

TERRITORY DAY TERRITORY WIDE

20 Years of Self Government



Territory Day Message 1998 from the Chief Minister of the Northern Territory, Shane Stone

Territorians fought for self government so we could get on with the job our way.

The Territory success story of the past 20 years proved it was worth the fight.

From the late 1970s to the mid 1980s the Northern Territory Government mounted a massive capital works effort, building roads, gas pipelines, power stations, hospitals, schools and other essential infrastructure.

The results are obvious with population growth at nearly twice the national rate and the lowest unemployment rates in the country continuing to fuel economic growth.

The Territory will enter the next millennium with the north-south railway nearing completion, Australia's most modern and only northern port open for trade, Darwin as the regional base for the offshore oil industry in the Timor Sea. At the turn of the century, oil flows and oil exports are set to increase tenfold, from \$100 million per annum to \$11 000 million.

In the near future Northern Territorians will vote at referendum on whether they want to join the Australian Federation as the seventh State.

Central characteristics of the Territory's nature - pride, determination and the will for independence will mean that with 20 years of self rule to look back on, Territorians will echo the sentiment of the recent Statehood Convention delegates in voting for full Statehood.



Territory Day Message 1998 from the Administrator of the NT, His Honour Dr Neil Conn AO

Territory Day is the one day of the year we set aside to specially celebrate being Territorians.

When you think about it, that is worth doing on the other 364 days as well, since there are so many reasons for celebration.

Our rate of economic growth in the Northern Territory is the highest in Australia, our unemployment rate is the lowest and our standard of living is high. Our lifestyle remains the envy of many Australians.

The attitude and outlook of the Territorians I have met during the past year is everywhere remarkable for its enthusiasm, its optimism and its drive to get things done.

Whether it's been in Mataranka, Tennant Creek, Nhulunbuy, Alice Springs, Batchelor, Nguiu, Borroloola, Daly River, Katherine or Alyangula, individual Territorians are working hard and looking forward.

Some Territorians have had a hard time during 1998, nowhere more so than in Katherine which suffered so much from the disastrous January floods. But Katherine is well and truly back in business.

The cattle industry, too, is not having the easiest of times, with the Asian downturn having a serious effect on our live cattle exports. But the pastoralists are out there vigorously developing new markets.

The health status and welfare of many Aboriginal Territorians remains a concern, but the solid progress of institutions like Batchelor and Kormilda Colleges should give us all heart.

There are many other instances around us of Territory imagination, drive and determination succeeding against the odds.

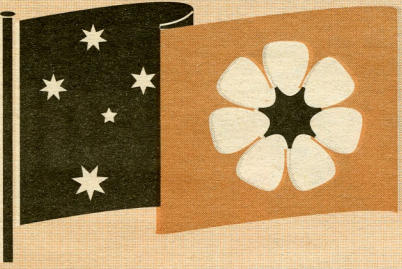
Let's celebrate and encourage those qualities today, and every day, as we move steadily towards becoming the seventh State of Australia.

DID YOU KNOW:

- 1978 Tiwi Land Council Formed.
- 1979 Smith Street Darwin between Bennett and Knuckey Streets, is converted to Mall.
- 1980 Estimated NT population 118 245.
- 1981 Alice Springs Country Club Casino opens.
- 1982 Sir William Forster, Chief Justice, is first resident Territorian to be knighted (June).
- 1983 Noel Padgham-Purich appointed first female NT Minister (December).
- 1984 Cyclone Kathy (Borroloola area) generally agreed to be most severe cyclone ever to strike the Australian mainland.
- 1985 Trade Development Zone established
- 1986 Mrs Lindy Chamberlain released from Berrimah Gaol, and a Royal Commission into case begins.
- 1987 The Chamberlains are granted a free pardon following Commissioner Morling's report that there are "serious doubts" about their guilt.

DID YOU KNOW:

- 1988 Severe flooding in Alice Springs estimated to be one in 50 year event, eclipsing 1983 floods - one in 20 years; in 1988 water covered or lay on 225 residential properties, and 28 commercial properties - tangible damage cost was estimated at 3.5 million.
- 1989 Territory Wildlife Park opened.
- 1990 59 yachts from 8 countries start in the Darwin to Ambon race.
- 1991 42 000 live cattle exported to Asian markets via Darwin.
- 1992 More than 10 000 spectators watch the Darwin Cup; \$2 million wagered on the outcome.
- 1993 130 000 live cattle exported to Asian markets via Darwin.
- 1994 Road Transport Pioneer Noel Buntine dies (January).
- 1995 NT has 27.7% of its population aged under 15 years - national average in 21.4%.
- 1996 Nova Peris, in Atlanta, becomes the first Territorian to win an Olympic Gold Medal.
- 1997 St Mary's Football Club wins its 50th successive game - breaking a national record which had stood for 80 years.
- 1998 Highest floods in living memory surge through Katherine (January).



