



# 2025 PROGRAM OF EVENTS

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# SATURDAY 5 JULY



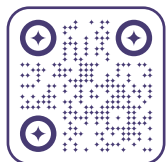
5pm – 10pm



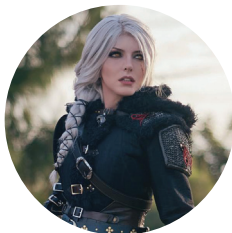
Palmerston Recreation Centre, Goyder Square & City of Palmerston Library

Get ready as Geekfest Top End takes over the Palmerston CBD, bringing the Northern Territory's longest-running geek convention back with more excitement than ever before! Known for celebrating all things geek culture, this year's event promises a packed program featuring fan-favourite attractions alongside a range of new activities sure to thrill fans of all ages.

Whether you're into cosplay, gaming, medieval adventures, markets, or interactive experiences, there's something for everyone. Don't miss your chance to be part of the Territory's most iconic celebration of geek culture!



Scan to see Geekfest Top End Day 1 Map



## COSPLAY SPECIAL GUEST

**Vera Chimera**

Vera Chimera has been a professional cosplayer for over 15 years, earning an international reputation for her craftsmanship, professionalism and emphatic guardianship of the community.

## COSPLAY PARADE



**Main Stage**

Want to show off your incredible cosplay without entering the competition? This is your chance!

## COSPLAY REPAIR STATION



**Recreation Centre**

Your quick fix hub for costume emergencies and last minute touch-ups!

## ARCADE GAMING



**Recreation Centre**

Pinball machine, arcade style gaming and dance mats.

## ARTIST ALLEY



**Recreation Centre**

Explore NT's incredible artistry; from creative designs to one-of-a-kind items, there's something for everyone.

## GAME JAM



**Recreation Centre**

Meet the makers and trial the best games submitted in this year's Game Jam!

## CUSTOM CARD STATION



**Recreation Centre**

Custom design your own Interplanetary Battle Card.

## AUGMENTED REALITY



**Recreation Centre**

## INTERPLANETARY BATTLE CARDS

### Recreation Centre

Whether you're mastering skills at a Learn-2-Play station or competing in an intense tournament, Interplanetary Battle Cards is the game for you.

## BOARD GAMES

### Recreation Centre

Chill out in the board game lounge with iconic games such as Dungeons and Dragons, Catan and so much more!

## 18+ GAMING ROOM

### Recreation Centre

## GAMES

### The Boulevard

Challenge your mates with one of our outdoor geeky games!

## GHOST BUSTERS

### The Boulevard

## ROAMING PERFORMANCES

### Outdoor Area

Keep your eyes peeled for pop-up performances including live painting, fire shows and musical performances that bring the night to life.

## LASER TAG

### Palmerston Library

## SILENT DISCO

### Palmerston Library

## CONQUERING CRAFTS

### Palmerston Library

Take a break and conquer your craft. Engage with a range of geek themed craft activities!

## FOOD TRUCKS

### Frances Drive

## LEATHERCRAFT

### Medieval Land

Tips, tricks, and demonstrations from the art of leathercraft.

## HISTORICAL EUROPEAN MARTIAL ARTS

### Medieval Land

Live HEMA demonstrations, showcasing the art and technique of historical swordplay and martial disciplines.

## BLACKSMITH

### Medieval Land

A demonstration highlighting traditional forging skills used in crafting period-accurate arms and tools.

## Competitions

### Cosplay

A cosplay competition celebrating creativity and character, where participants of all ages showcase costumes from their favourite fandoms. *Categories include age 9 and under, 10-17 years, 18+ years and group cosplay.*

Registrations close on Monday 30 June.

### Game Jam: Retro Geek

Submit your game prior to Thursday 26 June.

### Gaming

Test your skills against the best players in the Northern Territory and battle it out to become the Super Smash Bros. Ultimate Champion!

### Purple Brick Road

Get ready for the ultimate geek challenge at Geekfest Top End! Complete at least six out of ten challenges as you make your way around this all-ages event held in Palmerston CBD.



