



Palmerston Youth Festival 2022

PROGRAM

05:00 - 09:00pm Sunday 10 July Suburban Sounds

03:00 - 07:00pm Monday 11 July Late Skates

02:00 - 10:00pm Tuesday 12 July Art Jam

01:00 - 09:00pm Wednesday 13 July SportsFest

10:00 - 07:30pm Thursday **14 July** Youth Culture Connect

12:00 - 07:00pm Friday 15 July Geekfest Top End - Day 1

05:00 - 10:00pm Saturday **16 July** Geekfest Top End - Day 2

HIGHLIGHTS

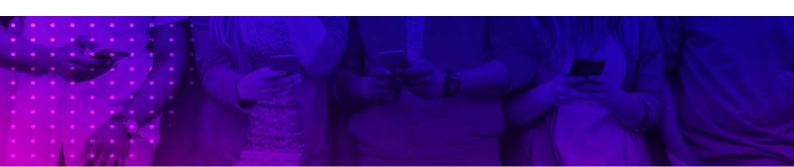
Returning in the 2022 July school holidays, the Palmerston Youth Festival is set to be the biggest event on Palmerston's calendar.

To mark the official opening of the festival will be a free, all ages music concert, Suburban Sounds. Wrapping up the week of fun will be not one, but TWO days of the Territory's biggest geek culture celebration with Geekfest Top End. Cost: FREE

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LOCATION: Palmerston CBD

SCHEDULE

The Arena

05:15pmOpening Ceremony**05:25pm**Cosplay Competition**06:30pm**Panel - Cosplay Life

07:00pm Panel - Women in Tech

07:30pm Panel - Geek Culture Collective

08:00pm Opens Esports Competition



Goyder Square

05:15pm Chess Tournament

05:30pm Display - Come and Try Historical Sword Fighting

06:00pm Flicnics - Pokémon Detective Pikachu (PG)

06:30pm Display - Fighting Demonstration

08:00pm Flicnics - Ghostbusters (PG)

08:00pm Display - Nighttime Knight Fight

09:00pm Display - Fire Show

Library

05:30pm Escape Room Session 107:00pm Escape Room Session 208:30pm Escape Room Session 3





Cosplay

Calling all cosplayers! It's your time to shine. Dust off those costumes because the City of Palmerston will be hosting the NT's biggest cosplay competition! Open to young and old with no prior experience needed, so get your glue guns ready and get creating!

Register NOW Total prize pool: \$ 1650 (AUD)

Cosplay Special Guest

Soren began cosplaying in 2016 after visiting his first convention. During his first costume creation, he quickly saw how hard it was to source certain costume pieces due to living in Australia, so set about creating items for himself and others in Australia to avoid lengthy and costly shipping times from the USA. Soren loves to about hear possible new creations, as well as giving advice on making things yourself, so don't hesitate to send him a DM on **Instagram** or **Facebook!**





SPORK SALAD CREATIONS

As well as cosplay Soren runs <u>Spork</u> <u>Salad Creations</u>, they make things for nerds, by nerds. They are always working on creating new product for nerds of all types.



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Matt Hammond

I'm a local cosplayer, prop building enthusiast and all round geek. Competing locally and national and working to build the Darwin scene and coordinating the Darwin Cosplay Group.



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Steph is known in the local NT cosplay scene as "MacGyver". In support of cosplay participation, she has developed and maintained a free repair service that can be found at many local events (such as GFTE) with the trusty MacGyver Box to assist with all types of costume and cosplay repairs. With almost 10 years of participation in cosplay, Steph has developed a wide range of skills and enjoys supporting novices to ensure everyone has a memorable experience at large scale events within the Northern Territory. Previously, she has facilitated workshops on foam-smithing and weathering and frequently attends community events and spaces like Art Jam to offer support. Many of her cosplay projects now involve some combination of foam-smithing, technical lighting, and a variety of different mediums. She enjoys experimenting with new techniques to challenge herself further. However, Steph's true passion is sourcing fabrics, creating patterns and designs with the sewing machine to add dimension to the characters.

<u>3xileon</u> (eck-see-lee-on) is an online content creator, influencer, model and active creative in the Darwin scene. She is an avid cosplayer and creates content for Instagram and Tiktok, amassing an extensive following. Sam also dances for Rix Kix Arts, performing at local events such as the Kindness Festival, Suburban Sounds and the Seabreeze Festival. Sam's passions in cosplay and dance has brought her to this year's judging panel, with this being her second consecutive year in the Geekfest judge chair. She is overjoyed to see what Geekfest's cosplay scene can bring to the table in 2022 and can't wait to meet you!







Panel - Women in Tech

Showcasing local female talent in the NT.

<u>Caiti Baker</u>, a multifaceted award winning artist in her own right, has been vocal producing for 5 years. Behind the board, she has engineered not only herself but vocalists across the NT such as Emily Wurramarra, Serina Pech, Emcille, Stevie Jean, Phoebe Olivia, Ripple Effect, Max Higgens and many more.



<u>Fiona Evans</u> is the Director of Evoke Sustainability and Chair of the Women's Innovation Network NT. An innovative and adaptive scientist, she specialises in collaborative relationships and growing lasting change for businesses, people and communities. Through leadership and education, her contributions aim to grow a brighter, greener and more sustainable future for all.

