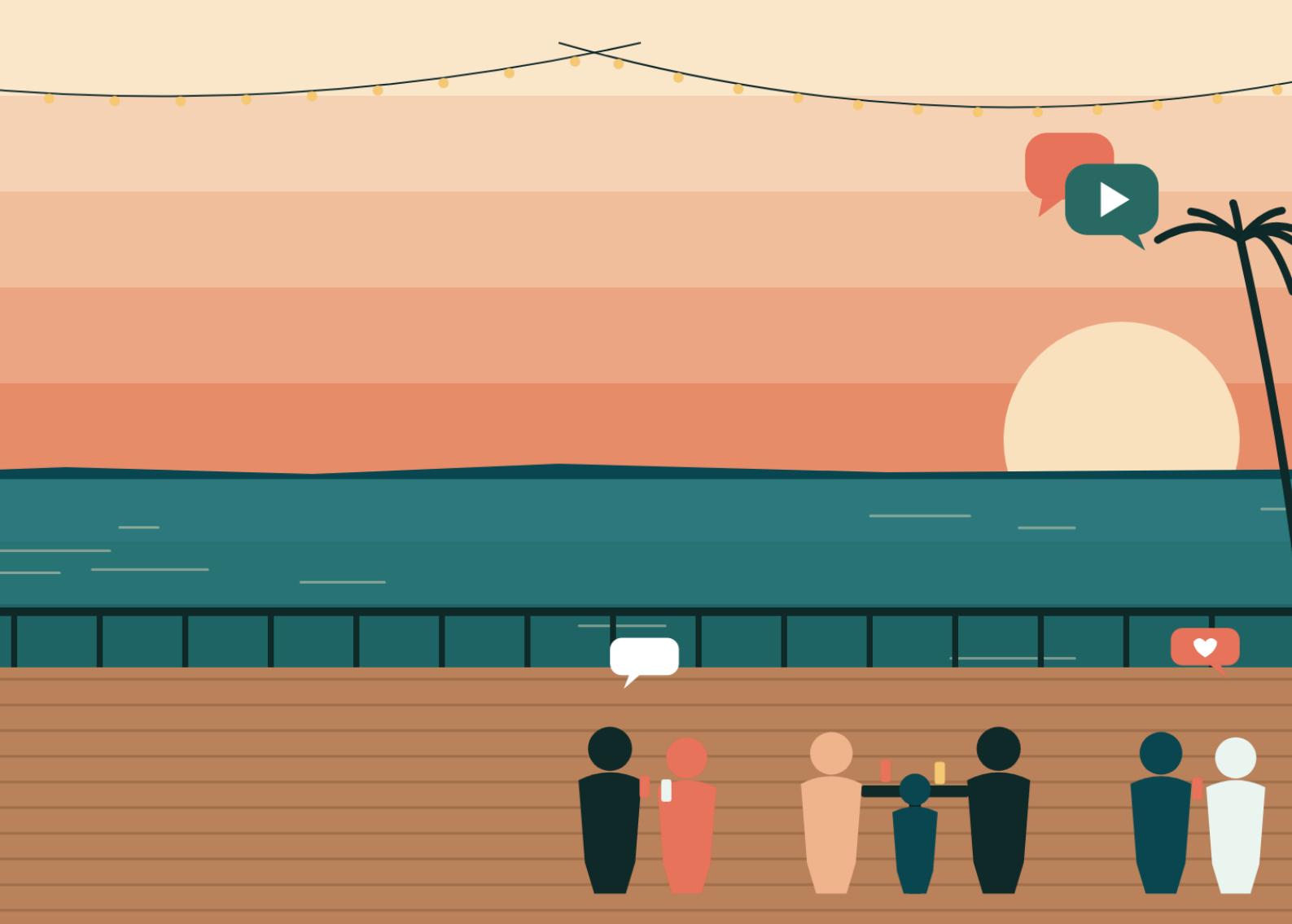




A FREE GUIDE FROM IRL SOCIAL CONNECT

Your first night IRL

What actually happens, what to say when your mind goes blank, and how to turn a good four minutes into a great first date.

Meeting someone in person is less scary than it looks from your couch.

