

Mercurio goes walkabout to NT

It wasn't a case of too many chefs spoiling the broth when television identity Paul Mercurio met with CDU's Walkabout Chef, Steve Sunk.

The celebrity chef, best known for his role in the hit Australian movie *Strictly Ballroom* and judge of the television show *Dancing with the Stars*, visited CDU's Palmerston campus as part of his new show, *Mercurio's Menu*.

Steve Sunk, CDU's most celebrated chef and VET cooking lecturer, said it was a great honour to have someone of Paul's celebrity come to the NT to focus on regional cuisine.

"Paul was great and an accomplished chef in his own right," Steve said. "He recognised the importance of teaching cooking and nutrition in Indigenous communities and the important role traditional Aboriginal produce can play in mainstream cooking."

The duo of Mercurio and Sunk prepared a number of exotic culinary creations including buffalo sausages, bush turkey with bush chutney, bush banana (kilibi) with truffle dressing, and a fruit soup.

Dubbed the "Walkabout Chef" for his time spent teaching cooking in remote communities, Steve recently received the Medal of the Order of Australia for his services to Indigenous communities.

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CDU's Walkabout Chef, Steve Sunk (left) hosts television identity Paul Mercurio on the Palmerston campus.



ABOVE

Discussing mustering at the Katherine Rural campus are (from left) Hudson Lennon, CDU Lecturer Toby Gorringe, Cleon Kenny, Sedrick Williamson, David Campbell, Andrew Kenny (back) and CDU Lecturer Doug Jenkins.

SA's horsemen revival kicks on in the NT

Seven men from South Australia's remote north are helping to revive their communities' horseman and stockman skills via a CDU training program.

The men from Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) lands were identified for their leadership skills demonstrated in previous training programs and are seen by the community as role models to guide and mentor others.

These men recently completed a two-week training block at the Katherine Rural campus where they strengthened and formalised pastoral management and leadership skills.

The training built on the men's prior knowledge of pastoral management and included mustering, animal husbandry, drafting livestock and station management encased within sustainable land practices.

The college is an active cattle property located near the NT town of Katherine and is used to train ringers throughout northern Australia.

CDU Senior Lecturer Peter Dempster said: "These blokes are hungry to learn and take initiative and it's great to see their willingness to apply their skills on the APY lands."

The latest training block was initiated by Anangu Gateways and facilitated by CDU to develop leaders within the established multi-agency APY Youth Engagement Program.

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