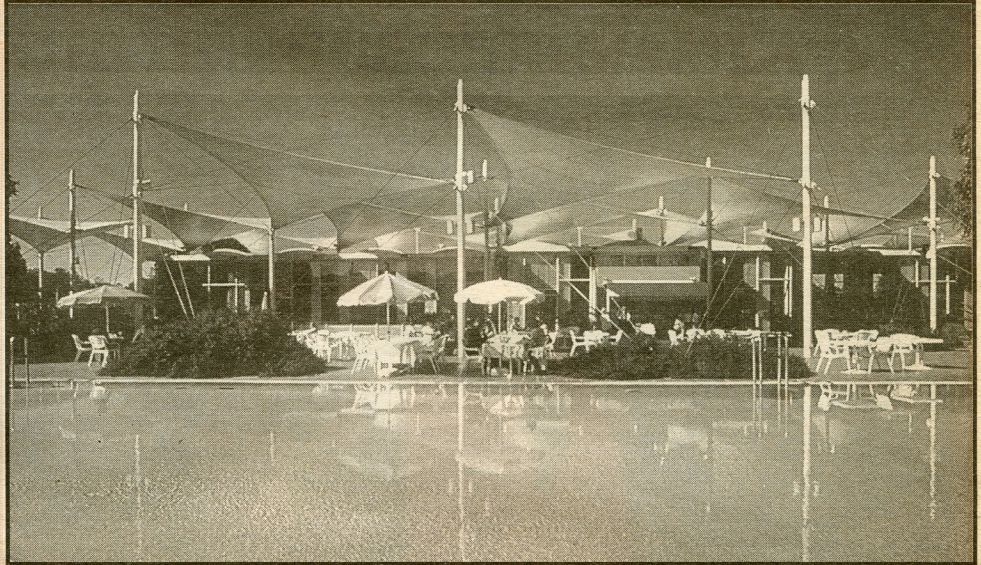
Alice Springs Region

A Special Classified Feature

A Message From The Lord Mayor

Alice Springs

As Mayor of Alice Springs, it gives me great pleasure to congratulate the NT Government on the 20th anniversary of self-government on the 1st of July 1998, Territory Day. The Northern Territory Government has over it's twenty years contributed to the progress of Alice Springs, providing various forms of support through it's many departments. The Alice Springs Town Council is striving toward Alice Springs being a vibrant and progressive town, supported by quality services, a strong and sustainable economy, and has built an infrastructure reflective of the town's enique environment. We acknowledge the vital role which the NT Government has to play as we work towards this vision. I am certain that beyond this occasion of the Territory Government's 20th anniversary, our levels of government will continue to work together so that Alice Springs, as a town, epitomises the Territorian motto, *proud, determined, independeNT*.



DID YOU KNOW: 1978

NORTHERN TERRITORY (Self Government) Act (a Commonwealth Law) becomes operative, provides for the final steps to achieve responsible self-government; the Commonwealth to retain power over two national parks, uranium mining, and Aboriginal affairs.

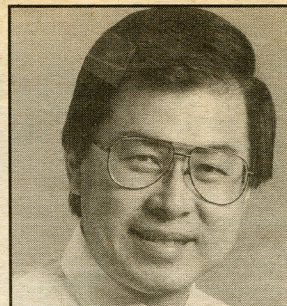


Loraine Braham MLA



Eric Poole MLA

Loraine, Eric, Richard & John invite all Territorians and visitors to the Alice Springs region to take part in the various activities planned and wish all constituents a



Richard Lim MLA



John Elferink MLA

Happy and Safe Territory Day

YULARA TERRITORY DAY CELEBRATIONS COMMENCING 5:30PM AT THE OVAL

*Flag Raising, Entertainment, Fireworks, Refreshments & BBQ
Provided by Yulara/Ayers Rock Lions Club*

ALICE SPRINGS TERRITORY DAY CELEBRATIONS 10:00am

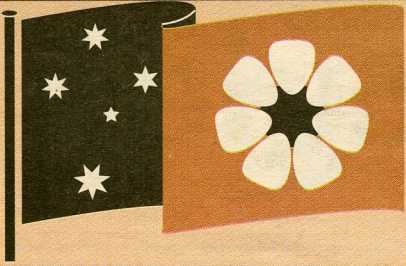
**Citizenship and Flag Raising Ceremony
Town Council
5:30pm - 7:30pm Albrecht Oval**

Free Sausage Sizzle & Softdrinks, Music, Multicultural Food Stalls, Regional Territorian of The Year Awards

★ Fireworks Display ★

DID YOU KNOW:

That the population of Alice Springs has grown from approximately 16 000 in 1978 to approximately 28 000 in 1998?



Katherine Region

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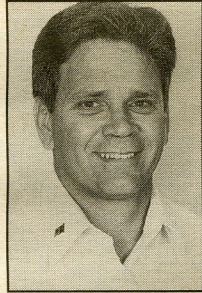
TIMBER CREEK PROGRAM

Venue:

Max Duncan Memorial Oval commencing at 6.00pm

- ★ BBQ/Fireworks/Big Bon-Fire
- ★ Free sparklers for the kids
- ★ Food and drinks for sale
- ★ Locals welcome all tourists to join in
- ★ Jointly sponsored by TCC & local businesses

Contact Martin Plumb at TCC on 8975 0860



Territory Day Message

From Member for Katherine and Member for Victoria River



Territory Day is an opportunity to celebrate the progress we have made in forging a reputation for the Territory as a great place to live, work and raise a family.

Today, Territory Day, we not only celebrate the progress of 20 years of Self government, but also the bright future assured by our continued growth and good prospects for our children.

Please join in today's ceremonies and celebrate 20 years of self government and a bright future.

Have a great Territory Day on Wednesday July 1.

PINE CREEK PROGRAM



Venue:

The Oval

- ★ Klutz the Clown appearing at 6.30pm
- ★ Free Sausage Sizzle and soft drinks
- ★ Rock 'N' Roll with Fonzie's from 7.30pm
- ★ Bring your own firecrackers and chair/blanket



A Message from the Lord Mayor of Katherine

Congratulations Territorians on twenty years of Self Government.

The Northern Territory has come a long way and we have much to be proud of as has Katherine which shares its 20th Birthday with Self Government.

The recent Katherine flood was a tragic event which affected many people in our town. We endured the worst of it but thanks to the spirit of our fellow Territorians, who helped us in so many ways, it is getting better.

It makes me proud to be a Territorian.

We should all take pride in celebrating Territory Day and take time to reflect on what has been achieved over the last 20 years. Our service infrastructure, our sporting, art and cultural facilities and events enriched our lives greatly.

We have earned the right to govern ourselves, we have shown what we can do. Territorians

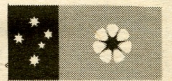
are the people best placed to resolve and meet the challenges which face the Northern Territory.

Congratulations Territorians on twenty years of Self Government for the Territory and Local Government for Katherine.

On 1 July we are twenty years young.



JAMES B FORSCUT
Mayor of Katherine



KATHERINE PROGRAM

FREE ADMISSION FOOD STALLS & DRINKS ON SALE

Venue: Katherine Showgrounds, commencing at 5.00pm

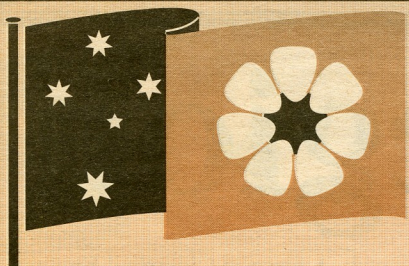
- ★ Entertainment—Filipino Dancers
- ★ Parade by Reserve Military Force Personnel
- ★ Presentation of Regional Territorian Award by Mike Reed MLA & Tim Baldwin MLA preceding fireworks.
- ★ Fireworks display approximately 7.00pm.
- ★ Food and drinks on sale.



