

Media Release:

Local talent proud to support Australia Day Ball

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Darwin Contemporary Soul, Jazz and Blues band, Jigsaw Collective will lead the celebrations at this year's "home grown" Australia Day Black Tie Ball.

With this year being the first time the Territory's Australian of the Year Award recipients have been able to attend the Ball, Australia Day Council NT Executive Director Kiya Gill said that this was a great opportunity to highlight Territory talent and inspiration and has included an all Territory line-up for the gala event.

"We will not only have our Award recipients present, but will be able to feature the highly regarded local talent of Jigsaw Collective as our entertainers and ABC Radio Darwin presenter Richard Margetson as our Master of Ceremonies."

"Australia Day is all about celebrating what's great about being Australian, we have pushed it a little further and want to celebrate all the great things Territorians can do."

This year's NT Australian of the Year Award recipients, Andrea Mason, Bridie Duggan and Tejinder Pal Singh will all be available at the Ball to meet with guests and lead a discussion on what it means to be Australian.

Jigsaw Collective front man Jack Tinapple said that the band was thrilled to have been invited to perform at the 2017 Australia Day Ball.

"As a band that predominantly writes and performs our own contemporary blues, rock and swing jazz, we have elected to learn a number of classic Aussie hits especially for this.

"We'll share the stage with Indigenous women's leader and NT Australian of the Year, Andrea Mason, and are looking forward to her Q&A session.

"Jigsaw Collective plan to hand the attendees of the 22nd Australia Day Ball the proverbial Vegemite sandwich. This event makes us proud to be Territorians, Eagles Rockers and Aussies," he said.

"This will be a night to remember," said Ms Gill.

"It is such a privilege to work with our Award recipients and it is an honour to be able to wish them every success as they go on to the national award ceremony," she said.

Profits raised at the event support Australia Day activities in communities across the Territory, to ensure that the spirit of Australia Day is enjoyed by all Territorians.

For further information on the 2017 Australia Day Black Tie Ball contact the Australia Day Council NT office on 8989 5292.

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