



Media Release

# Darwin City Council

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## Goyder Day -140 years On

Thursday February 5th 2009 marks the 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the landing of Surveyor-General G.W. Goyder in Darwin in 1869. To mark this important anniversary, the National Trust has organised a re-enactment of the landing which will be held near the Deckchair Cinema, Jervois Rd, Off Kitchener Drive.

Lord Mayor Graeme Sawyer said this was an important milestone in the development of Darwin.

“Goyder’s survey laid the foundation for the shape and form of the city we call Darwin today. His influence is still very evident. I think Goyder would be amazed to see the shape that Darwin has taken some 140 years later”.

The Lord Mayor of Darwin and the Lord Mayor of Adelaide will share messages via Morse Code with the assistance of the South Australian and Northern Territory Morsecodeian’s Fraternity.

Mr Sawyer said The Darwin City Council congratulates the National Trust for organising this important and historical event and he hopes that the community joins in and attends the re-enactment of this historic event.

“Darwin’s history is rich and diverse and we should celebrate as many aspects of it as we can. Marking the arrival of G.W. Goyder is certainly one of those important days,” he said.

The event will commence at 2.30pm, with the re-enactment due to occur at 3pm.

Hands-on Activities, Displays, Handouts & Light Refreshments will be available.

**What:** Goyder Day (140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Goyder’s landing)  
**When:** Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February, 230pm to 5pm  
**Where:** Jervois Rd, Off Kitchener Drive  
**Who:** Lord Mayor Graeme Sawyer and Goyder Re-enactment Party.