MATARANKA PROGRAM

VENUE: Sports and Recreation Grounds

- ★ Fireworks commencing at 7:30pm
- ★ Hot soup and hot dogs will be provided



Nhulunbuy Region

A Special Classified Feature

Territory Day Message From The Nhulunbuy Town Board

The Nhulunbuy Town Board wish to take the opportunity of congratulating the Northern Territory Government on the 20th anniversary of Self Government on 1st July 1998. To commemorate this milestone, residents are invited to attend the Territory Day Celebrations to be held in Endeavour Square commencing at approximately 4:45pm. Thanks to the tremendous support of local retail and contracting businesses there will be a number of free raffles with great prizes throughout the evening. The celebrations will culminate with a display of fireworks provided by the Department of the Chief Minister.

The Town Board represents residents on community issues and whilst some decisions may not please all residents, the Board Members are striving to consider the majority views, during deliberation, in order that the Community remains a desirable place to live and raise a family.

Members would also like to take the opportunity to thank residents for their understanding and tolerance during those occasions throughout the year when disruptions occur to traffic flows, water supply etc, due to major maintenance work undertaken by the Nhulunbuy Corporation Limited.

In closing, members hope that residents have a profitable and enjoyable Territory Day, and new financial year.

Mike Hindle - Chairman



East Arnhem Region is the home of:

- The *largest* explorer in the NT.
- The *largest* employer in the NT outside government.
- The 4th *busiest* airport in the NT.
- The *largest* fuel oil power station in the NT.
- A harbour controlling the *busiest* commercial vessel movements.
- The *largest* primary school in the NT.
- The *hometown* of Yothu Yindi members.
- The *hometown* of the Chairman of ATSIC.
- The *hometown* of the chairman of the NLC.
- The *largest* bauxite mine in the NT.
- The *most remote*, "easiest to reach" golf course.
- The *only* nesting place of the Ridley Turtle.
- The *largest* fuel oil importer in the NT.
- *Pristine* beaches, unchanged since discovery by Matthew Flinders.
- The *largest* progressive dinner of any sporting body in the NT.
- The *most northerly* golf course in Australia.
- One of the *longest* conveyors in the world (21kms).
- The *most friendly*, close knit community in Australia (we think so!).
- The *highest* ownership of 4WD vehicles per head of population in Australia.
- The *most northerly* point of land in NT.
- The *largest* mining community in the NT.
- The *most northerly* surf club in Australia.
- The *only* surf club in Australia with a "Croc Lookout" tower.
- The *largest* uncaught fish in Australian waters.
- The *largest* Territory Day "Free Raffle" in NT.

Come On Down

to Endeavour Square on Territory Day

**Wednesday 1st July 1998-06-15
And Celebrate 20th Anniversary
Of Self Government**

- 12:00pm 8EAR commences live broadcast from Town
- 4:45pm Free Raffle Tickets (1 Per Person)
- 5:00pm Flag Raising and Award Ceremonies
- 5:30pm Free Sausage Sizzle

Dance To The Music Of 8EAR

**5:00pm to 7:00pm Free Raffles Every
Quarter Of An Hour**

Main Prize - 51cm Colour TV

- 7:15pm Fireworks On Primary School Oval
- 7:30pm Finish

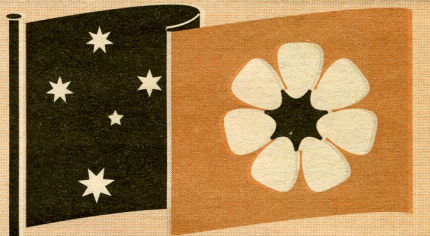
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20 Years Self Government

The Way We Were

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"Before self-government the Territory was a backwater, administered by Commonwealth public servants on two-year stints, living in rented government houses with rented government furniture and rented government appliances.

The roads were shocking, fresh produce was scarce and during the Wet supplies from the south were frequently cut off, leaving shop shelves empty for weeks at a time. With the first clap of thunder the power went off, inevitably it seemed while dinner was cooking."

- Chief Minister, Marshall Perron 4 October 1994

Ambitions, Dreams fulfilled

A personal message from the Prime Minister, Mr Fraser.

On behalf of the Federal Government, I offer my warmest congratulations to the Northern Territory on this historic occasion.

Self-government will fulfill the dreams and ambitions of so many Territoryans who have dedicated themselves to this day.

Bove all this occasion symbolises the strength and spirit in the character of the men and women of the Territory that is probably unique to this part of Australia.

Newsview

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In this way people will be attracted to settle and develop the north. When most Territoryans are born and bred, when grandparents are the norm rather than the exception, the social cycle will be complete.

A real community can and must be created from this multi-cultural, youthful and to a great degree, transient population.

Editorial Comment, NT News, 1st July 1978

It will not solve all our problems But now we are accountable for our own mistakes

Dr Let's more than anyone else was responsible for setting the Territory on the road to self-determination. He will be pleased that what he set out to do three years ago has now been achieved. Dr. Let's has a reputation of being one of the most knowledgeable men around on all things Territoryan, with even the Labor Party acknowledging that few people know the Territory better.

A former director of the Animal Industry branch of the Department of the Northern Territory, as well as Chief Inspector of Fisheries and wildlife, he entered the old Legislative Council in 1967 as an official member appointed by the Government.

In 1970, when Tiger Brennan retired from the Council, Dr Let's stood for election in Victoria River, representing the VRD continuously until his defeat.

• FORMER Majority Leader and Chief Secretary Dr Goff Letts

New view

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Past and future

• THE day it all began — January 2, 1911, the Proclamation ceremony marking the handover of the Territory to a Commonwealth official. The Northern Territory Acceptance Act passed in 1910. The speaker in the middle of the circle is the Government Resident, Mr Justice Mitchell, the man who was in fact one of the first to question the very legality of the handover.



• ANOTHER flag, another beginning, another era! The Territory's future is in hands of these two and other youngsters them, even if they don't know it. They may yet fully understand what that flag means, rights and the obligations that it brings with it but Thomas Banks, 5, and Vanessa Farmer are quite happy to go along and enjoy the excitement of the occasion.

TODAY'S THE DAY!

TODAY the Northern Territory turned its back on history and for the first time in its existence took hand in its own destiny.

The Administrator, Mr John England, wore in the Territory's first Government, consisting of a Chief Minister (Mr Paul Everingham) and four Ministers, at eight o'clock this morning.

Mr Everingham's colleagues in the Territory cabinet are: Mr Marshall Perron, Minister for Finance and Planning, Mr Ian Tuxworth, Minister for Resources and Health, Mr Jim Robertson, Minister for Community and Social Development, and Mr Roger Steele, Minister for Transport and Industry.

