

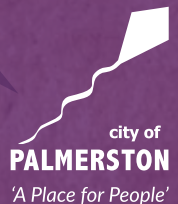
PALMERSTON  
**YOUTH**  
FESTIVAL



4-10 JULY  
2026



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# GEEKFEST TOP END

## DAY 1 – SATURDAY 4 JULY

**TIME** 3:30PM – 8:30PM

**LOCATION** PALMERSTON RECREATION CENTRE, GOYDER SQUARE



### NEW EXPERIENCES IN 2026

NEW

#### ⚡ HOLOVERSE PHOTO SHOOT

Be photographed for the gallery and become your metaverse persona!  
3:30pm-6:30pm

*Northern Lights NT*

#### ⚡ AERIAL CIRCUS COME AND TRY

Take to the air or watch amazing performers in action! Ages 6+

*Corrugated Iron Youth Arts*

#### ⚡ CAMEL RIDES

Saddle up for a unique medieval adventure!

*\*Weight and age restrictions apply*

#### ⚡ KENDO

Try Japanese sword fighting and experience this traditional martial art firsthand.

*Darwin Kendo Club*

#### ⚡ HOLOVERSE GALLERY

Step into an immersive AI-powered gallery transforming cosplay into futuristic metaverse-inspired digital personas.

*Northern Lights NT*

#### ⚡ THE WAKE; A MURDER MYSTERY

Secrets, suspects and a killer in the room...  
Can you solve the case?

**Sessions:** 4, 5:30, and 7pm

*Danielle Andrews*

#### ⚡ MUSICAL BINGO

Test your TV theme song knowledge with Duffy at the main stage.

#### ⚡ PHOTO KEYRINGS

*Social Snaps*

### COMPETITIONS



#### ★ PURPLE BRICK ROAD

Take on the ultimate geek challenge by visiting at least six out of ten providers across Geekfest Top End.

#### ★ GAME JAM: WET VS DRY

Create a game inspired by the NT's iconic Wet and Dry seasons – from cyclones and crocs to mango madness and mozzies. Funny, chaotic or nostalgic, make it uniquely Territory!

**Submissions close:**  
25 June 2026

#### ★ INTERPLANETARY BATTLE CARDS

Battle for glory in the Youth or Open Division with prizes and the title of GFTE Open Champion up for grabs.



**MORE INFO ON COMPETITIONS  
SEE PAGE 10**

**DON'T MISS!**



**OVER \$6,000 IN PRIZES!**



**COSPLAY COMPETITIONS & PARADES**



**SPECIAL GUEST CLAUDIA PHOENIX**

**COSPLAY**

**⚡ SPECIAL GUEST CLAUDIA PHOENIX**

Founder of Cosplay Market and award winning cosplayer.

**⚡ REPAIR STATION**

*The MacGyver Box*

**★ COSPLAY COMPETITION**



Show off your creativity in this all-ages cosplay competition celebrating characters from every fandom.

**Registrations close:**  
30 June 2026

**GAMING**

**⚡ INTERPLANETARY BATTLE CARDS**

*Tangled Ventures*

**⚡ TABLE TOP GAMING ZONE**

**★ SUPER SMASH BROS. ULTIMATE**



Battle iconic characters, challenge top players and fight for glory at Geekfest Top End.

*Level Up*

**TECH**

**⚡ INDIE GAMES ARENA**

*The Array*

**⚡ MUSIC TECH & DESIGN**

*The Array*

**⚡ VR TERMINATOR UPRISING**

*Amazing XR*

**⚡ ARCADE ALLEY**

*Next Tier*

**⚡ FREE PLAY GAMING ZONE**

*Level Up*

**⚡ 3D SCULPTING & MODELLING**

*The Array*

**SHOP & DISPLAY**

**⚡ ARTIST ALLEY**

**⚡ LOCAL STALLHOLDERS**

**⚡ FOOD VENDORS**

**MEDIEVAL LAND**

**⚡ BLACKSMITH**

*Kaos Horde*

**⚡ HISTORICAL EUROPEAN MARTIAL ARTS**

*Kaos Horde*

**⚡ WEAPON DISPLAY**

*Kaos Horde*

**⚡ LEATHERCRAFT**

*Akajack*

**ACTIVITIES**

**⚡ LASER TAG**

*Zone 3*

**⚡ GHOSTBUSTERS**

**⚡ OUTDOOR GAMES**

**SCAN TO SEE GEEKFEST TOP END MAP**



# INFLATE A'MAZE

DAY 2 – SUNDAY 5 JULY

**TIME** 9AM – 3PM

**LOCATION** CAZALY'S ARENA, DURACK

Race, climb, crawl and slide your way through the Northern Territory's biggest inflatable obstacle course.

