



64th Australian National Square Dance Convention

# DREAM ON

## DIGITAL NEWSLETTER

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### WELCOME TO DARWIN - COMMITTEE



On behalf of the Darwin 2024 Committee, we warmly welcome all attendees of the 64th Australian National Square Dance Convention!

Get ready to lace up your dancing shoes and join us in the heart of the Northern Territory as we embark on a journey to "Dream Once More" through the joy of dance.

From the moment you arrive, you'll be greeted with the infectious energy and hospitality that defines Darwin. Prepare to be dazzled by the stunning landscapes, from the rugged beauty of the coastline to the lush greenery of the parks and gardens.

And when the sun sets, the fun continues with lively markets, mouthwatering cuisine, and a thriving arts and culture scene that will leave you enchanted.

But it's not just about the dancing - it's about the connections you'll make, the memories you'll create, and the shared joy of coming together in the spirit of dance. "Dream Once More" embodies the essence of this convention, inspiring us all to reach for the stars and dance our dreams into reality.

Whether you're a seasoned pro or stepping onto the convention dance floor for the first time, we welcome you with open arms and open hearts.

Every night we'll email you our convention interactive newsletter, **Dream On**. It will provide you with a snapshot of the previous night's program and memories.

Marilyn Van Sambeeck (Convenor)



## MONDAY'S WEATHER FORECAST

As we prepared for our convention, remember to pack your essentials: a water bottle, hat, and a face towel. The weather can be quite warm outside, typical for this time of year, but don't fret - our venue will be comfortably air-conditioned to keep you cool throughout the event.

Monday 20 May

 Min **22** Max **32**  
**Sunny.**

Chance of any rain: **0%** □□□□□□□□

## DREAM ONCE MORE

At the 64th Australian National Square Dance Convention in Darwin, we encourage everyone to see their dreams as seeds in the fertile soil of imagination. Just like these seeds, dreams may start small but have the potential to blossom into magnificent realities.

Every great achievement, invention, or work of art began as a dream. So, as we gather for this exciting event, we urge you to dare to dream big.

Let your imaginations soar beyond doubt or fear, and embrace your dreams with passion and persistence. For it is these dreams that shape our destiny, and the future belongs to those who believe in them.

Let's celebrate the joy of square dancing while keeping our dreams alive! Dreamers, are you ready to turn your aspirations into reality? Share your inspiring Dream Slogans like "Catch your dreams, ignite the gleam" or "Embrace the beauty of your dreams" with us!

We'd love to feature your dream slogans in tomorrow's newsletter. Simply email them to [darwinnational2024@gmail.com](mailto:darwinnational2024@gmail.com) and let your creativity shine! Together, let's inspire others to pursue their dreams and dance through life with passion and purpose.

## THE IMPORTANCE OF DREAMS No. 1

### Inspiration and Motivation:

Dreams, especially within the context of the 64th Australian National Square Dance Convention and our Theme, ***Dream Once More***, serve as immensely potent wellsprings of inspiration and motivation.

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They ignite the flames within individuals, compelling them to ardently chase after their aspirations and goals.

Acting as luminous beacons of possibility, dreams offer a vivid portrayal of what lies within reach, propelling individuals ever forward, undaunted even amidst the most formidable challenges.

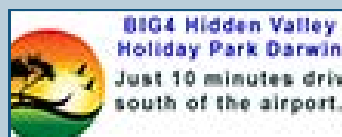


### Today's Dream Slogan

*Dream is a wish you make with your heart.*

Marilyn Van Sambeek

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## LAST NIGHT'S REACTIONS

Everynight we will bring you reactions, comments and moments that might make you laugh from our roving Dream reporter. Click on the individual image to relive some of today's moments.



Interviews



Welcome Sunset Function

## WELCOME TO DARWIN



Welcome to Darwin, where adventure meets tranquility in the heart of the Northern Territory, Australia! Nestled on the edge of the Timor Sea, Darwin is a vibrant tapestry of culture, nature, and endless possibilities. From the rugged beauty of its coastline to the lush greenery of its parks and gardens, Darwin captivates visitors with its breathtaking landscapes and rich heritage.

In Darwin, every sunrise brings the promise of new discoveries and unforgettable experiences. Dive into the crystal-clear waters of the nearby Litchfield National Park, where hidden waterfalls and pristine swimming holes await.