We'll turn the page!

SUPPORTERS of independence for the Territory plan to meet at 7.30pm at the Darwin Convention Centre.

Mr Robert West, with his wife, is acting as the spokesman for the Territory's independence and are expected to face the consequences of the proposed killing and burning in East Timor.

Full story page 3.

Congratulatory messages and telegrams have poured in from all corners of Australia at the culmination of a battle for self-determination which started 67½ years ago, when South Australia's handover of the Territory to the Commonwealth was officially proclaimed.

"Today's historic occasion symbolises the strength and the spirit of men and women of the Territory, a spirit that has endured suffering, withstood hardship and overcome many times of adversity," the Prime Minister, Mr Fraser, said in a special message to the Northern Territory.

He congratulated every man and woman for having taken part in bringing self-government to the Territory.

"I believe that the agreement between the Commonwealth and the Territory implicitly recognises that the Northern Territory now has the capacity, the energy and the will to manage its own affairs and control its own destiny," Mr Fraser said.

The full text of his message is on Page 7.

The new Chief Minister, Mr Everingham, said that the Territory was entering a new era — economically, socially and politically.

"The Territory has always been ruled, harshly and at times unwisely, by the tyranny of distance," he said.

"The eyes of Australia and the world are on us," Mr Everingham's message is on Page 11.

Today's celebrations will start in earnest at the Darwin Oval at 4.30 this afternoon, and the Territory's own flag is due to go aloft for the first time at 5pm.

It will be the end of an era which began during the flag raising ceremony on January 2, 1911, the proclamation of the Territory's transfer to the Commonwealth.

In his message to the Territory, Opposition Leader Mr Jon Isaacs said he believed that loan programs existing in the States — allowing them to raise money from other sources than the Federal Government — should be extended to the Territory.

Darwin's Mayor, Dr Ella Stack, recalled her visit to Alaska two years ago, where she found problems similar to those faced in the Territory.

She said that despite extremes of climate, indigenous people and land rights, the doubters had been proved wrong when Alaska gained Statehood.

Former Administrator Mr Jock Nelson expressed the hope that Territoryans would work together to make the change to self-government work.

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DARWIN'S GREATEST EVER CONCERT ATTRACTION

SUPREMES

MARY WILSON WITH KAREN JACKSON & KAAREN RAGLAND

WITH 10 PIECE ORCHESTRA DENNIS KNIGHT AND NEXUS

TOMORROW NIGHT, SUNDAY

2 JULY 8.00 pm

Both gates open from 6.30 pm
Ample parking Geranium Street and Gardens Road

Good tickets have been held for sale at the gates From 6.30pm

AMPHITHEATRE

- Adult lawn area \$8.00
- Child (5-11) and Pensioners \$4.00
- Best preferential seats \$10.00

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20 Years Self Government

The Way We Were

A Special Classified Feature

The Kata Tjuta Road to the Olgas which was followed by the construction of Lasseter's Highway in 1983.

The Territory had few good roads at self-government in 1978. Even the Stuart Highway was washed out each year by flooding, cutting Darwin and other towns off from vital supplies.

In 20 years a mammoth road building program has provided efficient transport routes interstate and opened up new areas for agriculture, tourism and mining ventures.



NOW & THEN

A photographic exhibition of "Then and Now, 1978 - 1998" has been put together to mark the 20th year of self government in the Territory.

Some of the photographs featured in the exhibition are reproduced on these pages.

The pictures, obtained from Territory photographers, Northern Territory News, government archives and other sources, clearly illustrate the progress over the past two decades.

The exhibition will travel to Central Australia in July before returning to Darwin later in the year.

Chief Minister Shane Stone said the exhibition would be a nostalgia trip for Territory residents who remembered the way we were and an eye opener for people who had arrived in more recent years.

"It is important, particular for those

who have spent only a few years in the Territory, to understand the huge effort that has been mounted by Territorians since self government, turning our part of Australia from a backwater to today's modern, vibrant economy.

"It has been a hard struggle for many to get to where we are today - this year's Katherine floods were a reminder of the hazards of Territory life.

But when one considers the legacy of inadequate infrastructure, a small private sector, the lack of available tertiary education, the high cost of freight, electricity and other services, it is a remarkable achievement.

Territorians have defied the predictions that the north of Australia would never be anything other than a costly liability propped up by the established and populous south eastern seaboard.

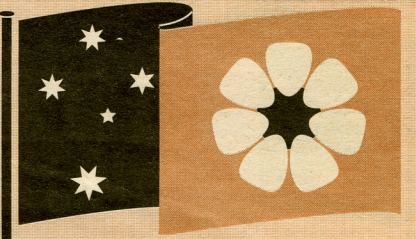
Today we're a region of Australia which engenders envy rather than derision after two decades of the highest population growth, lowest unemployment and greatest job creation growth in all Australia

"It is often said that a picture is worth a thousand words. The exhibition illustrates just what has been achieved by Territorians over the years", Mr Stone said.

