

A special invitation...



. . . to the ANGFA 2007 Darwin Convention

to be held in Darwin, Australia, on the weekend of **June 8th-10th 2007** at **The Crowne Plaza Hotel Ballroom**, 32 Mitchell Street, Darwin, Northern Territory, 0801.

The 2007 ANGFA Darwin Convention is to be proudly hosted by the ANGFA NT Planning Team.



This weekend promises to be a real beauty! The 2007 Darwin Convention features information-packed presentations from world renowned experts from across Europe, USA and Australia on varied aspects of our aquatic environment. Come along and meet ANGFA identities in person.

The theme for the weekend will be “*Conservation through sustainable use of natural resources*”. Some of the expected speakers include Helen Larson, Dave Wilson, David Lawson, Brad Pusey, Mark Kennard, Heiko Bleher, Gunther Schmida, Garry Lang and Walter Ivantsoff to mention some ... come and hear the experts give their informative presentations, you’ll find them fascinating as well as entertaining. The final Sunday wrap-up of the Convention will be a special **TWPark Party** to be held at the fabulous Territory Wildlife Park.

Trade Tables will operate over the weekend but fish and plants **will not** be available (NT laws prohibit import/sale of aquatic life without approved licenses) but will contain many other aquatic items where members/visitors can view and purchase at a more leisurely pace. Morning Teas, Lunches and Afternoon Teas will be supplied and are included in the Convention fee. We encourage networking and members/visitors will have ample opportunity to talk, discuss, renew old acquaintances and maybe make new friends during the weekend. A special leisurely Saturday Night Convention Dinner has been organised. Come along – wine, dine, enjoy the evening with old or new found friends! For partners who do not wish to attend the Convention Fish Widows Tours have been organised (see below). With prizes, special efforts, tee shirts and other goodies, it all adds to the attraction of being at the ANGFA 2007 Darwin Convention. **Cost: \$130 members, \$150 non-members.** Attendees who are not already members of ANGFA will receive a complimentary subscription to *Fishes of Sahul* for the remainder of the year.

About Darwin:

Darwin is the gateway to the “top end”. It is considered the most laid-back of all Australian cities. In June the climate should be “just right”. Whichever direction you care to travel there is much to be discovered. Darwin is blessed with an abundance of natural wonders and environments – it ebbs and flows with the seasons, a land of contrast and colour. An inspiring land of iconic wonders, World Heritage National Parks, unspoiled wetlands, flora and fauna as diverse as desert blooms and lotus lilies; the fearsome saltwater crocodiles, the home of the elegant dancing bird – the Brolga. From Darwin you can visit the Outback, Arnhem Land, the world-famous Kakadu

National Park, the beautiful Katherine River Gorges, and of course, the Yellow Water lagoon. Darwin has the lot; and most importantly, is the home of Australian Rainbows and Blue-eyes. We recommend to all visitors to Darwin to make sure that a trip to the **Territory Wildlife Park** is included on the itinerary.

About the venue:

The Crowne Plaza Hotel is regarded as Darwin's finest 5 star hotel complex. It has all the usual facilities: first-class restaurant, gymnasium and a swimming pool. All rooms have first-class facilities. It is fairly close to the airport to make life easier for interstate and international guests. ANGFA has been able to negotiate a "very special" price for guests staying on the Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights. **Accommodation in Darwin in June is very scarce.** Intending visitors **must** book early to secure their accommodation or be faced with trying to obtain alternative accommodation during the main tourist season. The cost of the rooms is \$AUD120 per night (per couple) which includes a complimentary breakfast. Intending visitors are requested to make their own accommodation bookings and will need to visit the ANGFA website for further information on how to go about securing the "Special" ANGFA rates.

Saturday Night Annual ANGFA Dinner:

The ANGFA Annual Dinner is to take place at **Ten Litchfield Restaurant** (formerly Tim's Surf and Turf) which is situated several streets away from the Convention Centre. **Ten Lichfield** delivers a real taste of the Territory that blends a casual yet stylish venue with good value meals that reflect Darwin's passion for local seafood. Wine, Dine and have a very enjoyable evening. Meals can be ordered from a menu. A chance to unwind, relax and discuss the day's events with old and new friends.

Fish Widows Tours (Saturday and Sunday):

What's behind a good ANGFA member – a fish widow(er!) of course! And we cannot let the weekend go by without looking after them. To keep in with the tradition of the relaxed Territory life style we have a tour that will not run you ragged. The days will be short so you can still enjoy the pleasure of your surrounds in the Crowne Plaza and perhaps do a little shopping in Darwin city. The tours possibly include Parap Village Markets, where you can eat exotic foods, see the arts, crafts and clothing. Visit the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory where you can experience the Cyclone Tracy exhibit and see the Top End's most famous croc! Get your fingers nibbled at the Fish Feeding and visit the Didgeridoo Hut where aboriginal people own and run their own business selling quality art and crafts.

Please Note: As these tours have not yet been finalised and final numbers are not known the above could be changed. There is a possibility that a bus may have to be booked which may incur a charge. Some of the above attractions may require an entrance charge or donation to enter. Details will be finalised on the Convention weekend.

ANGFA CONVENTION 2007 DARWIN REGISTRATION FORM

Your Personal Details:

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| Name: | (as you would like it to appear on your personal name tag) | |
| Address: (Street Address) | | |
| Suburb/City: | State: | Postcode: |
| Country: | Phone: () | Fax: () |
| Email address: | | |
| Any Comments/Queries: | | |

Member discount (if applicable):

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| I am a current member of at least one of the following and am able to claim my ANGFA member discount to the Convention. I am able to provide proof of membership if required. (please tick one of the boxes if applicable). Attendees will also be able to register and pay on either day of the Convention. | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ANGFA – NT | <input type="checkbox"/> ANGFA – Qld. | <input type="checkbox"/> ANGFA – Fishes of Sahul (National) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ANGFA – WA | <input type="checkbox"/> ANGFA – ACT | <input type="checkbox"/> SANFA – South Australia |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ANGFA – Vic. | <input type="checkbox"/> ANGFA – NSW | |

Enclosed is my Registration Fee (Australian Currency) (please tick one):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$150 AUD non-member | <input type="checkbox"/> \$130 AUD member |
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I am making my payment by (please tick one):

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| Card Holder Name: (Name on Credit Card) | | | | |
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| Detach and send this Registration Form together with payment to: The Treasurer: ANGFA Inc., PO Box 673, Ringwood, Victoria. 3134, Australia |
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