Immerse yourself in the vibrant atmosphere of Darwin's markets, where the scent of exotic spices mingles with the sounds of live music and the chatter of locals and tourists alike. Indulge in mouthwatering cuisine inspired by the flavors of Asia, Indigenous Australia, and beyond.

But it's not just the natural beauty and culinary delights that make Darwin special—it's the spirit of its people. Known for their warmth, resilience, and zest for life, Darwinians welcome visitors with open arms, inviting them to share in the joys of their tropical paradise.

[Click here to discover more about Darwin.](#)

Everynight we'll bring two highlights, commencing page 6, of Darwin's unique environment.

## THE TOP FIVE

Five things that we can do to have a successful and enjoyable time at our convention!



### 1. Embrace the Dance Floor:

Get ready to unleash your inner dancer and light up the dance floor! Practice those moves, groove to the rhythm, and let the music guide your steps. The stage is set for an electrifying dance experience!

### 2. Fuel Your Passion:

Keep your spirits high and your energy soaring by staying hydrated and nourished throughout the convention. Treat yourself to refreshing drinks and delicious snacks that fuel your passion for dancing and keep you moving with gusto!

### 3. Connect and Shine:

Step into the spotlight of friendship and camaraderie! Engage with fellow dancers, share stories, and forge new connections that sparkle with excitement. Together, we'll create a vibrant tapestry of dance and friendship that lights up the convention hall!

### 4. Embrace the Learning Journey

Open your heart and mind to the endless possibilities of learning and growth. Dive into workshops, soak up knowledge from seasoned instructors, and let each step forward ignite your passion for continuous improvement. Every moment is a chance to elevate your dancing to new heights!

### 5. Let Joy Lead the Way

Dance like nobody's watching and let the joy of movement fill your soul! Celebrate every twirl, spin, and promenade with unbridled enthusiasm and infectious positivity. Together, we'll create an atmosphere of pure joy and exhilaration that radiates throughout the convention!

With dreams igniting our hearts, rhythm pulsating through our feet, and a collective love for square dancing, let's transform this convention into an unforgettable celebration of dance, friendship, and the power to Dream Once More! Together, let's weave our dreams into the fabric of every step, creating moments that resonate with joy, camaraderie, and the endless possibilities that dance brings.

## YOU'RE INVITED – FREE WORKSHOP

Join us for an engaging session at our complimentary one-hour workshop titled "*Promoting Square Dancing in Australia.*" We'll explore a plethora of strategies and resources clubs can harness to amplify the promotion of square dancing nationwide.



In addition to traditional methods, we'll delve into the cutting-edge realm of AI integration, innovative poster and video designs, and a spectrum of software options - both paid and free - that can turbocharge a club's promotional efforts for square dancing.



Attendees will also be given an insight into a six-week marketing blueprint designed to attract new dancers to the dance floor. You won't want to miss out on this opportunity to help revolutionize your square dancing promotion efforts!

Join us for this engaging event on Wednesday, May 22nd, starting at 9:30 am at Marrara Stadium. **Click on the adjacent image for more information.**





Experience the magic of a renowned Darwin sunset aboard a luxurious yacht, a meticulously restored pearling lugger, or a cozy 2-story vessel as you cruise the stunning Darwin Harbour. Indulge in a plethora of tour options, from lavish three-course dinners and sumptuous seafood buffets to tantalizing canapés and sparkling wine. Or opt for the classic delight of fresh fish and chips. With the gentle caress of a warm breeze and the breathtaking spectacle of a tropical sunset painting the horizon, this is an unforgettable Darwin adventure not to be missed.

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## No. 2 Jumping Crocodiles

### Get up close to a jumping crocodile

Embark on an exhilarating adventure just an hour from Darwin along the scenic Arnhem Highway to discover a top attraction: a thrilling jumping crocodile cruise on the Adelaide River. Witness saltwater crocodiles soar before your eyes from the safety of your boat. Immerse yourself in the area's wonders with captivating bird and wildlife displays at the complimentary Window on the Wetlands Centre. Then, explore Aboriginal culture with a dynamic 2-hour Pudukul Cultural tour. Engage in hands-on experiences like basket weaving, dilly bag making, and learn to play the mesmerizing didgeridoo.

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## 64th ANSDC APP

The 64th ANSDC is available for android version 8 and later, and for iOS version 10 and later. Android 8 was released in late 2017, and iOS 10 was released in late 2016.

