



## MEDIA RELEASE

### Territory Parks Play Host To Australia's Top Teens

Two of the Top End's much loved parks will this week host some of Australia's most beautiful teens.

Contestants vying for the crown of Miss Teen Australia will visit Litchfield National Park on Friday before touring the Territory Wildlife Park on Saturday.

Miss Teen Australia managing director Gavin Dooley said the trips to the parks would be a first for many of the 12 contestants, with last year's visit being a highly enjoyable experience for all involved.

"Some of the contestants have never been to the Northern Territory so it will be a great opportunity for them to visit some of our most beautiful attractions," Mr Dooley said.

"We are following in the footsteps of how other international competitions are televised with fill-ins so it is not purely a fashion parade and viewers of this televised event will be able to see what the Top End truly has on offer for interstate and international visitors.

"While at the Territory's top tourist attractions the girls will be photographed which will make up the Miss Teen Australia calendar.

"We are also producing a DVD that this year's Miss Teen Australia will pass onto the 50 entrants at next April's Miss Teen International so they will see how beautiful the NT is.

"The Territory Wildlife Park has a unique look that does not exist on the eastern states so we are delighted to be invited there once again and going to Litchfield National Park is something I am sure all the contestants will truly enjoy."

Mr Dooley was also the brains behind the Miss Universe Australia pageant that was also hosted in the Top End six months ago where former Miss Universe Jennifer Hawkins presented Western Australian Michelle Guy with her 2005 Australian crown.

He said a feature of this year's Miss Teen Australia would be the return of reigning Miss Teen International Lauryn Eagle to present this year's winner with her 2005 Australian crown.

"So not only have we had the Australian winner of Miss Universe up here in the Territory to handover her crown but we will also have the current Miss Teen International and last year's winner of Miss Teen Australia to also handover her crown," Mr Dooley said.

"The Territory is renowned for its many natural wonders, its untouched beauty and friendly hospitality and it is magnificent that it is once again hosting such a marvellous event."

**Media Note \_ For more information contact Gavin Dooley on 1300 764 969.**

**Visual opportunities of the contestants at the Territory Wildlife Park will be available from 1.30pm to 4.30pm on Saturday.**

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