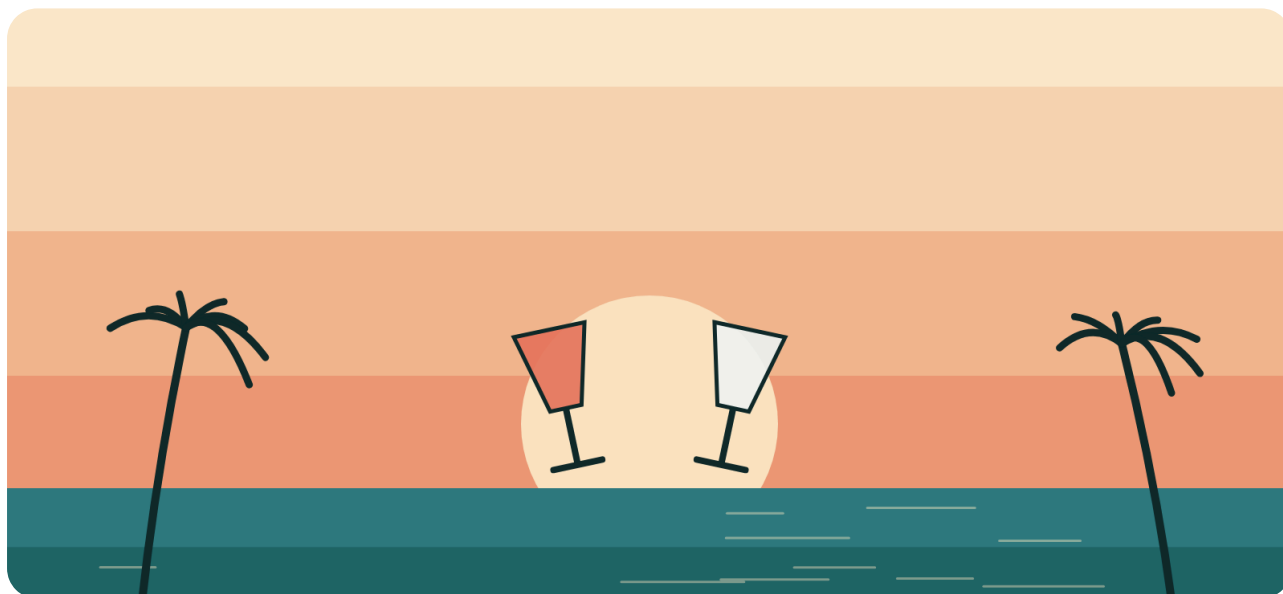
Darwin's a small town with big hearts, and it can be surprisingly hard to meet someone new. Especially someone who isn't already your mate's ex.

That's why IRL Social Connect exists. We put good people in the same room, keep it relaxed and friendly, and let chemistry do what it does. No endless swiping. No chatting for weeks with someone who turns out to be nothing like their photos.

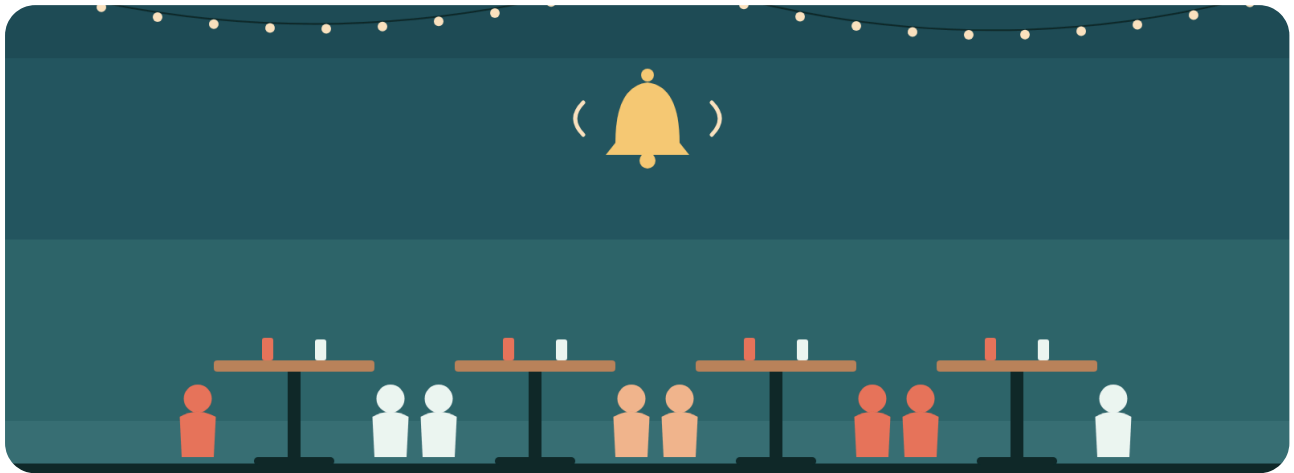
This is the guide I'd hand a friend before their first night. What happens, what to say, how to stay safe, and what to do afterwards. It takes about ten minutes to read.

Then come and say hi.

Casey



A typical speed dating night



Arrive

Grab a drink, say hello

Your host welcomes you and introduces you to a few people, so you're not standing in the corner pretending to check your phone.