DAY 2

SUNDAY 6 JULY



12pm – 5pm



Event Cinemas Palmerston

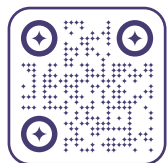
Expanding into a full two-day celebration; get a deeper dive into the geek world we love! Whether you're belting out your favorite tune at karaoke, showing off your skills in gaming tournaments putting your brain to the test in fandom trivia or relax to a movie; there's something for every geek to enjoy.

Meet and learn from local leaders in comics, cosplay, gaming and more. Hear how they're making an impact in the industry and don't miss the chance to ask your own burning questions.

With immersive experiences out of this universe, this geek celebration is one not to be missed!

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**EVENT**  
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Scan for Geekfest  
Top End Schedule

## JURASSIC WORLD REBIRTH (2025)

### Subject to classification

See the latest in this massive franchise on the big screen. Zora Bennett leads a team of skilled operatives to the most dangerous place on Earth, an island research facility for the original Jurassic Park.

## HOWL'S MOVING CASTLE (2004)

PG

Check out one of the all-time greats of Anime films, written and directed by Hayao Miyazaki.

Tickets for each session are limited and available on a first in best dressed basis.

Visit City of Palmerston's table in the foyer to find out how to secure tickets for Jurassic World Rebirth.

## PIXELS (2015)

PG

Watch this great family favorite on the big screen. Staring Adam Sandler, Kevin James, Peter Dinklage and Michelle Monahan. When aliens misinterpret video feeds of classic arcade games as a declaration of war, they attack the Earth in the form of the video games.

## STAR WARS FAN FILMS

Geek out at these exciting Star Wars Fan films from all around the world! Check out this unique and creative content done with love by the fans themselves.

## REEL QUICK

Watch your peers original creations on the big screen. Big stories, bigger screen.



## PIXEL TRACKER

### Northern Lights

An interactive projection installation that transforms your movements into a living canvas of vivid, reactive light, where every step, gesture, and motion paints a radiant digital masterpiece in real time.

## VIRTUAL CONTROL

### Northern Lights

Transform into an ogre-chased adventurer, an intergalactic space warrior or a powerful sorceress. The story begins with you.

## COS TALKS

### Vera Chimera

Love cosplay? Come learn from the experts. From concept to craftsmanship: your complete guide to conquering cosplay!

## CHILL OUT LOUNGE

Relax on a beanbag or engage in a game.

## PHOTOBOOTH

Snap a free photo in the photobooth!



### SHARE TO SOCIALS!

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## BREAKING INTO THE NT FILM INDUSTRY

### Phillip Denson

Phillip Denson chats about the challenges of getting into the NT film and TV industry, he has some of the exciting things that he has worked on and much more.

## COMIC SCREENING

### Johnathon Saunders

Screening of Zero Point; NT Comic film followed by a Q&A with Johnathon.

## GAME DEV TALKS

Come and learn about exciting things happening in the NT and how to get in game development.

## LEAGUE OF LEGENDS ALLSTAR SHOWCASE

### Next Tier

Get ready for an unforgettable clash of champions at the League of Legends Showcase; where strategy, skill, and synergy determine who truly reigns supreme.

## FREE PLAY GAMING

### Next Tier

Drop in anytime and dive into Minecraft, Fortnite and Marvel Rivals.

## AUGMENTED REALITY

### Level Up

Step into an augmented reality!

## GEEK TRIVIA

### Next Tier

Test your fandom at our geek trivia!

## KARAOKE

### Next Tier

Step up, mic on. Rock it out on the big screen!



## Competitions



### Reel Quick

Big stories, bigger screen – showcase your short video in the cinema!

**Registration closes  
on Monday 30 June**



### Tekken 8 Random Challengers

Are you ready to show the world your fighting spirit? Join us for an electrifying Tekken 8 1v1 Tournament, where the fiercest warriors go head-to-head in a battle for supremacy!

