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Darwin Festival takes place on what has always been Larrakia land. We wish to pay our respects to the Traditional Owners of this Country and to their ancestors. As the Festival welcomes contemporary artists and art from Australia and around the world, we also celebrate the continuing culture of the Larrakia people.

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**DR BILAWARA LEE OAM**

Larrakia Honorary Elder

Welcome to Gulumirrgin, Larrakia Land. The Larrakia are the Traditional Custodians of the land and waters of the Greater Darwin region and although our borders extend up to 50kms inland, we are Saltwater People. Darwin Festival is a virtual feast for the senses – not just for everyone’s sight, touch, taste, hearing and smell but also for our souls and spirit. I look forward to seeing you at the Festival.



**HON. KON VATSKALIS**

Lord Mayor of Darwin

Our city truly comes alive at Darwin Festival time. This annual celebration of art and culture brings the community together for events in parks, theatres, galleries and bars. There are free events, family friendly experiences and a huge range of shows you can enjoy with friends. Our diverse culture is reflected in not only the artistic program but the delicious food on offer in Festival Park. I invite you to indulge in this fabulous festival feast.



**HON. EVA LAWLER, MLA**

Chief Minister of the Northern Territory

Darwin is the place to be in August! Each year during Darwin Festival we welcome visitors from all over the country to join us lucky locals for 18 days of celebrating the diverse talent of the Territory alongside some of the best Australian and international artists. Darwin Festival is a highlight of the Top End events calendar and helps to keep our travel, tourism and hospitality industries thriving.



**CHRIS OSBORNE**

Darwin Festival Chair

It’s nearly Festival time again and that gives us all, locals and visitors alike, a chance to play! We’re inviting some of the best artists and creative minds to come together in our Top End city to entertain, enlighten, challenge and wow us. None of this would be possible without the financial support of our many partners (especially the Northern Territory Government and City of Darwin), the generosity of our donors, the contribution of our Friends of the Festival, the dedication of our staff and volunteers and you for your attendance. I hope to see you around the Park!

# WELCOME TO DARWIN FESTIVAL 2024



**JAMES GOUGH**

Darwin Festival  
Chief Executive Officer

**KATE FELL**

Darwin Festival  
Artistic Director

Darwin Festival 2024 is infused with awe, wonder and the power of the arts to connect us. This magical festival is full of art that is awe-inspiring, heart-warming, joy-inducing and breathtaking. Taking place on Larrakia Country, the Festival makes the most of the tropical winter and celebrates the beautiful environment of this unique part of the world.

The city comes alive with non-stop entertainment in Festival Park and Sitzler Festival Lawn with shows each night in the INPEX Sunset Stage and The Spiegelteint, and a huge range of free festive fun for all ages. Across Darwin you can experience Festival events in theatres, galleries, restaurants, bars, cinemas, parks and music venues.

Our opening weekend sees the return of three huge shows at Darwin Amphitheatre, along with an incredible program of First Nations arts and culture. The middle weekend features a special new event in Palmerston packed with performances, food, comedy and family-friendly fun. We close the Festival at the iconic Darwin Ski Club with the setting sun as our backdrop for three stunning concerts over the closing weekend.

Many performances and exhibitions are inspired by this beautiful place we call home, and we shine a light on the richness and diversity of arts and culture in the Northern Territory. We invite artists from across Australia and the world to come to Darwin for a jam-packed program of music, comedy, theatre, dance, visual arts, cabaret, family shows and more.

We deeply thank all of our partners, friends, donors, staff, volunteers and Board members – this festival could not happen without your incredible support.

Darwin Festival 2024 is full of magical moments – moments to dance, moments to laugh, moments to play, moments to feel and moments to be transported. We hope you have a magical moment that stays with you for years to come.

ILBIJERRI THEATRE COMPANY

# BIG NAME, NO BLANKETS

By Andrea James  
with Anyupa Butcher &  
Sammy Tjapanangka Butcher



## Crank up the amps and plug into the heart of Papunya (Warumpi) in a rock 'n' roll theatre extravaganza

*Big Name, No Blankets* celebrates the phenomenal journey and impact of Warumpi Band, inspired by stories from one of the founding members, Sammy Tjapanangka Butcher. From their humble beginnings in Papunya to taking on main stages around the world, these Australian music icons made history as the first rock 'n' roll band to sing in Aboriginal language. Feel the thrill of a live concert as you rock out to blak anthems like 'Jailanguru Pakarnu', 'My Island Home' and the legendary 'Blackfella/Whitefella'.

Packed with rockstar performances, iconic songs and humour, *Big Name, No Blankets* is an uplifting show about how music can influence massive change. Settle in before it starts to enjoy a live performance from Maningrida band Wildfire Manurrk, keeping the First Nations rock tradition alive.

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### MUSIC // THEATRE

Darwin Amphitheatre

**Wed 7 & Thu 8 Aug** 6pm (gates open 5pm)

**Duration** 3hrs

**Full** \$48

**Concession** \$44

**Friends** \$40.80

**Children under 12** **FREE** bookings required

\$4.95 transaction fee applies

Photos: Brett Boardman

**NOTE** Suitable for all ages. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander audiences are advised that this performance contains images and voices of deceased people. No BYO alcohol. Glass and unsealed bottles not permitted. Food stalls and bar onsite.

**Major Festivals Initiative**



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SPECIAL EVENTS



# NATIONAL INDIGENOUS MUSIC AWARDS

## Shining a spotlight on two decades of First Nations musical brilliance

Held annually on the traditional lands of the Larrakia people, the *National Indigenous Music Awards (NIMAs)* celebrate the rich diversity of Indigenous music from across Australia – from emerging talents to international sensations like Gurrumul and Jessica Mauboy.

Join us under the stars at Darwin's historic Amphitheatre as we applaud the winners, soak up the ambience and look back at 20 deadly years of Indigenous music at this star-studded event.

