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**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**Complimentary Sunset Welcome Function**  
**on Wednesday evening, 23rd June 2021**

**DARWIN**  
**2021 Living Our Dream**  
**24 - 28 June Together in the Top End**

62<sup>nd</sup> Australian National Square Dance Convention Marrara Stadium, Darwin





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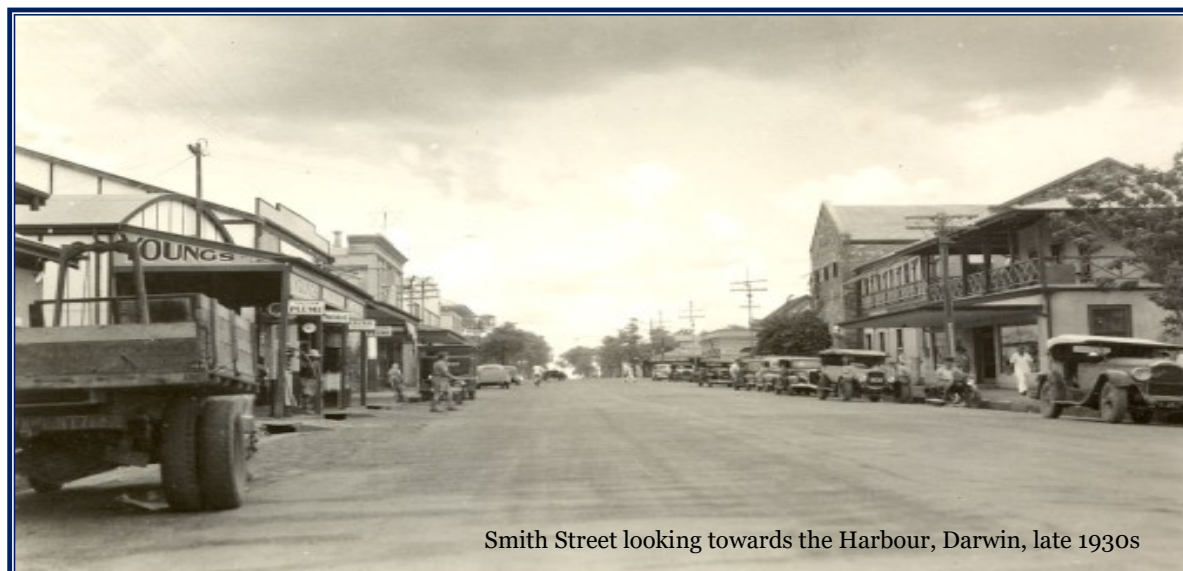
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***History of Darwin - Looking Back***

The traditional owners of Darwin are the Larrakia (saltwater) people. Larrakia country runs far beyond the municipal boundaries of Darwin, covering the area from the Cox Peninsula in the west to Adelaide River in the east. The Larrakia people established the first trade routes in the region, trading with the Tiwi, Wagait and Wulna people as well as with Indonesian fishermen. Their stories, songs and ceremonies echo the strong connection and understanding they have with the saltwater country.

In 1839, the HMS Beagle with Lt. John Lort Stokes aboard sailed into the waters of what is now known as Darwin harbour. Stokes named the harbour after his former shipmate British evolutionist Charles Darwin but contrary to popular rumours, Darwin himself never visited the area. However, at first the settlement was named Palmerston after the British prime minister. It was renamed after Charles Darwin in 1911.

In 1871 gold was discovered near Darwin and as a result the new settlement thrived. In 1872 Darwin was connected to other parts of Australia by the Overland Telegraph Line and Government House was built in 1883. Darwin was granted city status in 1959 due to an extensive increase in population and economic growth.



Smith Street looking towards the Harbour, Darwin, late 1930s

## BACK TO DARWIN 11



The 52<sup>nd</sup> Australian National Square Dance Convention was held for the very first time in Darwin in 2011. You can relive some of the special moments of the past 2011 convention and look forward Darwin2021 by watching this month's Darwin2021 promotional video. Click on the above to access the video.

### WELCOME OUR PLATINUM SPONSOR

This month we welcome our Platinum sponsor, **Fantastic Aussie Tours**. We would like to acknowledge their generosity and support for Darwin2021.

**Fantastic AUSSIE TOURS**



#### PRE AND POST CONVENTION TOURS

***Why not see more of Australia on the way to Darwin or post the Convention in 2021***

Fantastic Aussie Tours who are also major sponsors of the Blue Mountains Convention in 2020 are planning two special tours for Darwin2021 delegates. The first, the Banjo Patterson tour, travelling from Sydney or Brisbane through Central Queensland into the Northern territory and onto Darwin. The second tour will be post the Darwin2021 Convention to discover the highlights of the Kimberley travelling from Darwin to Broome. All tours will be travelling in luxury long distance touring coaches, quality accommodation, most meals and entry fees to attractions. Fantastic Aussie Tours has been operating extended tours around Australia for over 40 years and offer a wide range of guided holidays within Australia and overseas.

Register your interest for either tour or even both at [info@fantastic-asussie-tours.com.au](mailto:info@fantastic-asussie-tours.com.au) full itineraries will be published at a later date. Phone: 02 4780 0700



### 61<sup>st</sup> AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL SQUARE DANCE CONVENTION

Don't forget to support the 61<sup>st</sup> Australian National Square Dance Convention. Details are available on the adjacent panel. You can access further details by clicking on the panel

#### COME AND JOIN THE DREAM

You can register an *Expression of Interest* for Darwin2021 by visiting our website at <https://www.darwin2021.com/registration> and completing the online form. We'll place you on our email list and forward all details, including newsletters, as they become available. We look forward to sharing our next newsletter in September.

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