DAY 3

# NAIDOC POOL PARTY

MONDAY 7 JULY

 1pm – 5pm

 SWELL

Splash into SWELL as we dive into NAIDOC Week! Mark the beginning of NAIDOC celebrations with a fun-filled afternoon of activities and cultural experiences.

Join us in recognising and embracing the rich cultural heritage of Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples through a range of engaging workshops and performances.

## BBQ LUNCH

Enjoy a BBQ lunch on us.

## HIGH ROPES

Hang on tight, conquer the climb.

## DUNK TANK

Try your arm and get your mate in the Dunk Tank!

## BUS SPRAY PAINTING

Spray it proud, bring your NAIDOC designs to life.

## REPTILE ENCOUNTERS

**Dingo Cockatoo**

Get up close with creatures of culture. Discover reptiles of Arnhem and Kakadu.

## OCHRE PAINTING

**Dingo Cockatoo**

Grind the colour and paint using the oldest form of traditional painting.

## BASKETBALL

**PaRBA**

Get balling court side with PaRBA.

## DJ BEATS

**Kuya James & RileyP**

Turn up the volume, turn down the heat!



## Competitions

### Giveaways!

Get involved, get rewarded – free giveaways!

### Deadly Designs

Got a deadly design? We want to see it!

Show your creativity and culture by submitting a NAIDOC-inspired design for a chance to be featured on this year's CDC Coaster Bus!

**Submit your design via the website before Wednesday 18 June.**

DAY 4

# PAMPER PALMY

TUESDAY 8 JULY



1pm – 4pm



Palmerston Recreation Centre



Get ready for Pamper Palmy, returning this year to empower youth through the power of self-care and mental health management!

Engage with stallholders offering valuable resources and hands-on activities that encourage new experiences. Pamper Palmy is packed with opportunities to nurture both mind and body.

Join us for a day of self-care, learning and growth, because looking after you matters!

## MAD HATTERS TEA PARTY

Tumble into Wonderland for tea, treats and a touch of madness.

## MY JOURNAL, MY VOICE

Lee Plowman

Journaling for wellbeing; write, reflect and create the life you want.

## YOGA AND BREATHWORK

Haruk Sasaki

Breathe Deep. Move Mindfully. Feel Renewed.

## ALL DAY ACTIVITIES

- Incense Making
- Sand, Clay and Tumble Play
- Stress Ball Creation
- Handmade Friendship Bracelets
- DIY Dreamcatchers
- Therapy Dogs
- Mindfulness Coloring
- Hand Massage
- Hair Braiding
- Hair Cuts
- Henna
- Shellac Nails
- Ice Baths - please wear appropriate clothing and bring a towel.



Competition



Lucky Doorprize

DAY 5

# SPORTSFEST

WEDNESDAY 9 JULY

🕒 2pm – 7pm

📍 Palmerston Recreation Centre  
& Goyder Square



We're teaming up with the Palmerston and Regional Basketball Association to bring you a day of high-energy fun and friendly competition!

Whether you're sinking shots on the basketball court, kicking goals in football, or battling it out in E-Sports, there's something for everyone. No matter your skill level, come along, get your heart pumping and enjoy an action-packed day of sport and games.

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## ALL ABILITIES BASKETBALL

Darwin Salties NWBL

## 3X3 BASKETBALL COMPETITION

Hivemind Sports Australia

## WHEELCHAIR RUGBY

Rugby NT

## NBA2K & FIFA FREEPLAY

Level Up Gaming

## ALL DAY ACTIVITIES

- Table Tennis
- Cornhole
- Arcade Basketball
- NT Sports Academy
- Inflatable World
  - » Sumo Suits
  - » Golf Driving Range
  - » Bungee Run

### 🏆 Competitions

#### 🚀 3x3 Basketball Competition

Categories include:

- Under 14's
- Under 18's

DAY 6

# CREATIVE COLLECTIVE

THURSDAY 10 JULY

🕒 12pm – 4pm

📍 Palmerston Recreation Centre

Get ready to ignite your creativity at Creative Collective. A vibrant day filled with interactive activations and hands-on workshops designed to inspire artists of all kinds.