### MUSIC

Darwin Amphitheatre

<b>Sat 10 Aug</b>	7pm (gates open 6pm)
<b>Duration</b>	4hrs
<b>Full</b>	\$48
<b>Concession</b>	\$44
<b>Friends</b>	\$40.80
<b>Children under 12</b>	<b>FREE</b> bookings required

\$4.95 transaction fee applies

Photo: Benjamin Warlungundu Ellis

**NOTE** This is an alcohol free event.  
Glass and unsealed bottles not permitted

Presented by MusicNT



# MISSY HIGGINS

## THE SECOND ACT TOUR 2024

### Celebrating The Sound of White 20th Anniversary

Missy Higgins is one of Australia's most beloved singer/songwriters. For Darwin Festival she performs a very special two-act show celebrating 20 years since her trailblazing debut, *The Sound of White*.

Her first set includes some brand-new songs, plus a few fan favourites from early in her career, all played in stripped back, acoustic mode. After an intermission Missy returns with her full band to perform *The Sound of White* in its entirety plus a host of other hits. Sing along to all your favourites including 'Scar', 'Ten Days' and 'The Special Two'.

Prayer Corby, with her voice like an angel, and the extraordinary Leah Flanagan are our special guest supports at this opening weekend concert event under the stars.

### MUSIC

Darwin Amphitheatre

<b>Sun 11 Aug</b>	5.15pm (gates open 4.30pm)
<b>Duration</b>	4hrs including interval
<b>Full</b>	\$90
<b>Concession</b>	\$86
<b>Friends</b>	\$76.50
<b>Children under 12</b>	<b>FREE</b> bookings required

\$4.95 transaction fee applies

Photo: Nino Lo Giudice

**NOTE** No BYO alcohol. Glass and unsealed bottles not permitted.  
Food stalls and bar onsite.



SPECIAL EVENTS





# FESTIVAL PARK

## Visit the heart of the Festival – your space to play!

Our dazzling Festival hub is where you'll find all the action under the twinkling lights and the stunning bamboo designs by Techy Masero. Every night of the Festival (except Mondays) we're turning the city's Civic Park into a hive of artistic adventure – and everyone's invited!

There's free fun aplenty. Chill out or get up and groove to music from a diverse range of Territory talent on the Darwin Port Bandstand. Get acquainted with a pack of giant illuminated furry friends at *Lost Dogs' Disco* and discover roving performers on select nights throughout the Park. You might bump into a giant seagull or find yourself caught up in a *Silent Disco*.

Make a night of it by indulging in tasty treats from around the world, made with love by Darwin foodie favourites. Refresh yourself at one of our bars and enjoy the Festival Gin 2024 Edition created especially by Willing Distillery.

Buy a ticket to experience some of the best circus, music, family, comedy and cabaret acts going around, all performing on the INPEX Sunset Stage. Check out the walls of the venue, which will be given a dazzling new look by Larrakia artists Trent and Jason Lee.

Stay out late on a Friday or Saturday night and dance the night away to a diverse line-up of DJs at Club Awi.

Festival Park is the perfect place to start or end your night. Drop by before or after a show or settle in and soak up the atmosphere.

**Festival Park**  
**Thu 8 – Sun 25 Aug**  
 5pm – late (Closed Mon 12 & 19 Aug)

**FREE**



<b>Welcome to Country</b>	<b>FREE</b> Thu 8 Aug 5.15pm
<b>Kolsen Twilight Playground</b>	<b>FREE</b> installation 5pm – 9pm
<b>INPEX Sunset Stage</b>	Nightly ticketed performances
<b>Darwin Port Bandstand</b>	<b>FREE</b> music from 6.30pm
<b>Airnorth Moonlight Lounge</b>	Festival hospitality space
<b>Festival Food &amp; Bars</b>	Nightly from 5pm
<b>Box Office</b>	Open 5pm – late

See individual event pages for full program details.

Photo: Helen Orr

# SITZLER FESTIVAL LAWN

Follow the twinkling lights from Festival Park across to Sitzler Festival Lawn. Meet up with mates in this magical hub and sip on a cocktail before being wowed by cheeky cabaret at The Spiegeltent or taking on a DARKFIELD immersive sound experience in a shipping container.

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# DARKFIELD



## FLIGHT & SÉANCE

Step inside, take a seat but don't get comfortable. Strange worlds unfold in shipping containers.

DARKFIELD is a collection of experiences that use striking sets, binaural 360-degree sound, complete darkness and sensory manipulation to place you at the centre of an unsettling narrative. Put on a set of headphones and join us for *FLIGHT*, an unnerving journey through two worlds and two realities. There are many worlds in which the plane lands safely. Or enter a shipping container transformed into a Victorian parlour room for *SÉANCE*, an intense sonic performance that challenges your sense of what is real and what is imagined to spine-tingling effect.

Thrillseeker? Book both *SÉANCE* and *FLIGHT*.

### SPECIAL EVENT

**Sitzler Festival Lawn, in front of Parliament House**

**Thu 8 – Sun 25 Aug** (no shows Monday) Various times see [darwinfestival.org.au](http://darwinfestival.org.au) for details

**Duration** 20mins

**All Tickets** \$25 (per experience)

\$4.95 transaction fee applies

Photo: Realscape Productions

**NOTE** Not suitable for those who are pregnant, suffering from back injuries or heart conditions. If you are claustrophobic, sensitive to flashing light, suffer from PTSD or could be triggered by the content themes, these may not be the shows for you. Suitable for ages 15+

Produced by Realscape Productions



# THE PARTY



“THE BEST TWO HOURS OF YOUR LIFE, FLAWLESS ACROBATICS & SHARP-WITTED HUMOUR.”

WEEKEND NOTES

# THE PARTY

**If you've ever been to a wilder party – you're under arrest!**

Calling all social climbers, rich kids, gate crashers and hangers-on. The lavish stage is set for *The Party* of the century – so make sure you're on the invite list. This evening is destined to be one for the history books.