## ACTIVITIES

### INFLATABLE OBSTACLE COURSE

120 metre continuous inflatable obstacle course with a high energy, multi section challenge course incorporating:

- Climbing walls
- Crawl tunnels
- Balance obstacles
- Pop up barriers
- Slide exits
- Competitive race lanes

### OUTDOOR GAMES

- Foot Darts
- Handball Target Challenge
- Soccer Shootout Challenge

### BUBBLES AND CIRCUS PLAY

### FOOD VENDORS

Keep the energy up and stay cool by stopping by one of our food vendors for tasty bites and icy slushies throughout the event!

## COMPETITIONS



### LIVE BROADCASTING

Hot100 is taking over the Palmerston Youth Festival with a live broadcast – giving you the chance to win a range of awesome prizes!



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# THE BIGGEST EXPERIMENT

DAY 3 – MONDAY 6 JULY

**TIME** 11AM – 2PM

**LOCATION** PALMERSTON RECREATION CENTRE

Get ready for an all new experience, exploring interactive STEM activities to build, test, create and discover.

## ACTIVITIES

### THE LAB

Interactive science fun every 30 minutes.

*Danielle Andrews*

### 3D PRINTING

### DIY SOLAR CARS

### MICRO:BITS CODING WORKSHOP

*Bookings essential.*

### INSECT WORKSHOP

Collect, observe and identify insects found in Palmerston. *Bookings essential.*

*Museum and Art Gallery NT (MAGNT)*

### VIRTUAL REALITY

- Careers
- Space exploration
- Engineering

*Amazing XR and Wicksees*

### ENGINEER IT

Build and test bridges using LEGO and magnetic blocks.

*Tracks Care*

### GAME CODING

Build a game from the first code up! *Bookings essential.*

*Wicksees*

### MICROSCOPIC PATTERNS

Use digital microscopes to make observations of shells found in the Top End.

*Museum and Art Gallery NT*

### DIG IT

Become an archaeologist and search for ancient treasures.

### EXPERIMENT ZONE

STEM activities exploring science through play.

*Fairy Jill*

### HOW DOES 3D ACTUALLY WORK?

Discover holograms, light and 3D imaging through interactive demonstrations.

*Hologram Zoo*

### STALLHOLDERS

## COMPETITIONS



### QUIZ QUEST

Test your knowledge across a range of topics for your chance to win \$1,000 worth of science prizes!

*Activity bookings and more information can be found on the website.*



# CREATIVE COLLECTIVE

DAY 4 – TUESDAY 7 JULY



**TIME** 1PM – 4PM

**LOCATION** PALMERSTON RECREATION CENTRE

Get inspired and unleash your creativity at Creative Collective, returning with a huge lineup of hands-on creative workshops and activities.

## WORKSHOPS

### LEARN MAGIC

Beginner card tricks workshop with take-home cards.

*David Lim*

### RAP WORKSHOP

Learn rap writing and freestyle techniques.

*Mr Monk*

### COME AND CREATE ELECTRONIC MUSIC

Create beats using synths and music gear. *Bookings essential.*

*Liam Budalasia*

### HIP HOP DANCE CLASS

Beginner-friendly hip hop foundations class.

*Synta Igusti*

### STORY TELLING THROUGH MUSIC

Interactive music and storytelling workshop.

*Darwin Symphony Orchestra*

### CREATIVE PAINTING

Paint your own artwork to take home. *Bookings essential.*

*Paint & Create*

## DROP-IN ACTIVITIES

### SMASH BOOKING ACTIVITY

*Danielle Andrews*

### LEARN TO FACE PAINT

*Fairy Jill*

### BEADING SESSION

*Mimi Made*

### HAT DESIGN

*Riece Ranson*

### BOOKMARK MAKING

*Wellness Art NT*

### BADGE MAKING

## COMPETITIONS



### THE GREAT POLAROID HUNT

Find hidden Polaroids across the venue for your chance to win the prize pictured inside! Once you find it, it's yours to claim.

*Activity bookings and more information can be found on the website.*



# DEADLY: NAIDOC CELEBRATION

## DAY 5 — WEDNESDAY 8 JULY

**TIME** 3PM – 5PM

**LOCATION** GOYDER SQUARE

Celebrate NAIDOC Week with an afternoon of live music, culture, creativity and community in Goyder Square.

### FEATURED ARTISTS



#### RILEY P

Palmerston hip-hop artist Riley P brings high-energy performances and community connection to the stage. Previously supporting major Australian acts including DraphT, Kerser and Bliss n Eso. Recently awarded the 2026 NT Government Excellence in Youth Leadership Award, Riley will be joined on stage by “Young Mob” showcasing emerging local talent.



#### YUNG MILLA

Yung Milla is a proud Marranungu artist and Palmerston local known for powerful storytelling through hip-hop. His independently released music has gained recognition from triple j Unearthed, while his work as an Adventure Therapist and mentor supports young Aboriginal men across the NT through youth diversion programs.