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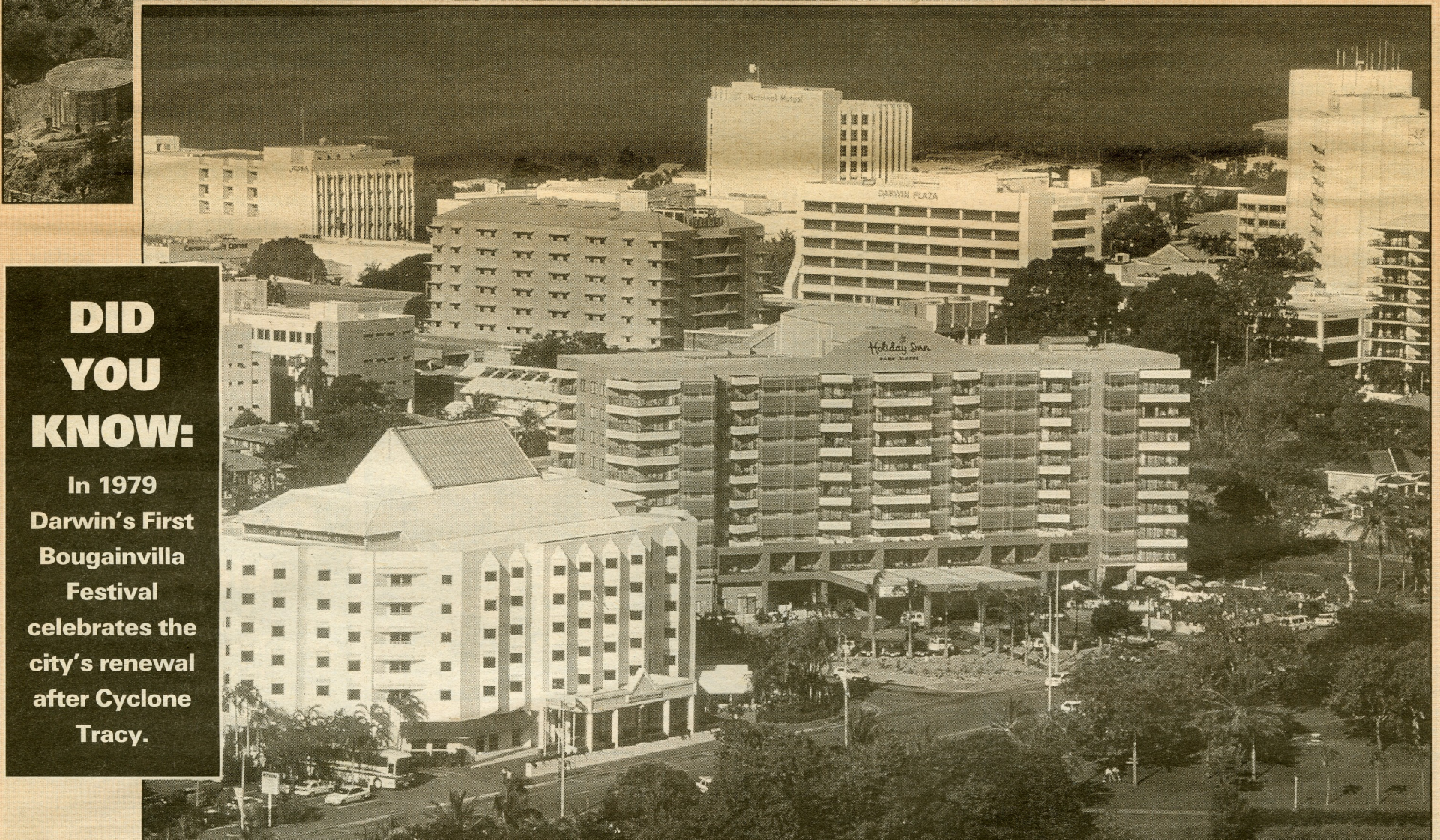
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The Darwin Central Business District today and the way it was in 1978.

Then only the Travelodge stood out along the Esplanade offering tourists hotel comforts with a view over the harbour.

Now visitors can pick and choose between competing five star hotels and budget accommodation in the Central Business District.



DID YOU KNOW:

In 1979 Darwin's First Bougainvillea Festival celebrates the city's renewal after Cyclone Tracy.

The Territory's ambition for Statehood is a prominent feature of the "Then and Now 1978-1998" photographic exhibition being mounted to mark the 20th year of self government.

Panels depict the constitutional path of the Territory from the earliest years to the present day and set out the timetable to Australia's Centenary of Federation in 2001.

"Statehood is very much on the minds of people as we look towards the Territory's 21st birthday' next year, Chief Minister, Shane Stone said.

"School students, business people and others in the community often ask me about the timing and method of achieving Statehood and a referendum on the issue is due in the near future.

"We have the support of the Prime Minister and State Premiers for the Territory's move to Statehood - although they have not put a firm date on the event.

"I believe that the timing is much a matter for Territorians to decide and I was not surprised that the 53

delegates to the recent Statehood convention chose 'as soon as possible' as their recommendation on that question.

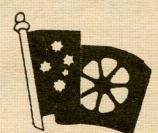
"Typically Territorians just want to get on with it," Mr Stone said.

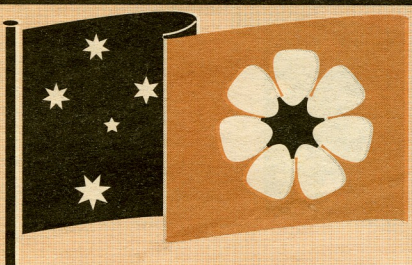
"There are still a couple of concerns that people have about Statehood - whether it would mean a lesser contribution from the Commonwealth to our annual budget and whether it would mean we lost our special status as 'Territorians'.

These fears can be laid to rest. The

Statehood Convention chose to retain the name, opting for Australia's seventh state to be known as the 'State of the Northern Territory'.

"As for money, the Territory has been treated as a State financially for the past 10 years and Statehood would have no effect on current financial arrangements with the Commonwealth.





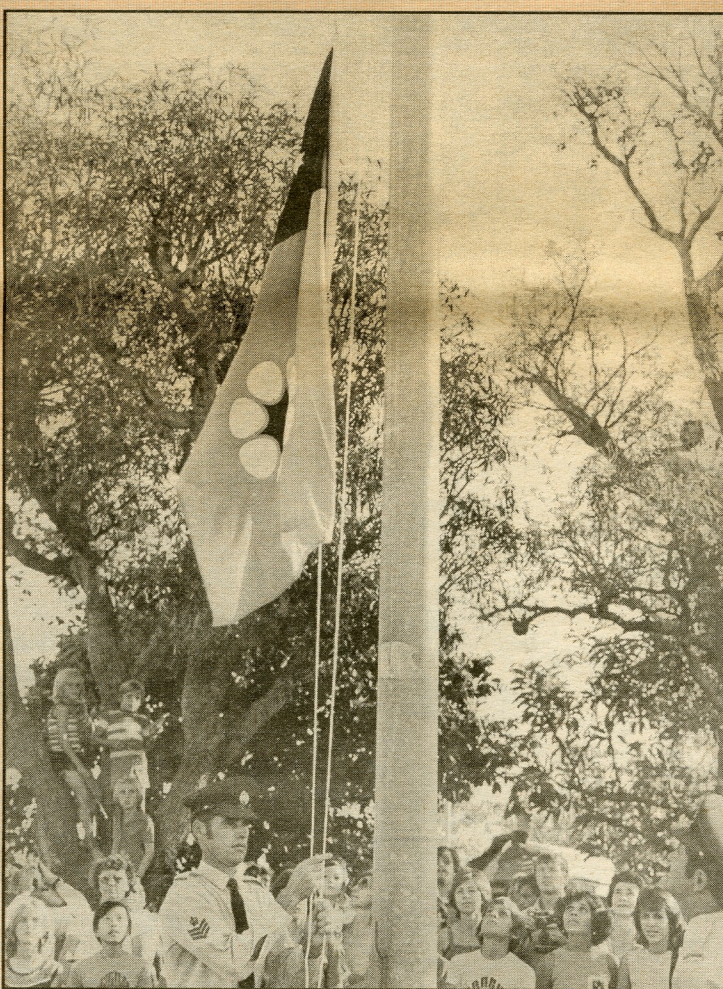
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Chief Minister, Paul Everingham at self-government celebrations on 1 July 1978. The NT News story on the occasion showed Territory lifestyle has changed little in 20 years. "After the swearing in (of the first self-governing Ministry) the Chief Minister, Mr. Paul Everingham held an impromptu press conference on the side-walk before dashing off to the Adelaide River races and show".



