





64th Australian National Square Dance Convention

DREAM ON

DIGITAL NEWSLETTER

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THANK YOU

I'm filled with gratitude as I reach out to each of you. Your presence at the 64th Australian National Square Dance Convention in Darwin elevated the entire experience, infusing it with an extraordinary sense of joy and connection. Thank you for being the heart and soul of this unforgettable event."

Under the inspiring theme of "Dream Once More," we embarked on a journey together, weaving dreams into reality with every promenade, to step together and double toe amidst the stunning backdrop of Darwin's natural beauty.

Holding the convention in Darwin added an extra layer of magic to our gathering, as we danced in this tropical environment and basked in the warmth of the Northern Territory's hospitality.

I also want to express our deepest gratitude to all the people who made Darwin 2024 possible - from the dedicated organizers and volunteers to the local community who welcomed us with open arms. Your hard work, passion, and commitment to creating a memorable convention did not go unnoticed, and we are truly grateful for everything you've done.

Throughout the convention, we not only danced but also forged lasting friendships and made invaluable connections, all the while celebrating the unique charm and spirit of Darwin. It's in moments like these that we realize the true beauty of community and the power of coming together to share our love for dance and celebration.

As we bid farewell to Darwin and the 64th convention, let's carry the spirit of "Dream Once More" with us wherever we go. May it inspire us to chase our dreams fearlessly, embrace new experiences with open arms, and continue building bridges of friendship and connection that span across the dance floor and beyond.

Thank you once again for being a part of this incredible journey. Your passion, energy, and enthusiasm are truly appreciated and cherished.

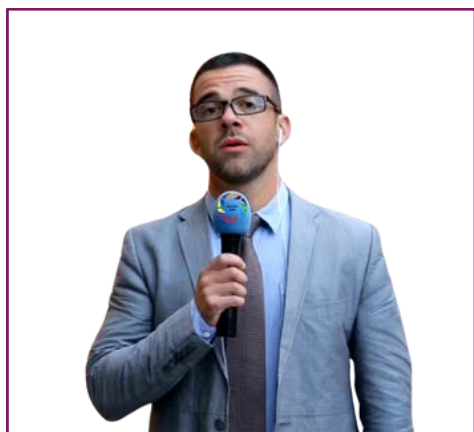
We look forward to seeing you at the 65th Australian National Square Dance Convention to be held in Morayfield, Queensland from July 7th to 11th 2025, where you can [Listen to Your Heart](#).

Marilyn Van Sambeeck (Convenor)



LAST NIGHT'S REACTIONS

Tonight is our final night to bring you some of today's reactions, comments and moments from our roving Dream reporter. Click on the individual image to relive some of today's moments.



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ANSWERS TO THURSDAY'S DREAM BOOK CHALLENGE

BOOKS AND AUTHORS



1. A Midsummer Night's Dream (1595)
William Shakespeare
2. Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep?
Philip K. Dick
3. Strange the Dreamer (2017)
Laini Taylor
4. Dreamcatcher (2001)
Stephen King
5. I Have a Dream (1973)
Martin Luther King Jr

6. Shattered Dreams (2020)
Amber Torney
7. The Dreamers (2019)
Karen Thompson Walker
8. Flight of Dreams (2016)
Ariel Lawhon
9. Where Dreams Begin (2000)
Lisa Kleypas
10. A Kingdom of Dreams (1989)
Judith McNaught

THE IMPORTANCE OF DREAMS No. 6

Choreographic Inspiration:

Dreams offer a unique platform for choreographers to tap into their subconscious and draw inspiration for new dance routines. In the dream state, the mind can weave together imaginative sequences, movements, and themes that may not arise during waking hours. This creative exploration can lead to innovative choreography that captivates audiences and pushes the boundaries of dance artistry.



As we bid farewell to the 64th Australian National Square Dance Convention, we're thrilled to share our dream slogan: "From Rhythm in Darwin to Revelry in Queensland: Dancing Forward from the 64th to the 65th Australian National Square Dance Convention!"

Thank you to everyone who made this event a fantastic success. Let's carry the joy, the rhythm, and the memories forward as we eagerly await our next gathering in sunny Queensland!

THE TOP FIVE

Five things that we hope you recieved from our convention.

1. Unforgettable Dance Experience:

We hope attendees enjoyed an unforgettable dance experience filled with lively music, intricate choreography, and the vibrant energy of fellow dancers from across Australia. Our aim was to provide a platform for dancers to showcase their skills, learn new moves, and immerse themselves in the joy of square dancing.



