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<i>Date</i>	<i>Item</i>
<b>21 January</b>	A Memorandum of Understanding between the Northern Territory and Indonesia is signed in Jakarta.
<b>25 January</b>	In the Australia Day Honours List, Mr Donald Darben is appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia (AO) for service to development in the Northern Territory.
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<b>19 February</b>	Ceremonies commemorating the deaths of at least 243 people during the first two air raids on Darwin are held, on the 50th anniversary of the bombing of Darwin.
<b>29 February</b>	Bishop Richard Appleby succeeds Bishop Clyde Wood as Anglican Bishop of Darwin.
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<b>8 March</b>	Exercise <i>Kangaroo '92</i> , involving 14,000 armed forces personnel from Australia and the USA, commences in the Northern Territory and East Kimberley.
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<b>15 April</b>	Category Four Cyclone Neville causes extensive tree damage on Cobourg Peninsula and the Tiwi Islands and destroys a tourist camp.
<b>30 April</b>	The driest Wet Season since 1941 finishes.
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<b>May</b>	The first stage of the military build-up in the Northern Territory (Army Presence in the North, or APIN) begins with the relocation of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Cavalry Regiment to Darwin.
<b>8 May</b>	The 50th anniversary of the Battle of the Coral Sea is marked by the visit of the United States Navy ships <i>USS Fletcher</i> , <i>USS Ruben James</i> and <i>USS Oulette</i> .
<b>21 May</b>	A capsule containing contemporary memorabilia and documents is embedded in the floor of the historic lobby of the new Parliament House. The plaque notes that the capsule is not to be disturbed until 16 February 2048, which will be the 100th anniversary of the opening of the First Session of the Legislative Council of the Northern Territory.
<b>28 May</b>	The Northern Territory Rugby Union team defeats Scotland 17-16.
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<b>3 June</b>	The <a href="#">High Court of Australia</a> delivers the <i>Mabo</i> judgment, interpreted as overturning the previous doctrine of <i>terra nullius</i> which precluded the possibility of indigenous ownership of Australia at the time of white settlement in 1788.
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<b>10 August</b>	Ms Sally Gordon Thomas, formerly Chief Magistrate of the Northern Territory, is the first woman to be appointed a Judge of the Supreme Court of the Northern Territory.

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<b>7 November</b>	At a by-election for the seat of Arafura, the seat is retained by the ALP, with Maurice Rioli replacing the late Stanley Tipoloura.
<b>30 November</b>	The Fifth Perron Ministry of nine is appointed, with Eric Poole replacing Roger Vale.
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<b>14 December</b>	Kakadu National Park, encompassing stage 3 which includes Coronation Hill, is listed as a World Heritage Area.
<b>Also in 1992</b>	The Bayview Haven housing development commences in Darwin.

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