Vanessa Farmer and Thomas Banks, Parap Primary School kids - as they were on the first day the NT Flag was raised. Vanessa is today a solicitor working in Darwin.

Are you in this picture? Two children from each Darwin primary school were invited to attend the ceremony. Many Darwin residents today remember the official flag raising on 1 July 1978.



Hundreds of Vietnamese refugees arrived along the NT Coastline in the late 1970's after the defeat of South Vietnam. Today some of those boat people are prominent members of the Territory's business community.

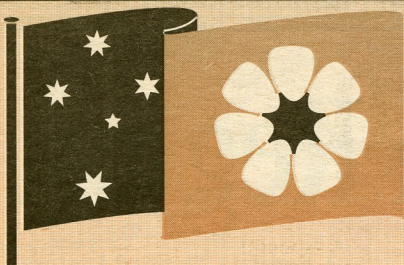
Self Government Means ...

that finally we are cutting the apron strings that have tied us to Canberra's control for almost 70 years. Territorians fed up with remote control and its mistakes, stagnation and lack of initiatives have been crying out for years for this advance.

Now we have come of age. Territorians will make the vital decisions affecting Territorians. The decision makers will be the people you elect or reject at the ballot box. Self-government is your government.

Today is an important day for all of us and I invite every Territorian to join in the celebrations to mark this historic event.

Paul Everingham
Majority Leader



Tennant Creek Region

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TERRITORY DAY 1998

Wednesday 1st July

10.00AM

Flag Raising Ceremony at the
Civic Centre



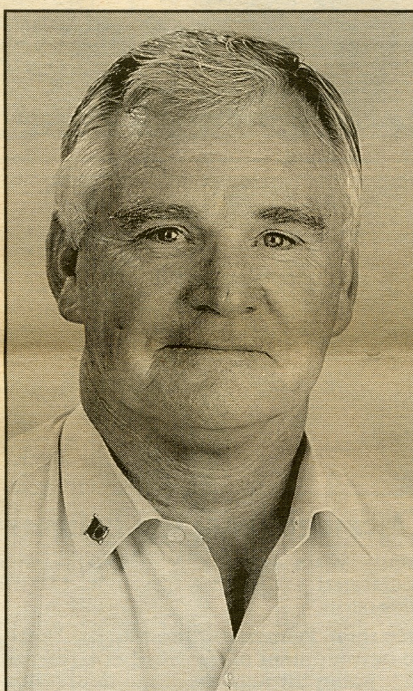
7.00PM

Fireworks Display at
the Show Pavilion



**7.30pm FREE BBQ
at the Civic Hall**

Please contact Jacinta Scaife, or Sandra Gishford on 8962 2401 to make reservations.



Mayor's Message TERRITORY DAY

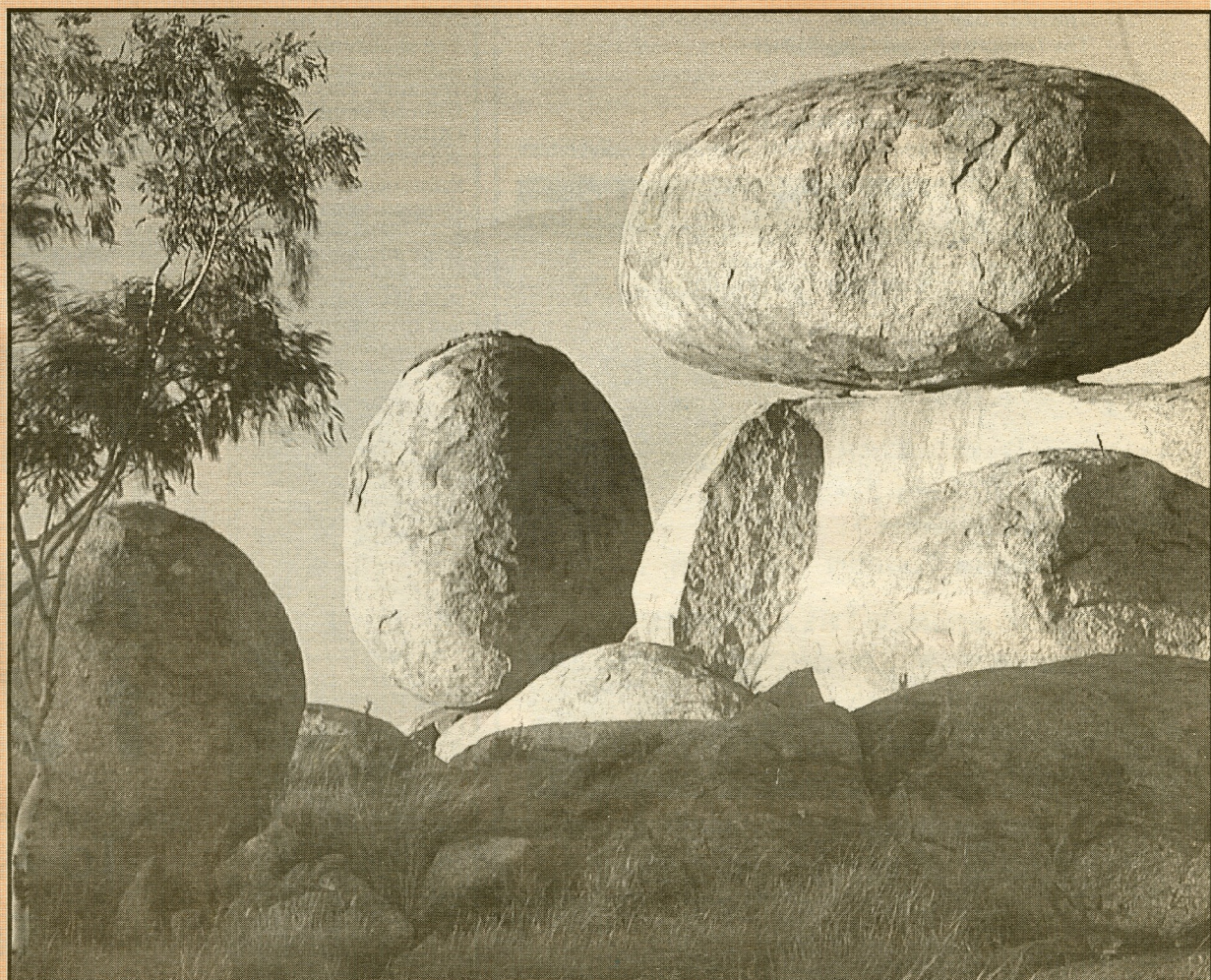
On behalf of the Tennant Creek Town Council and the residents of the town I wish to extend our greetings to all Territorians on the 20 years of Self Government of the Northern Territory.