From the makers of *Blanc de Blanc Encore* and *Limbo* comes *The Party*, an evening of the upmost sophistication with absolutely no rules... what could possibly go wrong? It's the perfect Festival celebration featuring unbelievably talented international circus artists, great music, extravagant costumes and an escalating energy within a theatre set unlike anything you've seen before in The Spiegeltent!

### CABARET // CIRCUS

**The Spiegeltent, Sitzler Festival Lawn, in front of Parliament House**

**Tue 6 – Sun 25 Aug** Various times see [darwinfestival.org.au](http://darwinfestival.org.au) for details

**Duration** 1hr 50mins including interval

**Tickets** \$59 – \$145

\$4.95 transaction fee applies

**NOTE** Contains nudity, strobe lighting, haze effects and sexual references. Strictly for ages 18+

**Presented by Strut & Fret in association with Darwin Festival**

**BUY TICKETS** [darwinfestival.org.au](http://darwinfestival.org.au) | 08 89434222

# DARWIN FESTIVAL IN PALMERSTON

Join us for a packed weekend of family-friendly fun, entertaining performances, roving artists, market stalls, food, music, laughs and more

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## COMEDY // MUSIC

### FAMILY FIESTA

📍 Goyder Square, Palmerston 

Fri 16 Aug 5pm – 9pm

FREE

### PALMERSTON LAUGH OUT LOUD

📍 Goyder Square, Palmerston 

Sat 17 Aug 5.30pm & 8pm

Duration 2hrs

Full \$44

Concession \$40

Friends \$37.40

\$4.95 transaction fee applies

Photos: Pictured below The Teeny Tiny Stevies, Sean Choolburra & Snuff Puppet's Seagulls  
Pictured right Merrick Watts, Dilruk Jayasinha & Nikki Britton

## FAMILY FIESTA

### Non-stop fun and adventure for the whole family

Our *Family Fiesta* guarantees a feast of free Friday night entertainment. Be entranced by the cheeky and charismatic Sean Choolburra with his *Didj & Dance* show. Sing along at the ultimate live gig for young families from ARIA Award winners The Teeny Tiny Stevies.

Marvel (and laugh) at the antics in Lisa Pellegrino's *Kids Club Spectacular* and get your fill of food and goodies from the market stalls – but look out for the giant seagulls ready to swoop the crowd.

The 18-piece Marine Corps Forces Pacific Band will give the party a blast of brass and DJ Guru Dudu will keep you moving and grooving in a *Silent Disco* walking tour.



## PALMERSTON LAUGH OUT LOUD

### An unmissable night of laughs in one huge comedy showcase

The name says it all – get ready to laugh out loud at a line-up of side-splitting comedy all-stars that will have you in stitches. Grab a drink or a bite to eat before the show and settle in for an uproarious night of Festival fun.

Comedy legend, Merrick Watts, will bring the house down as MC, guiding you through a comedy gala night like no other.

Dilruk Jayasinha is without question one of Australia's most in-demand funny guys. Don't miss this Darwin favourite when he returns to the Top End with his trademark brand of positive and upbeat laughs.

Joining him as headliner is one of a kind, force of nature Nikki Britton. With her physical hilarity and lightning wit, she'll spin tales from her chaotic life that will make your face hurt.

Local legend Kelly Gulliver puts her hilarious Darwin spin on this night of fun, which includes a full-power, soul-fuel live music experience from beloved band The Neo.







# ENDEAVOUR GROUP CLOSING WEEKEND AT THE SKI CLUB

Join us at the iconic Darwin Ski Club for a closing weekend of musical moments to remember. The setting sun provides a stunning backdrop for three incredible concerts performed by some of our favourite artists.

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## MUSIC

Darwin Ski Club	
<b>Fri 23 &amp; Sat 24 Aug</b>	4pm doors open
<b>Sun 25 Aug</b>	5.30pm doors open
<b>Duration</b>	2hrs 45mins
<b>All Tickets</b>	\$65 (per show)
<b>Friends</b>	\$55.25 (per show)
<b>Children under 12</b>	<b>FREE</b> bookings required

\$4.95 transaction fee applies. Ticket price includes one 12-month Social Membership to Darwin Ski Club

Darwin Ski Club Photo George Frangopoulos; Kate Miller-Heidke Photo: Jo Duck; The Cat Empire Photo: Giulia McGauran

**NOTE** Marlon Williams & Kate Miller-Heidke are seated performances The Cat Empire is a standing show with limited seating available.

**Presented by Darwin Festival and Darwin Ski Club**



## MARLON WILLIAMS

**A once-in-a-generation talent with a voice that crosses continents**

New Zealand's Marlon Williams' effortlessly distinctive tone and heartstring-plucking vibrato have garnered widespread love around the world. Performing solo for this captivating show, Marlon will sing his most loved songs, new material, and both original and traditional Māori Waiata.

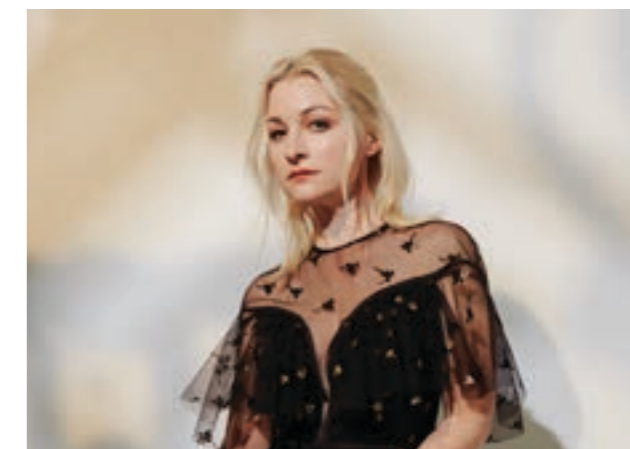
**Fri 23 Aug** Supported by David Garnham

## KATE MILLER-HEIDKE

**A celebration of voice, storytelling, emotion, humour and music**

Kate Miller-Heidke is joined by long-term collaborator Keir Nuttall for an intimate performance of her greatest hits and most beloved pop songs. Hear tracks from her original musicals *Muriel's Wedding the Musical* and *Bananaland*, some unexpected covers, requests and stories from across her varied career.

