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Darwin's long timers invited to share their stories

Long Time Territorians, and anyone with an interest local history, are invited to an afternoon tea at the George Brown Darwin Botanic Gardens at 2pm this coming Sunday 7 October.

George Brown Darwin Botanic Gardens Curator Dave Griffiths said it was being held in the historic Wesleyan Church to celebrate the significance of the Gardens as a 'gathering place' for generations of Darwin people.

Special guest will be Peter Talbot who worked at the Gardens after the war, under famed Curator Jack Agostini.

"Peter will talk about his experiences in pre and post war Darwin and we'll be encouraging other long timers to share their stories about the Gardens", Mr Griffiths said.

"The Gardens hold a special place in the hearts of so many Darwin families and were keen to hear and record people's memories.

"Getting people into the Gardens was a key aim of George Brown, the Gardens longest serving curator, and we want to ensure it will always be a place for the people."

The Long Timers annual afternoon tea is in its second year and is an important part of the Gardens program to engage with the community.

The event is free but Darwin residents who would like to attend are asked to ring Helen Orr or Dave Griffiths at the Gardens on 8981 1958.

Ends

Media Note – For more information contact Dave Griffiths on 0401 115 712

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