



**Clare Martin**  
CHIEF MINISTER



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## **Yarralin Airshow Takes Off at Full Throttle**

The Chief Minister Clare Martin today hailed the Territory's first Outback Airshow a success.

Ms Martin officially opened the inaugural Outback Airshow at Yarralin, 450km south of Darwin.

"The calibre and entertainment value of the aerial displays was outstanding," she said.

Ms Martin announced continuing Government support for future airshows and committed to sponsorship for next year's event.

"I congratulate the Walangeri Ngumpinku Community Council, the Ngarinman traditional owners and pastoralists for their efforts in hosting such a unique and innovative event.

"Hundreds of people not only from the Territory but interstate attended the Airshow and witnessed how Aboriginal culture and entrepreneurship can combine to create economic benefits.

"With that kind of community determination behind it, I'm sure the Yarralin Outback Airshow will become a permanent tourism attraction on the Territory's annual calendar of events."

During the day's events, Australia's national aerobatic champion Chris Sperou thrilled the crowds with the "inverted ribbon cut" finale, which involved rolling the plane upside down and cutting a ribbon between two poles.

Formation flying, a skydiving display and hot air balloon rides were also on offer during the day. And spectators were treated to a traditional BBQ of bush turkey and wallaby.

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