**Sat 24 Aug** Supported by Sally Balfour



## THE CAT EMPIRE

**Get ready to shimmy, shake and sing your way through an evening of crowd faves and new tunes**

The Cat Empire are bringing their new line-up and new live show to close out Darwin Festival with a bang. Fans can expect fresh interpretations of Cat Empire classics and a host of new songs in a massive night of music that celebrates movement, vibrancy and playfulness.

**Sun 25 Aug** Supported by Katanga Junior



## ROSEALEE PEARSON

# SONG SPIRALS

Uncover ancient Yolŋu song spirals brought to life through stunning movement

A feast for the senses, *Song Spirals* is a world premiere dance event that invites you to experience the language, culture and Country of creator Rosealee Pearson.

The rhythm and songs of the Milkarri (Yolŋu song spirals) are transformed in contemporary compositions by Andrew Grimes, as dancers become the canvas for stunning projections created by Naina Sen.

Inspired by the 2020 award-winning book written by the Gay'wu group of women, *Song Spirals* transports you to the heart of Yolŋu country for a sensory experience that combines age old tradition with contemporary creativity.

WORLD PREMIERE // DANCE

📍 Brown's Mart Theatre 

<b>Preview Tue 6 Aug</b>	6pm
<b>Wed 7 – Fri 9 Aug</b>	6pm & 8pm
<b>Sat 10 &amp; Sun 11 Aug</b>	1pm, 3pm, 6pm & 8pm
<b>Duration</b>	1hr
<b>Full</b>	\$42
<b>Concession</b>	\$38
<b>Friends</b>	\$35.70

\$4.95 transaction fee applies

Photo: Naina Sen

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## SHAKE & STIR THEATRE CO

# FOURTEEN

By Shannon Molloy

Press play on your discman, lose yourself in a pumping '90s pop remix and take a technicoloured trip back to your teens

Shannon Molloy is a year 9 student at a rugby-mad all-boys Catholic school in coastal regional Queensland. The year is 1999 and Shannon has a secret that no one can ever find out. Shannon is gay.

Based on the best-selling memoir by award-winning journalist Shannon Molloy, *Fourteen* is an inspirational coming-of-age story about adversity and tragedy. But it's also a moving tale of resilience, hope and hilarity. Set to a nostalgic mixtape of '90s bangers from all your faves – from Shania Twain to The Spice Girls – *Fourteen* tackles the trials and tribulations of growing up with honesty, humour and heart.

THEATRE

📍 The Playhouse, Darwin Entertainment Centre 

<b>Thu 15 &amp; Fri 16 Aug</b>	7pm
<b>Duration</b>	1hr 40mins
<b>Full</b>	\$48
<b>Concession</b>	\$44
<b>Friends</b>	\$40.80

\$4.95 transaction fee applies

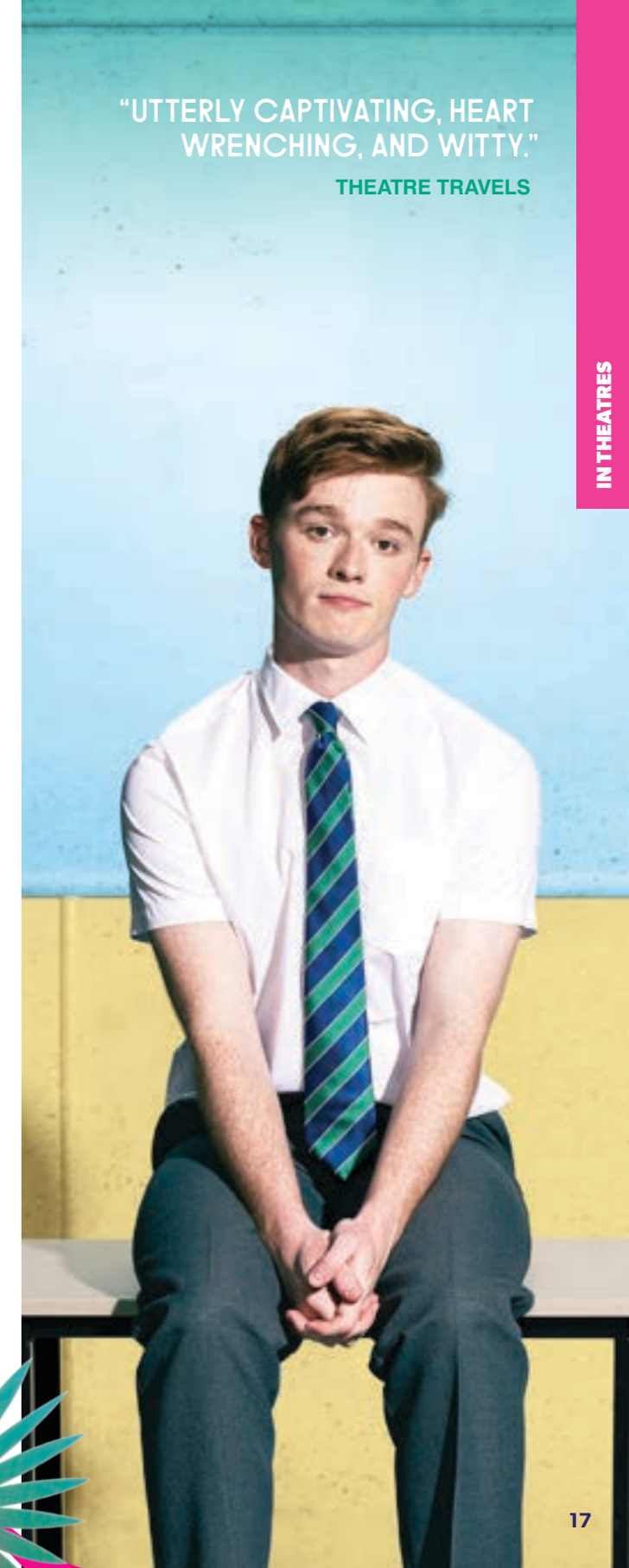
Photo: Dylan Evans

**NOTE** Contains strong coarse language, mature themes, simulated violence and depictions of self-harm, suicide ideation and sexual abuse. It also contains strobe lighting, smoke effects and stage cigarettes. Suitable for ages 14+

Presented by Darwin Festival and Darwin Entertainment Centre

"UTTERLY CAPTIVATING, HEART WRENCHING, AND WITTY."