Whether you're into dance, music, or design, there's something to spark the creative spirit in everyone. Come explore, create and connect in a celebration of imagination and expression!

## GAMING DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

### The Array

From Idea to Arcade: learn the craft of game design.

Preregistration required, see our website to secure your spot!

## DJ WORKSHOPS

### Dream Impact Inspire

Drop the beat and learn to spin like a pro in this high-energy, hands-on DJ workshop.

## K-POP DANCE WORKSHOP

### PSYCH3

Get popping and locking with the PSYCH3 K-Pop Dancers.

## PAINT WORKSHOP

### Paint and Create

Unleash your imagination in guided painting sessions featuring our iconic mascot Tentacle Mike!

Preregistration required, see our website to secure your spot!



## SCREEN PRINTING SHIRTS

### House of Darwin

Print your own shirt and walk away with a one-of-a-kind creation, made by you for you.

## ALL DAY ACTIVITIES

- Stand Up Comedy
- Badge Making
- Fridge Magnets
- Circus Come and Try
- Make Mosaic Magic
- Origami Earrings



### Competition



### The Great Polaroid Hunt



DAY 7

# PALMY'S GOT TALENT

FRIDAY 11 JULY

🕒 6pm – 9pm

📍 Goyder Square

Join us in Goyder Square for a night showcasing the Territory's best.

Palmy's Got Talent is back bigger, bolder and more exciting than ever! Held in conjunction with the Palmerston Markets at Goyder Square, this year's event promises an unforgettable evening of community spirit, creativity and live entertainment.

This showcase celebrates the incredible range of talent within our municipality, providing a platform for both emerging and professional performers. From comedy and circus acts to dancers and vocalists, Palmy's Got Talent will feature something for everyone!

If performing isn't your thing, there will be plenty of fun for all ages including arts and crafts, inflatables, and even a bucking bull at this free, family-friendly evening!



## 🏆 Competition

### 🔥 Talent Show Contest

We're on the lookout for local stars! Whether it's a comedy act, dance, music, or magic. Wow the crowd with your talent and be part of a night full of fun, energy and community spirit.

Categories include:

- Age 9 and under
- Age 10-17
- Age 18+
- Group

Register via the website before Monday 30 June.





# COMPETITIONS

OVER \$15K IN PRIZES & GIVEAWAYS  
THROUGHOUT THE FESTIVAL

## DAY 1 – GEEKFEST TOP END

### ⚡ Super Smash Bros. Ultimate

On the day registration.

- Juniors: Under 15's
- Open: Age 15+

### ⚡ Game Jam: Retro Geek

Submit your game prior to Thursday 26 June.

- Best Overall Game
- People's Choice Award
- Best Use of the Theme: Retro Geek
- Rookie of the Jam

### ⚡ Purple Brick Road (on the day activity)

### ⚡ Cosplay Competiton

Preregister via the website.

- Age 9 and under
- Age 10-17
- Age 18+
- Group Cosplay

## DAY 2 – GEEKFEST TOP END

### ⚡ League of Legends All Stars Showcase

Pretournament more information available via website.

### ⚡ Tekken 8 Random Challengers

On the day registration.

### ⚡ Reel Quick

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### ⚡ Deadly Designs

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### ⚡ Giveaways

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### ⚡ Lucky Door Prize

## DAY 5 – SPORTSFEST

### ⚡ 3x3 Basketball Tournament

On the day registration.

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### ⚡ Giveaways

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### ⚡ The Great Polaroid Hunt

## DAY 7 – PALMY'S GOT TALENT

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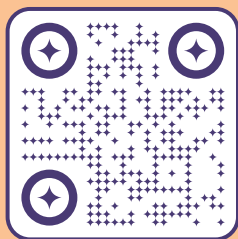
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*Terms and conditions apply, please refer to the Palmerston Youth Festival website for more information.*



**7 DAYS. ALL FREE. ALL FOR YOU.**



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