<u>Carly Brown</u> is PurpleCookiex, a local Twitch streamer, gamer, and esports enthusiast. Her love of gaming started as a fun way to connect with her two children, but it quickly became her greatest passion. PurpleCookiex has been streaming on Twitch for over 2 years, and has built a great community of supportive friends all over the world. She is more of a social gamer than a competitive gamer, but enjoys competing in local Rocket League tournaments. As a member of Geek Culture Collective NT, she is excited to be supporting and encouraging growth in the local geek communities, with a focus on streaming & content creation.



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Samantha Ramsey is an accredited freelance quality assurance gaming and software tester who specializes in the destructive testing of video games and similar software during the alpha and beta phases of development. Having worked on numerous indie titles as well as for larger companies including Bungie with their Destiny 2 projects, she has found a way to be an asset to the industry that she loves.





Panel - Geek Culture Collective

Learn about the new association supporting all things Geek Culture in the Northern Territory

I am Ness, the Co-Founder and Chair of Geek Culture Collective NT Inc & Founder / Artist for TangledNFTs.com. I have an extensive background in esports (as a player, tournament organiser and a growth strategist) and am also very heavily involved in the blockchain, NFT / Web 3 space. I love Geek Culture as it merges so many of my professional and personal interests and, above all, I am happy to be involved in a community that encourages self expression and interpretation.



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Born and bred Darwinian, founder of local video game studio Larrikin Interactive and producer of the Finke Desert Race Game, Dylan Bennett is a proud nerd and champion of all things geek. Dylan has mentored Level Up Esports and built the local game development scene

Martin Redhead is the Director of Business with the Innovation Northern **Territory** Government Department of Industry Tourism and Trade and the Northern Territory's representative on the Forum of Australian Chief Scientists. The Territory **Business** Innovation Strategy launched in March identifies digital games and esports as an important sector for helping the Territory build a \$40 billion economy by 2030.





Super Smash Brothers Ultimate Esports Finals

<u>Level Up Esports</u> will host an exciting weekend of gaming & esports on the BIG Screen at Events Cinema. Join in on the comps, or challenge your mates in a game or two. Compete to be the Palmerston reigning esports champ in the middle school, high school or open division. Registrations open 6 June and close 4 July 2022

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Level Up Free Play

Head to Community Room 2 for all the gaming fun. The <u>Level Up Esports</u> Team will have a menu ready for you to choose from. Activities include: Jack Box, Just Dance, Virtual Reality and Console Gaming.







Questacon

<u>Questacon</u> will take over Community Room 1 with a Science Exhibit. there will be stalls from CDU Inspired NT and the Young Change agents so make sure you stop in to say hi and learn about all the programs they offer.

Artist Alley/Collectors Fair/Expo Stalls

Bring your wallets to purchase something special from the Artist Alley. From Geeky Art, Comic books, collectors items and everything in between. There's something for everyone! There will also be serval expo stalls promoting local pathways and community groups.

Indie Corner

The Indie Corner hosted by Larrikin Interactive is the home of the NT's best made video games. Come down and play the games, chat to the developers and learn how you could get into game development.



There will Dungeons and Dragons introduction session hosted by Etana Green and come and try opportunities with <u>Darwin Table Top Gamers</u>. Dungeons and Dragons is a role-playing/board game that has had a recent surge in media popularity and is a fun game for all ages.



Medieval Land

Darwin Sword Academy are back to recreate our Medieval Land. Walk through an immersive historical experience. <u>Darwin Sword Academy</u> formally know as Kaos Horde will recreate historical swordsmanship displays and kiting up historical armor (or as they like to call it "the shinies") and giving everyone an opportunity to experience a medieval slice of life.

Throughout the day we will have the opportunity for people to come and learn how to make chain mail as well as use leather working tools to make a small leather pouch. At 5:30pm they will run a great introductory class of historical sword fighting for those interested.





Have fun with <u>Tip Top Circus</u> and <u>Yenz Entertainment</u> in the Play Zone. There is a Circus Play Space, Face Paints, Lego and Animal encounter. No mater your age you will have fun in the Play Zone!









Chess Tournament

If you're a chess master, love chess or just want to give it a go, the GG Social will be hosting a Chess Tournament on the verandah of the Nook.

Escape Room

The Geekfest Top End Escape Room is back! Who doesn't love a little mystery? Close the door & race the clock as the GG Social challenge you. First Session is pre booking and the other two are book on the day.

Session 1 Booking link: https://GeekfestTopEndEscapeRoom. eventbrite.com.au







Gadgets and Games

Hosted by Palmerston Code Club Gadgets and Games is a STEAM learning space with robots, lego and board games to get your mind growing. Aimed at Primary school aged kids the City of Palmerston Library offers the program weekly. To learn about all things science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics)



Flicnics

Flicnics comes to Geekfest Top End with a movie marathon. So pack a rug and pillows if you want to get comfy on the lawns of Godyer Square.

06:00pm Flicnics - Pokémon Detective Pikachu (PG)

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Laser Tag in the Library

Zone 3 has been Darwin's iconic laser tag venue for over 28 years. This year they take over the Library for the first time as the Laser Tag Maze.



Silent Disco

Head to the <u>Gulwa Community Recording</u> <u>Studio</u> on the Boulevard to slip on some headphones and get your boogie on with Triki as he pumps out the beats. Sessions will run for 15min.

Enter and exit from the front entrance on the boulevard.