We as Territorians must celebrate 1st of July each year as a day of accomplishment, full of pride, enthusiasm and commitment and prepare ourselves, specially the young generation, for the challenges that lie ahead of us.

Marking the 20th Birthday today makes us proud of the outstanding growth Northern Territory has achieved during the 20 years in economic, social and cultural fields. Needless to say that where we stand today in the sheer hard work of each one of us living in the Territory.

Availing this opportunity I congratulate the Territory government for its progressive and forward policies in taking our Territory to the 21st century.

Paul Ruger
Mayor

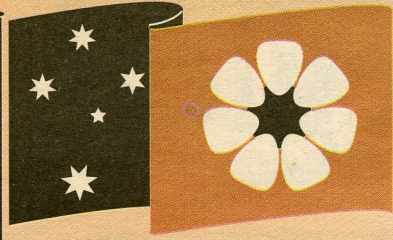


DID YOU KNOW THAT IN 1978:

- ★ The Tennant Creek Town Management Board was replaced by the first elected Tennant Creek Town Council.
- ★ The first World Solar Car Challenge which started in Darwin passed through Tennant Creek on the way to Adelaide.

IN 1988:

- ★ The Bicentennial Event "The Last Great Cattle Drive" passed through the Barkley Tablelands on its way from Newcastle Waters to Longreach.
- ★ The estimated population of Tennant Creek was about 3800.



Darwin & Palmerston Region

A Special Classified Feature



A Message From The Lord Mayor Of Darwin

George Brown



The 20th Anniversary of Self Government is a very significant day for all Territorians. How appropriate that Statehood is so high on the agenda as the Northern Territory enters its 21st year. Twenty-one year olds are regarded as ready for independence!

On anniversaries we celebrate and reflect. We celebrate all that has been achieved and reflect on where we are going. The Territory is certainly going places. How we get there and how we define where we are going is up to Territorians.

I congratulate the pioneers of the past who have carved and shaped the Territory of today, and I urge all those nurturing future directions to keep the character of the Territory that we hold so dear. Progress is critical; so too is the spirit of the people and the land.

The advent of Self Government set us on the course towards Statehood. We have come a long way since July 1978 and congratulations are very much in order.

Darwin Territory Day Program

Bicentennial Park

(On The Esplanade) 5:30pm - 6:30pm

- Flag Raising Ceremony
- Territorian and Young Territorian Of The Year Awards Presentations
- Citizenship Ceremony

- See
- The Navy, Army, Airforce Guard of Honour
 - The Australian Army Band
 - The Territory's Biggest Flag Raised
 - Pomp and Ceremony
 - Proud Territorians
 - Past and Present Defence Reserve Members on Parade for their 50th Anniversary Celebration

Mindil Beach Market Stalls 6:15pm - 9:00pm

Mindil Beach Concert

7:00pm - 8:30pm

Combined Darwin Symphony Orchestra and Australian Army Band Darwin In Concert

Music For All Ages

GRAND FINALE 1812 OVERTURE

Spectacular Fireworks Display On The Water 8:30pm - 9:00pm

Free Admission

BYO Chair - Blanket - Towel To Sit On & Enjoy The Concert & Fireworks!



A Message From The Palmerston Town Council

Twenty years ago the Northern Territory Self-Government was proclaimed - fifteen years ago, the first residents moved to Palmerston.

Since then, Palmerston proudly has been and parcel of the growth and development of the Northern Territory starting with fanfare in 1983, going through an urban depression between 1985 and 1991 and now the third fastest growing Municipality in Australia today (following Sydney and Canberra) and growing at the rate of 13.1 percent.

The multi-cultural population of 17 000 is linked to the social, political, sporting and commercial desinty of the Northern Territory. This is demonstrated in the new sea port and interstate failhead being situated 8.5 kilometres from the Palmerston Post Office and the citizens participating in the awards, prizes and competitions promoted in the Territory.

Palmerston contributes to the dynamism of Northern Territory life through new suburbs and innovative housing design, new office buildings, new recreation areas, new schools, new community facilities and expansion of exsisting lifestyle infrastructure.

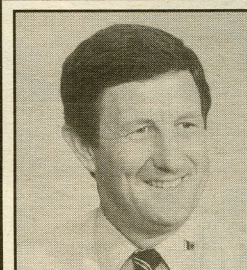
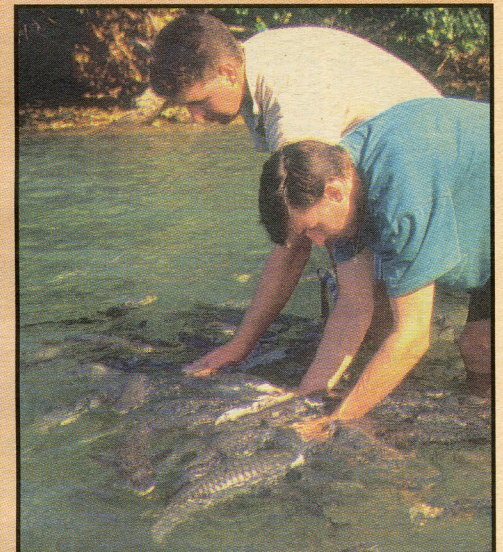
The Citizens, Mayor, Alderman, CEO and Council Staff of Palmerston join all other Territorians in celebrating twenty years of Self-Government.

