GRAEME Connors, regarded as one of Australia's most loved, respected and awarded musical storytellers, returns to Alice Springs next month to celebrate the release of his reissued, remastered and repackaged album, North, 25 Years On.

The album features timeless songs heralding a spirit of place so identifiable to those living in tropical and remote Australia.

Connors’ seminal record achieved Gold Record status soon after release in 1988 and the title track, A Little Further North Each Year, was named 1989 APRA Song of the Year.

Its popularity saw it peak at No.3 on the Australian National Top 40 Chart and remain there for 36 weeks, earning it entry into the No. 1 Chart Hits of All Time list.

More recently, it was accorded the peer-voted third-place on the Best Australian Country Album of All Time list.

The show, North, 25 Years On, brings the entire album to the stage in the first set, with Connors and his superb band performing Territory favourites Cyclone Season, Mango Shade and Let The Canefields Burn, along with a surprise bonus track, Our True Native Son, recorded during the original sessions and only now seeing the light of day.

The set list for the second half of the show, The No.1 Chart Hits, is a career-defining feast of certified hits and highlights spanning four decades and 17 albums. Accolades for Connors’ songwriting and performance include multiple ARIA, APRA, Golden Guitar, PPCA and Mo awards.

In 2009, he was honoured by his home state of Queensland and joined Geoffrey Rush, Judith Wright and the Bee Gees as a Queensland Influential Artist on the QSO List.

Connors was born in the North Queensland city of Mackay.

Graeme Connors’ show, North, 25 Years On hits the Araluen Arts Centre on October 31.

Tickets, araluenartscentre.nt.gov.au

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DJs Brooke and Ellie Kelsart, The Twins, are aglow and ready to go on Saturday night.

Picture: GLENN HAMPSON

Punters get dose of double vision

AFTER exploding into living rooms around the country in 2010 starring in cult television show Beauty and the Geek, The Twins are making a run on the live scene.

Party girls Brooke and Ellie have been spinning decks as DJs for the past couple of years, adding to a booming scene with their signature bass-heavy, main-room party sound.

The pair are now in full swing, with a song they feature in, Body by Israel Cruz, hitting the Top 20 charts.

They’re now in the studio honing their upcoming album, The Twins – Coming Home.

Abeir her busy schedule they’re hitting Alice Springs this Saturday night.

The Twins, September 12, from 9pm, Gap View Hotel.

Tickets online at oztix.com.au, or at the door. Over 18s event only.

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Local author launches second travel book

TRAVELS WITHOUT is the second book by local artist and author Julie Vincent, who will host a launch event at Alice Springs Public Library on September 17 at 5pm.

Capturing travel experiences through art and poetry, Ms Vincent takes her readers through many European cities such as Prague and Amsterdam, and hops over the Atlantic to New York, New Orleans and Los Angeles.

She launched her first book, Travels Within, this year.

Ms Vincent said it was inspired by “a time of great personal difficulty” while she was completing a PhD and escaping domestic violence.

“It documents the journey through a dark night. I wanted to share that journey because I felt like there was no tomorrow, but found that there were treasures within that dark night,” she said.