THEATRE TRAVELS



IN THEATRES





INDIAN INK THEATRE COMPANY  
**PARADISE**  
 OR THE IMPERMANENCE OF ICE CREAM

Take a wild ride to paradise to explore the impermanence – of life, love... and ice cream

Indian Ink Theatre Company returns to Darwin with a glorious new production infused with serious laughter, exquisite puppetry and inspired sound design. Kutisar is dead and lost between paradise and hell. A cantankerous vulture keeps harassing him and a lover from his past holds the key to his salvation.

Jacob Rajan delivers a dazzling solo performance as he channels seven characters, weaving the afterlife and a dash of Bollywood disco into the real-life mystery of India's vanishing vultures. Inspired by Ernest Becker's Pulitzer Prize winning *Denial of Death* and the vibrant, life-filled chaos of India's most cosmopolitan city, Mumbai, *Paradise or the Impermanence of Ice Cream* will blow your mind and melt your heart.

**THEATRE**

📍 Studio Theatre, Darwin Entertainment Centre ♿

Thu 22 & Fri 23 Aug	7pm
Sat 24 Aug	2pm & 7pm
Sun 25 Aug	2pm
<b>Duration</b>	1hr 25mins
<b>Full</b>	\$48
<b>Concession</b>	\$44
<b>Friends</b>	\$40.80

\$4.95 transaction fee applies

Photo: John McDermott

**NOTE** Latecomers not admitted. Suitable for ages 12+

**"FUNNY AND DELIGHTFUL... ONE OF THE BEST ONE-MAN PERFORMANCES YOU WILL SEE."**

**TIMEOUT**



**"THRILLINGLY INSPIRED... GRAVITY-DEFYING DANCE."**

THE GUARDIAN

DANCENORTH AUSTRALIA  
**WAYFINDER**

Physical exuberance, sonic resonance and collective exhilaration explode in a kaleidoscopic fusion of dance, music and art

*Wayfinder* brings together the gravity-defying movement of Dancenorth Australia with a soaring composition from three-time Grammy-nominated Australian band Hiatus Kaiyote and sound artist Byron J. Scullin that evokes pleasure and possibility. Joyful, heart-expanding design from Japanese-Australian visual artist Hiromi Tango adds to this high-intensity dance work, for an experience that is truly captivating.

With collective playful energy, awe and wonder, *Wayfinder* recognises connection as the central axis of the universe. By the stars, the waves and the sun, we find our way.

**DANCE**

📍 The Playhouse, Darwin Entertainment Centre ♿ 50 🌐

Fri 9 Aug	8pm
Sat 10 Aug	5pm
<b>Duration</b>	55mins
<b>Full</b>	\$48
<b>Concession</b>	\$44
<b>Friends</b>	\$40.80

\$4.95 transaction fee applies

Photo: Amber Haines

**NOTE** Contains strobe lighting, haze effects and loud, startling noise. Suitable for all ages.

**Presented by Darwin Festival and Darwin Entertainment Centre**



“PACKED WITH VISUAL MOMENTS OF BREATHTAKING BRILLIANCE... WOW!”

FRINGEREVIEW (UK)

## AAKASH ODEDRA & LEWIS MAJOR

# LITTLE MURMUR

**Bodies and words fly like flocks of birds in a stunning visual treat**

Diagnosed with dyslexia at a young age, Aakash Odedra found school a challenge. He spelt his name wrong until he was 21 and it wasn't until he “found the missing ‘A’” that he felt he belonged. Defined by his learning difficulties, not his abilities, dance became his mode of expression.

See his story brought to life in *Little Murmur*, an exquisite dance theatre show that combines groundbreaking visual projection, an extraordinary soundscape and a blizzard of paper and confetti into one heartwarming story.

FAMILY // DANCE

📍 Studio Theatre, Darwin Entertainment Centre 🚶

Sat 17 Aug	5pm
Sun 18 Aug	1pm
<b>Duration</b>	40mins
<b>Full</b>	\$44
<b>Concession</b>	\$40
<b>Friends</b>	\$37.40

\$4.95 transaction fee applies

Photo: Pamela Raith

**NOTE** Contains loud music and strong visual stimuli. Suitable for ages 7+



IN THEATRES

## PATCH THEATRE IN COLLABORATION WITH GRAVITY & OTHER MYTHS

# I WISH...

**Enter a world of colour and creativity in an acrobatic adventure exploring all the things we could be**

From an astronaut to a unicorn, and everything in between, performers from leaders in children's performance Patch Theatre and boundary-pushing circus company Gravity & Other Myths take you on a journey exploring the magic of individuality. *I Wish...* is an unforgettable live performance experience featuring gravity-defying acrobatics, stunning visuals and playful humour.

People are made of stuff – good stuff and bad stuff, happy and sad stuff, stinky, odd, boring, dangerous, funny, sparkling potions of stuff. People also have secret ingredients – what could your secret ingredient be?