### ACTIVITIES

#### DESIGN YOUR OWN NAIDOC SHIRT

Get crafty with Larrakia and create your own deadly design!

*Larrakia Nation*

#### DOT PAINTING ACTIVITY

Learn the art behind traditional dot painting with Tracks Care!

*Tracks Care*

#### CULTURAL COOKING

Taste seasonal native foods traditionally collected by Bininj people.

*Dingo Cockatoo*

#### CLAP STICK WORKSHOP

Learn about the cultural significance of Manberlinj (clap sticks) and create your own.

*Dingo Cockatoo*

#### WEAVING WORKSHOP

Be guided through the traditional art form of weaving.

*Qalmolmi Arts*

# PALMERSTON SPORTS CARNIVAL

DAY 6 – THURSDAY 9 JULY

**TIME** 10AM – 1PM

**LOCATION** PALMERSTON RECREATION CENTRE

Palmerston Sports Carnival will bring the tunes, interactive activities and friendly competition for an action packed day!

## SCHEDULE

**10AM** Zumba

**10:30AM** Hula Hoop Challenge

**11AM** Egg and Spoon Race

**11:30AM** Over and Under

**12PM** Three Leg Race

**12:30PM** Tug of War

## COME AND TRY ACTIVITIES

- Basketball
- Boxing
- Bull Riding
- Cricket
- Fishing
- Football
- Golf
- Hockey
- Rugby
- Skateboarding
- Sports Academy Testing
- Surfing
- Wheelchair Rugby

## COMPETITIONS



### GET ACTIVE

Palmerston, this is your chance to get active!

Come and try a range of sports and win some awesome prizes.

Take part in six or more activities to earn a spin of the wheel and score a great sporting giveaway!



# PALMY'S GOT TALENT

DAY 7 – FRIDAY 10 JULY



**TIME** 4:30PM – 8:30PM

**LOCATION** GOYDER SQUARE

Palmy's Got Talent returns in its second year on the big stage, with the exciting return of local performers in the spotlight.

## HIGHLIGHTS

### FOOD

Enjoy a variety of delicious food options from local vendors at the Palmerston Markets.

### YOUTH MAKE IT MARKETS

Young local creators showcasing their craft.

### PHOTOBOOTH

Strike a pose with friends and capture fun festival memories.

### DJ WORKSHOP

Learn the basics of DJing and mixing with Dream Impact Inspire.

*Palmerston Library*

### BALLOON ANIMALS

Get festival-ready with colourful balloon designs.

### YOUTH ZONE

Relax, connect and hang out in a fun, youth-friendly chill-out space.

## COMPETITIONS

### PALMY'S GOT TALENT IS BACK



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:

- 9 and under
- 10-17 years
- 18-25 years
- Group performance

### Registrations close:

Tuesday 30 June



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# COMPETITIONS

OVER \$15,000 PRIZES AND GIVEAWAYS!

DAY 1



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### PURPLE BRICK ROAD

✓ No registration required

### COSPLAY COMPETITION

! Register by 30 June 2026

🏆 **Categories:**  
9 & Under  
10-17  
18+  
Group Cosplay

### SUPER SMASH BROS. ULTIMATE

✓ Register on the day

🏆 **Categories:**  
Juniors (Under 15)  
Open (15+)

### GAME JAM: WET VS DRY

! Submit by 25 June 2026

🏆 **Categories:**  
Best Overall  
People's Choice  
Best theme: Wet/Dry  
Rookie of the Jam

### INTERPLANETARY BATTLE CARDS

✓ Register on the day

🏆 **Categories:**  
17 & Under  
Open (18+)

DAY 2



## INFLATE A'MAZE

### HOT 100 COMPETITIONS

✓ No registration required

DAY 3



## THE BIGGEST EXPERIMENT

### QUIZ QUEST

✓ No registration required

DAY 4



## CREATIVE COLLECTIVE

### THE GREAT POLAROID HUNT

✓ No registration required

DAY 6



## PALMERSTON SPORTS CARNIVAL

### GET ACTIVE

✓ No registration required

DAY 7



## PALMY'S GOT TALENT

### TALENT SHOW CONTEST

! Register by 30 June 2026

🏆 **Categories:**  
9 & Under  
10-17  
18-25  
Group Performance



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COMPETITIONS

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

# WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

**TELL US ABOUT YOUR FESTIVAL EXPERIENCE**

**FOR A CHANCE TO WIN 3X \$100 GIFT CARDS!**



We love seeing the festival through your eyes! Capture the energy, the crowd, your favourite moments and the memories that made you smile.

Share your favourite photos and videos with us for your chance to win one of 2 x \$100 gift cards.



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