This app will serve as your ultimate companion throughout the convention, providing you with seamless access to program, callers/cuers, and all the latest updates via the menu at the top right-hand corner of the app (three parallel lines). Simply search for "**64th ANSDC**" on the Apple App Store or Google Play Store to download it today!

We would like to acknowledge and thank Carl Mullan for developing the app for our committee.

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Developed by Carl Mullan

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64th ANSDC

**DARWIN 2024**

**DREAM ONCE MORE**

20th to 24th May 2024

Venues

318 dancers registered

27 callers

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## CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

### NOTICE OF FILMING AND PHOTOGRAPHY

#### Photographers/news media will be present at the 64th Australian National Square Dance Convention

By participating and being present during the 64th Australian National Square Dance Convention, you give the Darwin 2024 Committee the right to use photographs or video/audio recordings taken during the event for social media, promotional purposes and historical records, including web sites etc.



Please consult the Registrar should you have needs for identity or location anonymity. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

#### Footwear:

Clean, low-heeled, or flat-heeled shoes or jiffies of a type that will not mark or damage the floor shall be worn.

Spike or small type heels are banned (heels must be a minimum 25 mm long in all dimensions in contact with the floor surface).

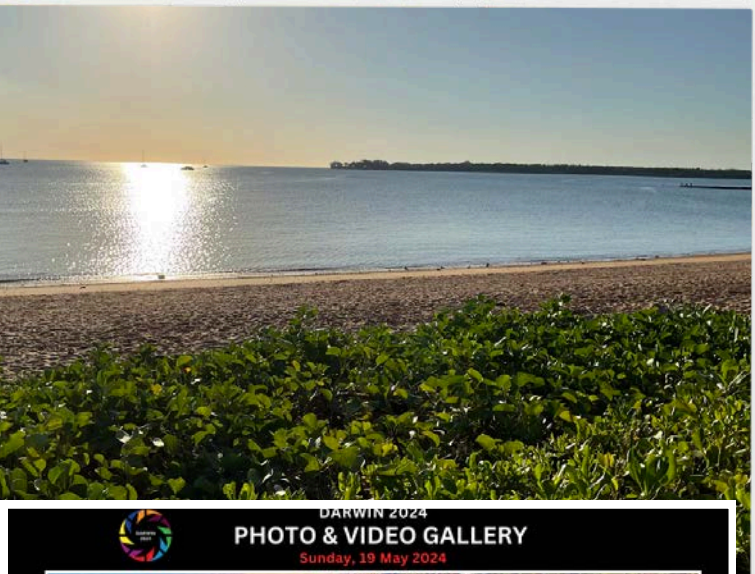
#### Convention Dress Code:

All dancers agree to comply with the conditions of the Australian National Conventions Dress Code as listed in the [Australian National Conventions Board Conventions Operations Manual](#)



# TODAY'S SNAPSHOTS - SUNSET WELCOME FUNCTION

Marilyn extended a warm welcome to everyone who attended the Sunset Welcome Function hosted at the Darwin Trailer Boat Club. She noted that their attendance truly enhanced the warmth and camaraderie of the gathering, setting the perfect tone for what promises to be an exciting and happy convention. Below are some of those special moments.



DARWIN 2024  
**PHOTO & VIDEO GALLERY**  
Sunday, 19 May 2024

Darwin Trailer Boat Club

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COMPLIMENTARY SUNSET FUNCTION DREAM ONCE MORE COMPLIMENTARY SUNSET FUNCTION







# MONDAY, 20 MAY PROGRAM CONTINUED

MC - Howard Cockburn

8. LADIES CHOICE  
Mike Davey (H)

ROUND UP  
Mike Davey

ROUNDS

Helen Hodalj

Rock the Boat  
Numero Cinco

CH III  
TS II

9. ANOTHER CLUB  
Nev McLachlan (H)

ROUND UP  
Kurt Rosenkranz

10. ANOTHER STATE  
Howard Cockburn (H)

ROUND UP  
Howard Cockburn

MC - Kevin Kelly

11. GENTS CHOICE  
Janice Alexander (H)

ROUND UP  
Janice Alexander

12. SQUARE UP  
Matthew Mills

Kevin Kelly



*“People who dream when they sleep at night know of a special kind of happiness which the world of the day holds not, a placid ecstasy, and ease of heart, that are like honey on the tongue.”*

*Isak Dinesen*

*See You Tomorrow!*

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