FAMILY // CIRCUS

📍 The Playhouse, Darwin Entertainment Centre 🚶 50 🌐

Tue 13 Aug	6pm
<b>Duration</b>	45mins
<b>Full</b>	\$34
<b>Concession</b>	\$30
<b>Friends</b>	\$28.90
<b>Children under 12</b>	\$25

\$4.95 transaction fee applies

*I Wish...* Sydney Opera House  
Photo: Daniel Boud

**NOTE** Contains haze and lighting effects. Suitable for ages 4 – 8

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# LUMINOUS PRODUCTIONS POD

## Follow a seed pod on an immersive journey through the Top End seasons

Together with a nature guardian, POD battles fire, flood, wind and monsoonal rains on a journey through its life-cycle and out to sea. Cocoons burst into life, grass trees dance, storm clouds morph into horses as they cross the sky and POD befriends birds, animals and insects who help it battle all the elements of a year.

Created on Larrakia country and honouring the traditional Larrakia seasons, *POD* is a magical adventure for all ages. The story and our natural world are brought to life through puppets, projection, live improvised music and an interactive set that the audience is invited to explore.

### WORLD PREMIERE // VISUAL THEATRE

📍 Studio Theatre, Darwin Entertainment Centre 

<b>Thu 8 Aug</b>	6.30pm
<b>Fri 9 Aug</b>	5pm & 7.30pm
<b>Sat 10 Aug</b>	11am & 6.30pm
<b>Duration</b>	50mins
<b>Full</b>	\$34
<b>Concession</b>	\$30
<b>Friends</b>	\$28.90

\$4.95 transaction fee applies

Photo: Charlie Bliss


**NOTE** Suitable for all ages.



## DARWIN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA VITAL FORCES

Senior Larrakia Elder Dr Aunty Bilawara Lee and NT composer Netanela Mizrahi come together for the world premiere of a stunning new musical work. Commemorating the 50th anniversary of the devastating Cyclone Tracy that changed Darwin forever, *Vital Forces* is a breathtaking musical testament to the strength and resilience of the human spirit performed by Darwin's own symphony orchestra.

### MUSIC

📍 The Playhouse, Darwin Entertainment Centre 

<b>Sat 17 Aug</b>	7.30pm
<b>Duration</b>	1hr 45mins including interval
<b>Full</b>	\$65
<b>Concession</b>	\$55
<b>Under 30</b>	\$35
<b>Under 18</b>	\$22
<b>Family of 4</b>	\$152
<b>Friends</b>	\$55.25

\$4.95 transaction fee applies

Photos: Duane Preston & Hannah Herbert

Presented by Darwin Symphony Orchestra



## TRACKS DANCE CLOUD SPLIT

Through choreography by Jess Devereux that embodies changeable cloud-like motion and inexplicable natural phenomena, two dancers explore the moody sky of the Top End, encompassed by a formidable musical score by James Mangohig.

### WORLD PREMIERE // DANCE

📍 Tracks Dance Studio 

<b>Fri 16 Aug</b>	7pm
<b>Sat 17 &amp; Sun 18 Aug</b>	3pm & 7pm
<b>Duration</b>	1hr
<b>Full</b>	\$30
<b>Concession</b>	\$25
<b>Friends</b>	\$25.20

\$4.95 transaction fee applies

Photo: Duane Preston

**NOTE** Suitable for all ages.

Presented by Tracks Dance



MELANIE MUNUNGGURR & JURAN TIMU ADAMS

## MANIFESTO OF SALTWATER WOMEN



Join Djapu writer, poet and performer Melanie Mununggurr and Te Aitanga A Hauiti singer, songwriter and performer Juran Timu Adams for an evening of stories woven through spoken word, song and music. *Manifesto of Saltwater Women* is a powerful and beautiful collaboration inspired by two First Nations cultures connected through saltwater and the journey of womanhood.

### MUSIC // THEATRE

**Brown's Mart Theatre**

<b>Tue 13 &amp; Wed 14 Aug</b>	8pm
<b>Duration</b>	50mins
<b>Full</b>	\$42
<b>Concession</b>	\$38
<b>Friends</b>	\$35.70

\$4.95 transaction fee applies

Photo: Leicolhn Mckellar



## BIG DOG SALAD LIVE

Darwin's own Big Dog Salad bring their absurd and wacky sketch show to the Festival! Expect a unique blend of theatre and comedy, with some mime and puppetry thrown in as well. It's 100% pure silly goodness!

### COMEDY // THEATRE

**Brown's Mart Theatre**

<b>Thu 15 Aug</b>	8pm
<b>Fri 16 Aug</b>	6pm
<b>Full</b>	\$42
<b>Concession</b>	\$38
<b>Friends</b>	\$35.70

\$4.95 transaction fee applies

Photo: Nat Kelly - Film Laundry



MICHAEL GRIFFITHS

## IN VOGUE: SONGS BY MADONNA

Helpmann award-winner Michael Griffiths *is* Madonna. No accent, costume or wig. Just Her Madgesty, the Queen of Pop leading you on a journey through her tough life and tender songs. Strike a pose, get into the groove and express yourself as Madonna opens her heart.

### CABARET

**Brown's Mart Theatre**

<b>Sat 17 Aug</b>	8pm
<b>Full</b>	\$42
<b>Concession</b>	\$38
<b>Friends</b>	\$35.70

\$4.95 transaction fee applies

Photo: Kurt Sneddon



## PARTY GHOST

Spooky silliness meets jaw-dropping circus spectacle in the award-winning ghoulish journey that is *Party Ghost*! This tongue-in-cheek Death Day celebration is refreshing, hauntingly hilarious and just perfect for fans of high-level circus and dark comedy. *Party Ghost* is not for the faint of heart – so expect a little bit of boo and a whole lot of bang for your buck!

### CIRCUS // THEATRE

**Brown's Mart Theatre**

<b>Wed 21 – Fri 23 Aug</b>	8pm
<b>Sat 24 Aug</b>	4pm & 8pm
<b>Sun 25 Aug</b>	8pm
<b>Duration</b>	50mins
<b>Full</b>	\$42
<b>Concession</b>	\$38
<b>Friends</b>	\$35.70

\$4.95 transaction fee applies

Photo: Mark Robson

**NOTE** Contains strobe and haze effects and potentially triggering adult themes. Suitable for ages 14+

Produced by Cluster Arts



NICCI WILKS

## RODEO CLOWN

Saddle up for the ride of your life with Nicci Wilks' Squirt, the only female rodeo clown on the circuit. This dark one-woman physical comedy explores one of the most dangerous jobs on earth with all the humour, skills and thrills of the job. Life is like a rodeo – the trick is to ride and make it to the bell.

