They may not be dancing in the street – but they certainly will be running!

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The Mitchell Street Mile will return for a third consecutive year this year.

The mile (1.6 kilometre) race down the iconic Darwin Street is sure to thrill participants and spectators once again.

Growing year upon year, the race will be held on Sunday 18 September, and will feature races for all ages including the popular Fancy Dress, Masters and Elite Runner categories.

“I am thrilled to announce the return of the Mitchell Street Mile in 2016,” Sport and Recreation Minister Gary Higgins said.

“The action packed afternoon is quickly becoming a premier event on the Territory sports calendar.

“The day has something for people of all ages and abilities - it truly is a race for all Territorians.”

Last year more than 750 runners took to Mitchell St, as thousands of spectators cheered on, numbers that Athletics NT General Manager John Bowden is expecting to rise.

“As Territorians and elite runners from interstate continue to see the success of the Mitchell Street Mile, its popularity grows,” Mr Bowden said.

“Last year we had some of the best middle distance runners from Australia compete, and we are expecting a high amount of interest again.”

Darwin Lord Mayor Katrina Fong Lim said the Mitchell Street Mile is a perfect blend of fun and elite racing.

“It’s great to arrive in the early afternoon and watch the kids running down the street,” she said.

“Then, later in the day, watching athletes like 2015 winners Ryan Gregson and Melissa Duncan complete the course in under 5 minutes is nothing short of amazing.”

Mitchell Street Mile organisers will again work closely with stakeholders, including City of Darwin
and local businesses and residents, to ensure that the event is run safely and smoothly and that a traffic management plan is in place.

The Mitchell Street Mile course begins at the Deck Bar, with participants turning at the Darwin Entertainment Centre to complete the mile back at the start line.

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