Warm up

A quick icebreaker

Something short and a bit silly. Everyone's in the same boat, and it takes the edge off fast.

4 min

The dates

Four minutes each, then the bell rings and you move on. Long enough to get a feel for someone. Short enough that the awkward ones are over before they start.

Break

Top up and mingle

Chat to whoever you like. Some of the best conversations happen here.

After

Private choices

Afterwards you tick who you'd like to see again, privately. You only hear about it if they ticked you too. Nobody ever sees a "no".

Nervous? Good. So is everyone else.

The people who look relaxed have usually just done it before. A few things that genuinely help:

- **Get there ten minutes early.** Walking into a room that's filling up is much easier than walking into a full one.
- **Eat something first.** Hangry isn't a good look on anyone.
- **One drink, not three.** Enough to relax. Not enough to forget anyone's name.
- **Have a story ready.** Something from this week, a strange job you once had, the croc you swear you saw at Casuarina. It gets you through a quiet moment.
- **Ask, then actually listen.** The best talkers in the room are usually the ones asking good questions.
- **Smile when you sit down.** Sounds basic. Works every time.
- **Remember they're nervous too.** Make the four minutes easy for both of you and you'll be remembered for it.

Wear what makes you feel like you. Darwin is hot. Nobody expects a suit. Clean, comfortable and a bit of effort is perfect.

Better questions than "So, what do you do?"

Work comes up eventually. Start somewhere more fun.

1 Wet season or dry season person? Defend your answer.

2 Best laksa in Darwin. Go.

3 Mindil or Parap markets?

4 What's something you're weirdly good at?

5 Best thing you've done in the Territory?

6 Free Saturday, no responsibilities. What's the plan?

7 What made you come tonight?

8 What's a small thing that makes your week better?

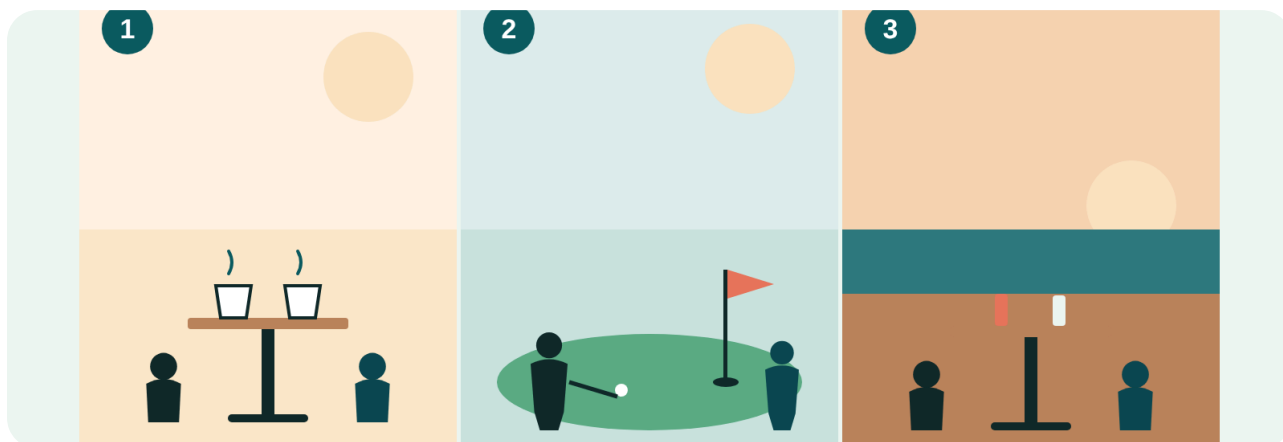
9 What are you looking forward to this month?

10 Most-used app on your phone that isn't social media?

Mind gone blank? Just say so. "Sorry, my brain has completely left the building" gets a laugh far more often than not. Then ask them something.

Skip for now: exes, dating app horror stories, politics and anything you'd tell a GP. Save it for later. Much later.

Your first three dates



Date one: keep it light

Coffee, a sunset walk or a casual drink. Get a feel for each other. No life stories yet, and leave your phone in your bag.

Date two: do something

A market, trivia, a game of pool. Doing something together takes the pressure off talking, and you see how someone handles a bit of fun.

Date three: get a bit more real

Talk about what you want from life. Be honest about how you're feeling, even if the honest answer is "I'm not sure yet".

Easy Darwin date ideas

Sunset at East Point

Mindil Beach Sunset Market (in the Dry)

Deckchair Cinema (in the Dry)

Saturday morning at Parap

Nightcliff foreshore walk

Waterfront lagoon swim

Laksa and a walk

Not feeling it? That's fine. A kind "I enjoyed meeting you, but I don't think we're a match" is better than going quiet.