JABIRU PROGRAM

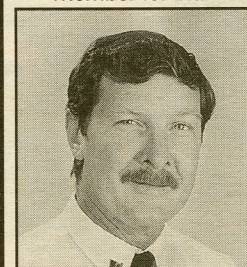
Lake Jabiru Park - 5:00pm - 7:30pm
BYO Picnic/BBQ

7:00pm - FIREWORKS DISPLAY

Jabiru Town Council NT Government



Barry Coulter MLA
Member for Blair



Phil Mitchell MLA
Member for Rapid Creek

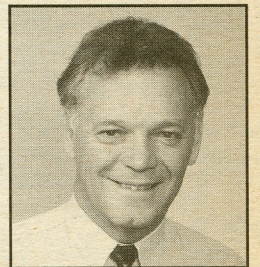
A Happy and Safe

Territory Day 1 July 1998

To All Our Fellow Territorians



Denise Burke MLA
Member for



Steve Hatton MLA
Member for Nightcliff

Darwin & Palmerston Region

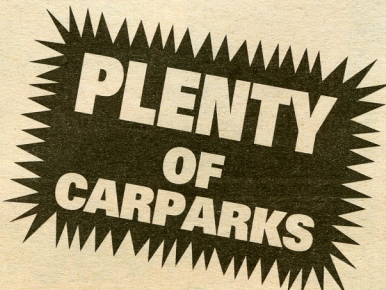
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LAKE LEANYER FIREWORKS & FAMILY NIGHT 1ST JULY 1998

TIME EVENT

5:00pm	Gates Open
5:15pm	Parachute Display By Pete's Parachuting
5:30pm	Food Stalls
5:40pm	Announcement of Minister - Henry Gray
5:40pm	Opening and Welcome By The Hon. Peter Adamson MLA
5:45pm	Blue Light Disco Commences
	Fonzies Line Dancing Display
6:00pm	Martial Arts Display By Byods Tang Soo Do Karate Academy
6:30pm	Leanyer School Senior Band
7:00pm	Live Music - Rogues Gallery
8:45pm	Fireworks Display Commences

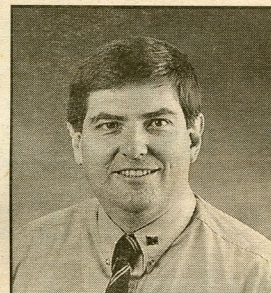


NORTHERN SUBURBS MLA's



The Hon. Daryl Manzie
The Hon. Mick Palmer
The Hon. Peter Adamson
Mr Steve Balch
Mr Stephen Dunham

would like to extend a warm welcome to Territorians to celebrate Territory Day at Lake Leanyer



Coomalie Community Government Council



NT Day Celebrations

The Council and Residents of the Coomalie Region join others in the Territory in wishing the NT Government a Happy 20th Birthday

Please join us at 6pm on NT Day (Wednesday 1st July) at the Batchelor Airfield Cross Strip for a night of celebrations.

- ★ Bonfire Lit Up At 6:30pm
- ★ Sausage Sizzle Until Late
- ★ Twilight Parachute Jumping

DID YOU KNOW:

In 1978 statistics show that the NT is the fastest growing part of Australia - Total population approximately 110 000



Terry McCarthy MLA

Member For Goyder

Congratulates the following in organising celebrations to mark the achievement of 20 Years of Self Government in the NT

- Berry Springs Recreation Reserve Incorporated
- Coomalie Community Government Council
- Pine Creek Community Government Council
- Cox Peninsular Community Government Council

BERRY SPRINGS PROGRAM:

BERRY SPRINGS RESERVE

Gates Open 6:00pm

\$2 Admission Adults - Children Free

- Face Painting • Chinese Lion Dance • Live Entertainment

★ FIREWORKS ★ FIREWORKS ★ FIREWORKS ★

- Food Stalls • Bar Facilities

Supporting Local Organisations

It's Our Day,
Let's Enjoy It
Safely



Chris Lugg MLA



Member For Nelson

Wishes all his constituents a happy and safe

Territory Day



Reserve Forces Day 1 July 1998

All past and present members of Militia, CMF, Navy Reserve, Army Reserve, Air Force Reserve and Regular Force Members who served with the Reserve are invited to participate in recognition of service parade

- DARWIN 1 JULY 1998
- KATHERINE 1 JULY 1998
- ALICE SPRINGS 1 JULY 1998



REUNION Independent Rifle Company

All ex members are invited to a reunion at the Darwin Hotel on completion of Reserve Forces Day Celebrations, on 1 July 1998. Reserve Force Day March will be held in conjunction with Territory Day Flag Raising Ceremonies

- Timings:** Assemble 1700 hours
Carpark Opp. Darwin Hotel
March on 1730 hours
Re Union 1830 hours
Green Room Darwin Hotel

Venue: The Esplanade for the March
The Green Room for the re union



DID YOU KNOW:

That in 1979, 1 January, Tiger Brennan, Stalwart fighter for Self Government in the NT dies?

COX PENINSULAR PROGRAM

Cox Peninsular

Cox Country Club From 6:00pm

BBQ & COMPLIMENTARY DRINKS

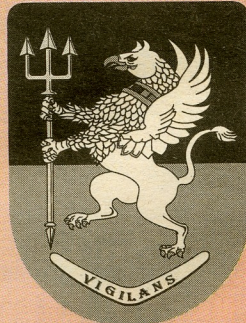
Bonfire Lighting 7:30pm
Fireworks Display 7:45pm

Come and Join In The Fun!

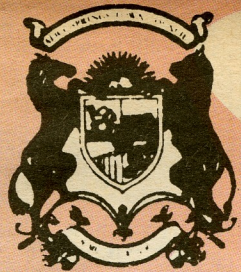
Bring along your own fireworks to add to the night's display.

Celebrate With Us JULY 1

Celebrating
20 Years of Service
to Territorians
The Office of the Ombudsman
for the NT
Was Established July 1st 1978
Happy Territory Day
to all Territorians
Ombudsman & Staff



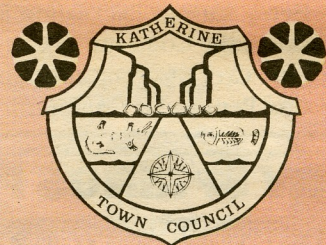
HQ NORCOM
Celebrating 10 Years
NORCOM
Northern Command



**Alice Springs
Town Council**
1st July 1978-1st July 1998



Norforce
North West
Mobile Force
17th Birthday



Katherine Town Council
Est 1st July 1978
20 Years Today

**Happy Birthday To All Territorians
Celebrating their Birthday Today**