

KIWANIS 49TH AUSTRALIA DISTRICT CONVENTION



THURSDAY 24th – SUNDAY 27th AUGUST 2017

Hilton Doubletree Hotel – 116 The Esplanade, DARWIN NT 0800

Celebrating 50 Years of Kiwanis in Australia

We encourage Australian and International Kiwanians to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Kiwanis in Australia with us here in Darwin, Northern Territory. This is the third time that Darwin has hosted the national convention and we hope that spending '50 hours for 50 years' up North will help to make this the best convention yet.

Darwin is Australia's perfect Winter escape destination, with temperatures in August averaging 30C, lower humidity and blue skies. We expect that many people who attend the convention will also be treating this as a holiday and we encourage you to extend your stay, to work on your tan, tour the Territory or even take a quick trip to Bali and beyond. Further ideas regarding tours and travel suggestions will be available in the coming weeks. Meanwhile contact us here in Darwin if you have any further questions.

Convention Highlights

Besides the warm weather, clear skies and fresh air, we are hoping that the convention itself will have something for everyone. The reception to be held at Parliament House followed by a wander through the iconic Mindil Markets is a great way to open proceedings and know that you are 'In the Territory'.

We expect to have speakers covering a range of topics including health and Indigenous affairs, as well as all of our usual entertaining Executive members providing Kiwanis updates. The location of the Convention is quite central to the city, allowing people to walk to restaurants and shops, or just across the Esplanade to watch the activity in Darwin harbour.

As befits a 50th Anniversary, our (Territory) formal dinner with the theme of 'Gold' will be something a little special this year. We hope that everyone can attend to ensure it goes down as a night to remember.

Convention Timetable (Provisional)

Thursday 24 August		
From 12:00 pm	Registration Desk open	Hilton Doubletree, Esplanade
5:00 pm – 6:30 pm	Parliament House Reception & drinks	Esplanade
6:30 pm – 9:00 pm	Mindil Markets – Transport provided	Esplanade to Gilruth Avenue

Friday 25 August		
From 8:00 am	Registration Desk open	Hilton Doubletree, Esplanade
9:30 am	Kiwanis Business Session 1	Hilton Doubletree, Esplanade
11:00 – 11:30 pm	Moming Tea	Hilton Doubletree, Esplanade
	Kiwanis Business Session 2	Hilton Doubletree, Esplanade
1:00 – 2:00 pm	Lunch	Hilton Doubletree, Esplanade
	Kiwanis Business Session 3	Hilton Doubletree, Esplanade
4:00 – 6:00 pm	Crocosaurus Cove tour and drinks	Mitchell Street
6pm onwards	Free night	TBA

Saturday 26 August		
9:00 am	Kiwanis Business Session 4	Hilton Doubletree, Esplanade
11:00 – 11:30 pm	Moming Tea	Hilton Doubletree, Esplanade
	Kiwanis Business Session 5	Hilton Doubletree, Esplanade
1:00 – 2:00 pm	Lunch	Hilton Doubletree, Esplanade
	Kiwanis Business Session 6	Hilton Doubletree, Esplanade
4:00 – 6:00 pm	Free time	
6:00 pm onwards	'GOLD' 50 th Anniversary Dinner Transport Provided	Esplanade to Dinner

Sunday 27 August		
TBA	Moming Memorial Service	Hilton Doubletree, Esplanade
TBA	Bacon & Egg BBQ breakfast	Hilton Doubletree, Esplanade

Flights and Accommodation

Qantas, Jetstar and Virgin fly to Darwin once per day from all mainland capital cities. Flights generally arrive in the very early hours (24 hour airport) or around lunchtime. Travel from the airport to the city is ~20 mins and ~\$30 by taxi. Driving and navigating around Darwin is not difficult if you would like to hire a car instead.

Accommodation is available at the Convention venue (Hilton Doubletree), as well as a number of other hotels within easy walking distance. We are finalising a special event rate for the Hilton and will provide further information very soon.