You're in control the whole way

✓ **A named safety person at every event**

If anything feels off, tell them or use the discreet help button in the app.

✓ **Your choices stay private**

People only find out if it's mutual.

✓ **Video intros are members only**

They're never posted publicly, and you can delete yours any time.

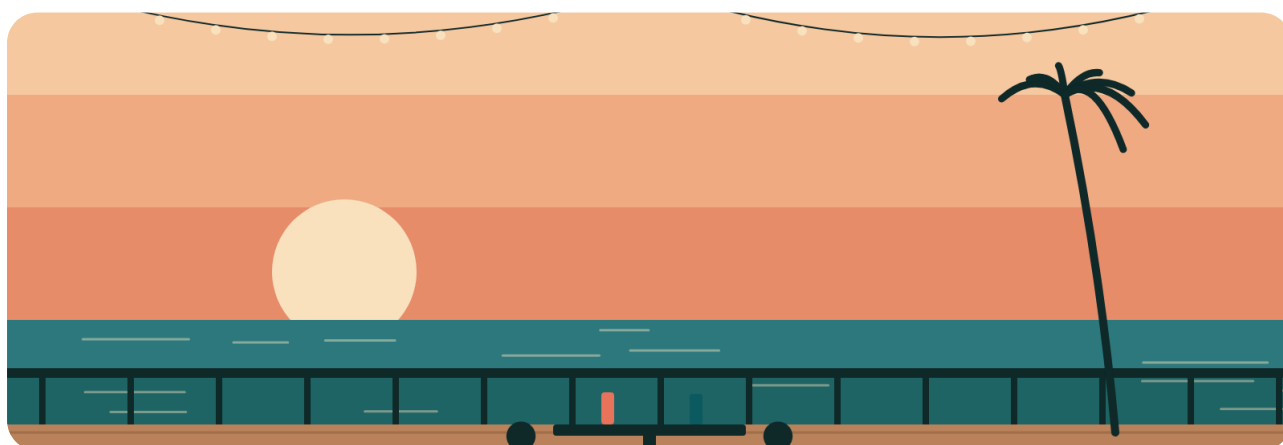
✓ **Report or block anyone**

Any time, no explanation needed.

✓ **First dates: keep it public**

Meet somewhere busy, get yourself there and home, and let a friend know where you'll be.

In an emergency, call 000. The in-app help is for a quiet word on the night. It isn't an emergency service.



YOUR NEXT STEP

Say hi before you even walk in

Add a short video intro so people can see your smile and hear your voice before the night. Five to ninety seconds. No script, no filters, no pressure.

Create a free account

Takes a couple of minutes

Video Ready

Free course: feel natural on camera

Speed Dating Ready

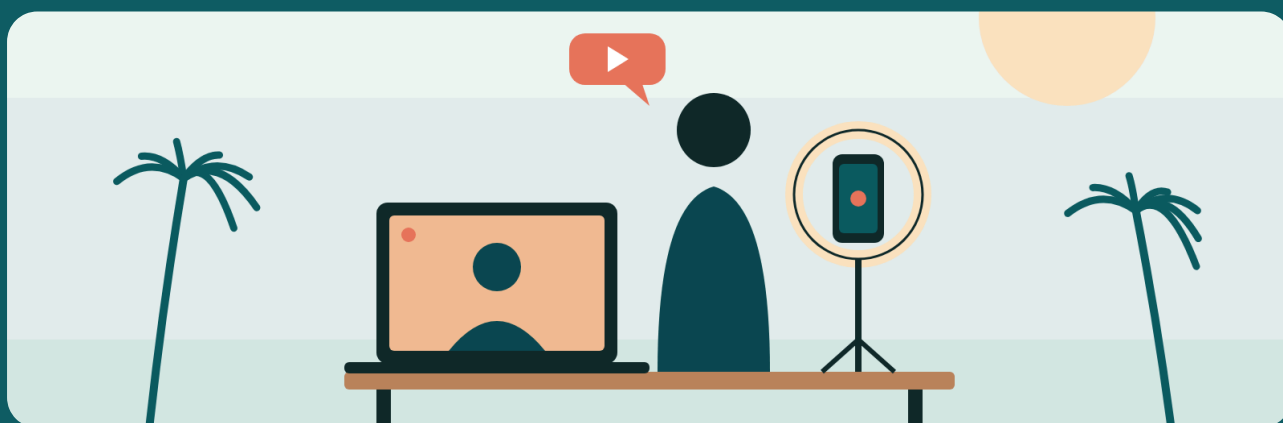
Free course: know what to expect and enjoy it

Three Great Dates

Free course: plan dates you'll both enjoy

Upcoming events in Darwin

Singles nights and social events



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