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<i>Date</i>	<i>Item</i>
January	The Darwin Logistics Battalion is raised in Darwin.
26 January	In the Australia Day honours list, The Honourable Austin Asche QC is appointed a Companion of the Order of Australia (AC) for service to the law, to tertiary education and to the community, particularly the people of the Northern Territory.
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February	Lights are installed at Football Park, Marrara.
February	The National Pioneer Women's Hall of Fame opens in Alice Springs.
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20 May	The Special Broadcasting Service (SBS) goes to air in Darwin.
24 May	The Ayers Rock Cannonball Run, the world's first legal high speed competition on a public road, ends tragically when two Japanese competitors crash their vehicle into a checkpoint south of Alice Springs, killing themselves and two officials.
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1 June	The Deck Chair Cinema opens in Darwin with the film <i>The Castanet Club</i> .
4 June	In the general election for the Seventh Assembly, the CLP retains government with 17 seats, with the ALP winning seven and one Independent (Ms Noel Padgham-Purich) being returned.
15 June	The Seventh Perron Ministry of eight is appointed, with members unchanged.
27 June	Terry McCarthy is elected Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, succeeding Nick Dondas who resigns to contest the Northern Territory seat in the House of Representatives.
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1 July	As part of the inaugural Territory Day celebrations, Mr Darryl Hill wins the Territorian of the Year award and Ms Amanda Lee Leggett wins the Young Territorian of the Year.
6 July	The <i>Window on the Wetlands</i> Visitor Centre opens at Beatrice Hill, 60 km south of Darwin. Located on one of the highest places on the Adelaide River floodplain, the Centre provides a comprehensive and spectacular interpretative display of the wetlands.
8 July	The inaugural biennial <i>Contemporary Territory</i> exhibition, showcasing the work of significant Territory artists, opens at the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory.
12 July	A Coast Watch aeroplane monitors a vessel, the <i>Bahari 314</i> , off the western coast of Bathurst Island. The vessel is later found to contain 89.1 kg of pure heroin, the largest detected importation of heroin to date in Australia.
18 July	The Eighth Perron Ministry of nine is appointed, with Mr Mick Palmer entering the Ministry.

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18 August	The Governor-General, the Honourable Bill Hayden AC, unveils a plaque officially opening the new Parliament House Building in State Square, Darwin.
23 August	At the 15th Commonwealth Games in Victoria BC, Alice Springs shooter Christine Trefry wins three gold medals in pistol events and boxer James Swan wins a bronze medal.

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4 September	The Studio Theatre, built at a cost of \$2.9 M, opens in the Darwin Entertainment Centre.
14 September	North Flinders International House opens for the accommodation of students on the campus of Northern Territory University.

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5 October	The Darwin Symphony Orchestra embarks on its first intra - Territory tour, <i>The Territory Muster Tour</i> .
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22 November	A small fishing boat carrying 13 Vietnamese boat people runs ashore at a boat ramp in suburban Nightcliff in the early hours of the morning. In the ensuing weeks, authorities estimate that some 393 boat people, mainly Chinese, arrive in northern Australia.
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26 December	The first entry from Alice Springs Yacht Club, <i>The Alice</i> , sails in the Sydney/Hobart yacht race.
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