### CIRCUS // THEATRE

**Brown's Mart Theatre**

<b>Thu 22 – Sun 25 Aug</b>	6pm
<b>Duration</b>	1hr
<b>Full</b>	\$42
<b>Concession</b>	\$38
<b>Friends</b>	\$35.70

\$4.95 transaction fee applies

Photo: Ian Sutherland

**NOTE** Contains coarse language. Suitable for ages 12+

Produced by Cluster Arts

GRAVITY &  
OTHER MYTHS

# THE MIRROR



## Prepare to be dazzled by a totally entertaining, unique circus experience

Gravity & Other Myths return to Darwin with a spectacular show that combines live music, dance, circus, cabaret, video and – of course – heart-pumping acrobatics.

With humour, playful storytelling and amazing circus leaps and bounds, *The Mirror* explores what entertainment is in a world where we're all content creators and what we make lasts forever. High impact acrobatics spill off the stage, accompanied by a pulsing lighting and video design and immersed in richly layered electronic compositions and pop mash-ups performed live by Ekrem Eli Phoenix.

### CIRCUS

📍 INPEX Sunset Stage



<b>Thu 8 – Sat 10 Aug</b>	7pm
<b>Sun 11 Aug</b>	8.45pm
<b>Duration</b>	1hr 15mins
<b>Full</b>	\$48
<b>Concession</b>	\$44
<b>Friends</b>	\$40.80

\$4.95 transaction fee applies

Photo: Andy Phillipson

**NOTE** Seated performance. Contains haze effects. Suitable for ages 8+

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“CONTEMPORARY CIRCUS IN ITS PUREST FORM. A GREAT DELIGHT.”

BERLINER MORGENPOST



# THE TAP PACK

## Slick humour and world-class tap dancing combine for a night of high-energy entertainment

The Tap Pack bring cool classics with a fresh new twist. Inspired by the infamous 'Rat Pack', they perform dazzling renditions of songs from Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin and Sammy Davis Jr right through to Ed Sheeran, Michael Bublé and Beyoncé.

They sing. They joke. They tap up a storm. They bring a new, invigorating energy to a timeless style and you won't be able to keep your feet still!

### CABARET // DANCE

📍 INPEX Sunset Stage



<b>Wed 21 – Fri 23 Aug</b>	7pm
<b>Duration</b>	1hr
<b>Full</b>	\$48
<b>Concession</b>	\$44
<b>Friends</b>	\$40.80

\$4.95 transaction fee applies

**NOTE** Seated performance. Suitable for all ages.

“SHAMELESSLY ENTERTAINING.”

THE SYDNEY MORNING HERALD



## ANNE EDMONDS

### WHY IS MY BAG ALL WET?

With stand up that is fearless and hilarious, Anne Edmonds takes aim at any worthy target, no matter how close to home it is.

Anne floods her bag at least twice a week and becoming a mother hasn't helped this. Where once there was water, now there is milk. It's time to screw your water bottle lids on tight, kick back and for god's sake laugh at her latest stand-up show.

Wed 21 Aug 8.45pm

"SIMPLY A FANTASTIC PERFORMER."

THE AGE



## TOMMY LITTLE HAS A REGULAR SIZE DECK

Brace yourself for a tidal wave of laughter as Australia's reigning deckhead of comedy takes on the Top End.

Tommy Little is one of the country's most popular performers who has built a rock star reputation with his signature wit, wild stories and infectious energy. Loved for pushing it just a bit further over the edge than expected and keeping audiences on the edge of their seats, this new show is a laugh-a-minute ride that spares no one – not even himself.

Sat 24 Aug 7pm

## TOM GLEESON

### GEAR

Hard Quiz Overlord, Master of Tasks and Gold Logie winner Tom Gleeson has taken the Brass Mug on the road for the past two years with *Hard Quiz Live*. Now he's giving Darwin fans an opportunity to see a master stand-up at work with his brand-new live show, *Gear*.

Don't miss the chance to watch this gold-plated, comedy superstar live!

Tue 13 Aug 7pm



"RAPID-FIRE DELIVERY, RAZOR-SHARP WIT."

HERALD SUN

## NINA OYAMA IS COMING

Meet Nina, a 30-year-old fast, funny and unflinchingly honest comedian who doesn't really know what she's doing or where she's going. One thing is for certain – *Nina Oyama is Coming* :)

If you've turned on the TV over the last year, you've seen Nina in starring roles on Prime's *Deadloch*, Network 10's *Taskmaster Australia* or ABC TV's *Utopia*. Now, Australia's 'it girl' of comedy returns to her first love – stand up – and Darwin has the chance to see what all the fuss is about.

Tue 20 Aug 8.45pm







MYF WARHURST & ZAN ROWE  
**BANG ON LIVE**

Myf Warhurst and Zan Rowe bring their smash-hit Double J podcast to the stage.

*Bang On* brings together two of Australia's most respected and loved music journalists and presenters – who are also great friends – for a one-stop shop for music, art, life and stuff. It's all the conversations you need to be across each week (but don't have the time to read a think-piece about).

Join Myf and Zan for *Bang On Live* – they promise it'll be a hoot!

Tue 20 Aug 7pm

**"A JAM-PACKED 60 MINUTES OF BEAUTIFULLY CONTROLLED CHAOS."**

ARTSHUB



**HE HUANG**  
TIGER DAUGHTER VS THE WORLD

Get ready to travel as Chinese comedy superstar He Huang takes you on one hilarious trip around the globe. Whether she's getting lost in translation at exotic bazaars or navigating ancient ruins with an absurdly inappropriate guidebook, He's adventures will have you laughing out loud. Forget your Lonely Planet guide, because if you want to survive international cuisine, unexpected transportation mishaps and staying alive in a foreign land, the only guide you need is...*Tiger Daughter*.

