



OUR ALBERT HALL

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GRAND ALBERT HALL CELEBRATIONS *MEMORIES ARE MADE OF THIS*

The National Trust of Australia (ACT), Friends of Albert Hall and many other organisations are working together to make the 80th Birthday of Albert Hall - on 10 March 2008 - a celebration to remember.

'The response from government, business and community groups has been extraordinary' planning coordinator Di Johnstone said today. 'Clearly Albert Hall is very dear to Canberra's heart.'

'Thanks to the ABC who will broadcast onsite, we are making sure everyone can share this marvellous milestone in the civic and cultural life of our city.'

The organisers have arranged a program of fascinating events to provide glimpses of just how significant Albert Hall to our nation's capital – and the stories its walls are waiting to tell.

With the ABC keen to interview people with memories of the hall's great history and the National Trust's oral historian on hand, the organisers are keen to hear from people with stories to tell of '**Our Albert Hall**'. Contact can be made through info@ouralberthall.com or on 0427975500

With a collectors' panel of an art dealer and an antique expert on hand for appraisals, and historians to assess historical material, people are also invited to bring along mementoes and objects of significance to the history of the Hall and the city.

And one secret is out – it is the chefs at Ginger Catering who are designing the spectacular birthday cake for ACT Chief Minister Mr Jon Stanhope MLA to cut on the day. 'We are expecting hundreds of people, but plan on a piece for every guest', Di Johnstone said, 'and with the CWA providing both breakfast and morning tea, and food stalls available, everyone will be able to enjoy the day's entertainments – and be ready to dance the evening away!'

As well as the elegant Hall itself being on exhibition, there will be displays by the Horticultural Society, the Canberra and District Historical Society and the Embroiderers' Guild ACT.

And there will be an afternoon concert with a marching band and other musical treats from Canberra Philharmonic Society, Canberra Youth Music and the RMC All Stars Big Band.

Later in the day Federal Minister for Immigration and Citizenship, Senator the Hon Chris Evans, will preside over an historic citizenship ceremony, celebrating the annual events in Albert Hall after Australian citizenship was created in 1949. We are especially keen to hear the stories of people who gained their citizenship in Albert Hall in these ceremonies.

That night the Hall will be aglow for the 'Evening of Dance', hosted by the Monaro Folk Society.

A Canberra event not to miss!

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