2. Community Connection:

Our endeavour was to offer dancers the opportunity to connect with like-minded individuals who shared a passion for square dancing. Our goal was to ensure that through social events, meetings and dances, attendees fostered meaningful friendships and built a strong sense of community that transcends geographical boundaries.

3. Cultural Exploration:

Hopefully, you had an opportunity to visit some of Darwin's unique cultural heritage and tourist sites that added an extra layer of richness to the convention experience. In addition, we trust attendees had the chance to explore the city's diverse cultural offerings, including its Indigenous heritage, multicultural cuisine, and tropical landscapes. We believe that the spectacular specialness of Darwin may have provided a backdrop of natural beauty and cultural significance, enhancing the overall experience for dancers.

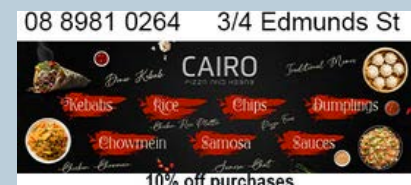
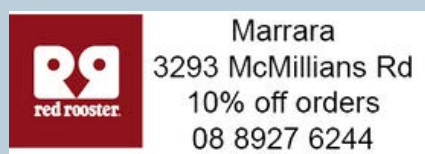
4. Skill Enhancement:

Workshops and classes led by experienced instructors offered dancers the opportunity to enhance their skills and broaden their knowledge of dancing techniques. From beginner-friendly sessions to advanced workshops, attendees had access to a range of learning opportunities designed to cater to dancers of all levels.

5. Memorable Memories:

Beyond the dance floor, we hope that the 64th Australian National Square Dance Convention provided countless opportunities for creating lasting memories. Whether it was exploring Darwin's attractions, enjoying social gatherings with fellow dancers, or simply taking in the sights and sounds of the city, we trust that attendees departed with cherished memories that would last a lifetime.

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DARWIN'S TOURIST ATTACCTIONS

No. 11 Stroll through the Botanic Gardens

Discover the enchanting oasis of George Brown Botanic Gardens, just moments from the city center. Meander through lush monsoon forests, coastal fore-dunes, and mangroves, immersing yourself in the diverse tapestry of flora from northern Australia and tropical regions worldwide. Marvel at vibrant heliconias, gingers, orchids, and bromeliads in a riot of colors amidst the exotic plantings. Explore the African-Madagascan garden, home to majestic baobab and boab trees, while little ones find delight in the playground and treehouse nestled within the verdant surroundings. Experience the soothing cascade of the rainforest waterfall or encounter ancient cycads in the captivating cycad garden. Relax on expansive lawns, enchanted by Darwin's largest ornamental fountain, or embark on self-guided tree walks. Join guided tours to uncover hidden gems and encounter Rufous Owls amidst the foliage, or simply unwind with coffee and cake at Eva's Café.

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No. 12 Vibrant Street Art

Stumble upon Darwin's vibrant street art while exploring the city's laneways. Since 2017, the Darwin Street Art Festival has transformed walls into a captivating gallery, showcasing works by international, national, and local artists.

To fully immerse yourself, download the Darwin Street Art Festival app before embarking on your stroll. Gain insight into the artists and their creations, and experience some murals come to life through augmented reality.

Begin your tour in Austin Lane, home to some of the largest murals in the collection, then venture to West Lane to uncover more artistic treasures. Shadforth Lane, the latest addition, boasts nine murals painted during the 2020 Festival. [To download the Apple App, click here.](#) [To download the Android App, click here.](#)

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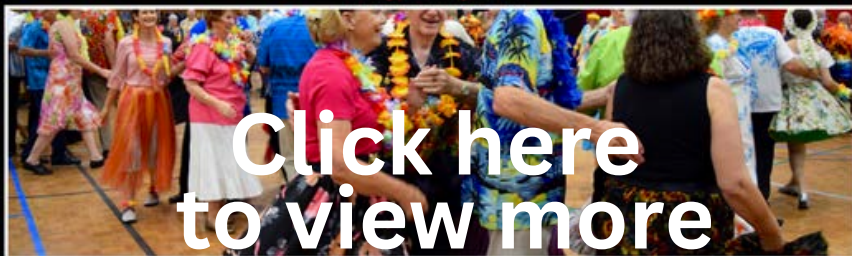


Some of the memories from our Theme Night!



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Darwin 2024 Committee



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See you at the 65th Australian National Square
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