

# 1963

# Queen welcomed on Darwin Show day

## ROYAL WELCOME

Do you remember when the Queen was in town?

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THE first time a reigning monarch visited the Northern Territory, the Queen was presented with a bouquet on Darwin Show day 1963. It had been 12 years since the first official show.

Darwin celebrated its 60th Royal Darwin Show yesterday.

The Northern Territory News published a special royal visit souvenir edition to mark the historic event.

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh arrived in Darwin on March 16 after short stops at Alice Springs, Tennant Creek and Katherine.

Territorians were concerned that the visit would be on a wet and miserable day, but the skies cleared as the royals touched down just after 4.40pm.

The crowd waiting for the Queen was reported as being the biggest ever, with thousands flocking to the airport to see her take her first step on Territory soil.

The NT News reported that the Territory leg of their Australian tour would prove to be the most "interesting" and "entertaining".

The Queen and Duke witnessed some of the toughest riders in Australia fight it out on horseback at the show in Winnellie.

A bouquet, made of Territory orchids, was presented to the Queen on the morning of the show opening, and she accepted it with a royal "We are well pleased."

At the showgrounds, the royal couple met some of the Territory's "real pioneers," including one of the country's more remarkable women, Nellie Flynn, 82, of the Walkabout fame.

Following the show, Smith St was ablaze with colour as hundreds of fairy lights were strung from building to building.

The bouquet handed to the Queen on show day was not the first she received in the Territory. That honour belonged to a little Territory girl, ten-year-old Julie Kelly, from Warrabri, 300km north of Alice Springs, who had twice, to welcome Her Majesty and Prince Phillip to Central Australia.

The royal pair were treated to a luncheon in the desert town where Administrator Roger Nott gave a royal toast, but his attention-grabbing call out was more memorable than the speech.

He yelled in the presence of the Queen: "Shut up," — which turned a few heads in 1963.



A bouquet was presented to the Queen at the opening ceremony of the Royal Darwin Show in 1963

## 1963: OZ TOP 10 SINGLES

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|----|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1  | I Want To Hold Your Hand | The Beatles                    |
| 2  | She Loves You            | The Beatles                    |
| 3  | Tamoure                  | Bill Justis                    |
| 4  | From a Jack to a King    | Ned Miller                     |
| 5  | Pipeline                 | Chantays                       |
| 6  | Hey Paula                | Paul and Paula                 |
| 7  | Sugar Shack              | Jimmy Gilmer and the Fireballs |
| 8  | I Will Follow Him        | Little Peggy March             |
| 9  | Return to Sender         | Elvis Presley                  |
| 10 | Move Baby Move           | Johnny O'Keefe                 |

SOURCE: ariac.com.au



## 1963: WHAT ROCKED THE WORLD

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|------|-------|---|
| Jan  | AUS   | Two people killed in Australia Day shootings in Perth.    |
| Feb  | Libya | An earthquake kills 900 in Libya                          |
| Mar  | UK    | The Beatles release their first album Please Please Me.   |
| Apr  | US    | Soap opera General Hospital debuted on ABC.               |
| May  | US    | Coca-Cola Company introduces first diet drink, TaB cola.  |
| Jun  | USSR  | The first woman in space returns to Earth.                |
| Aug  | US    | Martin Luther King, Jr delivers his I Have A Dream speech |
| Sept | US    | Marvel Comics releases the first-ever X-Men comic book    |
| Nov  | US    | Lee Harvey Oswald is shot dead by Jack Ruby               |
| Dec  | Kenya | Gains independence, Jomo Kenyatta made PM.                |

SOURCE: en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1963