years after the first event, the Alice Springs Masters Games are as popular as ever drawing back thousands of people to the Centre for the week-long festivities," said Minister for Tourism and Culture, Lauren Moss.

"With 36 different sports held across seven days, an exciting program of entertainment and social events and of course the spectacular Alice Springs as the backdrop, 2018 is shaping up to be another huge Games.

"The trademark fun and frivolity that has earned the event its reputation Australia-wide as 'The Friendly Games' will be back as well as three new sports to look forward too.

"The Government recognises the important economic and social benefits the Games provide to Alice Springs, which is why we have invested in major sporting infrastructure upgrades across the town to improve competitor experience and make the Games even better.

"An air-conditioned netball stadium, new flooring and lighting at the basketball centre, resurfaced tennis courts, upgrades to the Alice Springs Golf Course and revamped lawn bowl facility will all be enjoyed by Games participants in 2018."

In announcing the opening of registrations, Ms Moss also welcomed the inclusion of Boxing, Functional Fitness and Model Aircraft Flying to the 2018 sports program.

"It's great to see the Games evolve over the years and embrace new sports such as functional fitness, which is an immensely popular fitness craze amongst all ages as well as model aircraft flying which has a community of passionate followers worldwide," said Ms Moss.

"The 2018 Alice Springs Masters Games truly has something for everyone, whether you are competing as an individual or a team, get your friends together and tick the Friendly games off your bucket list!"

The Alice Springs Masters Games will be held from 13-20 October 2018. Registrations are now open at [www.alicespringsmastersgames.com.au](http://www.alicespringsmastersgames.com.au) or by phone: 1800 658 951

**Photo attached:** Mark Nixon (Boxing) and Stephen Henderson (Model Aircraft Flying)

**Fact Sheet attached:** 2018 Alice Springs Masters Games – New Sports