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One Fabulous Night Only: Entertaining the Territory

Darwin born and bred oral historian and community historian Diana Giese will be entertaining the Territory for *One Fabulous Night Only* at the Northern Territory Library tonight, Tuesday 9 December 2008.

Northern Territory Library Director Jo McGill said all locals and visitors are encouraged to come along to the Library to hear how Top Enders came together for leisure and pleasure from the early 1950's right through the 1960's and 1970's.

"Tonight's event will feature Diana Giese talking about how post-war Territorians pioneered today's thriving arts, leisure and entertainment scene," Ms McGill said.

"As Darwin re-built itself after World War II the leisure landscape was transformed through the emergence of the Arts Council of the Northern Territory, the Australia Council, the North Australian Eisteddfod Council, the Darwin Performing Arts Centre and the Museums and Art Galleries of the Northern Territory.

"Diana's presentation is based on her latest historical work *A better place to live* which is an overview of building community and culture in the Top End from the 1950's to self-government in 1978.

"*A Better Place to Live* resulted from a 2007 Northern Territory History Grant from the Northern Territory Archives Service and is soon to be published as a book."

"*One Fabulous Night Only* draws on part of this work and deals with the contributions of many post-war pioneers, individuals and groups to the development of arts, leisure and entertainment.

"As part of this special event the Northern Territory Library will host a full display of posters, programs, pictures and media coverage from the rich and diverse collections of both the Library and the Northern Territory Archives Service."

To attend tonight's event phone 1800 019 155. For more information about the Northern Territory Library, including a list of upcoming events, go to www.ntl.nt.gov.au.

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