Sun 25 Aug 7pm

**"EMPOWERED, SASSY AND FEARLESS."**

BEAT MAGAZINE

**AMY HETHERINGTON**  
TERRITORY PROUD

Darwin's very own Amy Hetherington brings a brand-new hour of hilarious high-energy comedy to Darwin Festival... and it'll make you *Territory Proud!*

What do small towns, parents of toddlers and Territorians have in common? They're all proud of really weird things. From iced coffee to poos on the big toilet, Amy explores what makes us proud and learns just how much that can change.

Tue 13 Aug 8.45pm



**GILLIAN COSGRIFF**  
ACTUALLY GOOD

Gillian Cosgriff won Most Outstanding Show at the 2023 Melbourne International Comedy Festival and sold out her Edinburgh Fringe Festival season with this brilliant hour of hilarious original songs, killer stand-up and a big book of things that are actually good.

*Actually Good* is a joyous, funny and life-affirming show about the little things that make the big, hard things manageable, and pointing at the bits of the world that make you yell, "Wow! Isn't this great?". Don't miss it!

Thu 8 Aug 9pm





“RUDE, CRUDE AND FABULOUS.”

THE SYDNEY MORNING HERALD

# CARLOTTA

## THE PARTY'S OVER

Political activist, living legend and Australia's most beloved showgirl Carlotta has led an extraordinary life. Now in her 80th year, she bids Darwin a fabulous feather and sequinned farewell with a show of Peter Allen, Sondheim, Kander and Ebb and Barry Manilow hits all backed by a three-piece band led by Michael Griffiths.

### CABARET

📍 INPEX Sunset Stage 

<b>Sun 18 Aug</b>	9pm
<b>Duration</b>	1hr
<b>Full</b>	\$44
<b>Concession</b>	\$40
<b>Friends</b>	\$37.40

\$4.95 transaction fee applies

**NOTE** Seated performance. Suitable for ages 12+



# QUEER POWERPOINT

Powerpoint meets LGBTQIA+ as the corporate world's snooziest presentation software gets a joyous queer makeover in this cult hit experimental performance. See Darwin creatives share their passions and nerdiest obsessions in an alternately playful, hilarious and totally serious exploration of pop culture as seen through the staid lens of everyone's favourite archaic slide show.

### WORDS & IDEAS

📍 INPEX Sunset Stage 

<b>Fri 16 &amp; Sat 17 Aug</b>	5.15pm
<b>Duration</b>	1hr
<b>Full</b>	\$34
<b>Concession</b>	\$30
<b>Friends</b>	\$28.90

\$4.95 transaction fee applies

**NOTE** Seated performance.

## QUEENIE VAN DE ZANDT

# CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE

Take a seat, whip out your smartphone and get ready to take control of how the night unfolds as musical theatre maverick and comedic cabaret queen, Queenie van de Zandt, offers up a buffet of entertainment on a Lazy Susan.

### CABARET // COMEDY

📍 INPEX Sunset Stage 

<b>Thu 22 Aug</b>	8.45pm
<b>Duration</b>	1hr
<b>Full</b>	\$44
<b>Concession</b>	\$40
<b>Friends</b>	\$37.40

\$4.95 transaction fee applies

Photo: Sean Higgins

**NOTE** Seated performance.



# TINA – A TROPICAL LOVE STORY

Embrace the transformative power of music and love in this heartfelt tribute to the indomitable spirit of Tina Turner. Miss Ellaneous (AKA Ben Graetz) shares deeply personal tales of growing up in Darwin and the profound impact Tina had on his life through captivating storytelling cabaret and dazzling drag performances, featuring guest artists including Crystal Love, Donnie Piccolo, Karibu Collective and more.

### CABARET

📍 INPEX Sunset Stage 

<b>Thu 15 Aug</b>	8.45pm
<b>Duration</b>	1hr
<b>Full</b>	\$44
<b>Concession</b>	\$40
<b>Friends</b>	\$37.40

\$4.95 transaction fee applies

Photo: Jamie James

**NOTE** Seated performance. Suitable for ages 16+



# FRIDAY & SATURDAY LATE NIGHT MUSIC

Some of the hottest acts in the country are heading to the INPEX Sunset Stage for three weeks of Friday and Saturday night music good times. Catch a gig from 9pm, then stick around after the show for Club Awi. Your show ticket gets you free entry to our hot spot for fresh sounds and late-night party vibes.

📍 INPEX Sunset Stage 

## MUSIC GIGS

Full	\$44
Concession	\$40
Friends	\$37.40

\$4.95 transaction fee applies. Your ticket gets you entry to Club Awi after the show

## CLUB AWI

All Tickets	\$15 at the door
Friends	FREE

**NOTE** All events are standing only.  
Club Awi entry subject to availability and strictly for ages 18+



## TEEN JESUS AND THE JEAN TEASERS

The band with one of the best names in the biz delivers passionate punk rock packed with emotion and wit in an exhilarating combo of energy and musicianship.

Demonstrating their evolution across an impressive string of releases and performances around the country since their 2019 debut, the band embraced 2023 with the release of their highly anticipated debut studio record, *I Love You*. But Teen Jesus and The Jean Teasers are more than the Australian music industry buzz has hinted towards. They are pure joy, rage and euphoria, delivered with precision and heart.

## MUSIC

**Fri 9 Aug** 9.15pm

Club Awi features the genre-bending blend of global electronic sounds from Ayebatonye as well as the Ambassador of International Roots and Culture – Voodoo Dred.

## CLUB AWI

We're bringing out the true meaning of Club Awi – the Tiwi word for everyone – with a mix of locally-based tastemakers alongside some friends from WA, Timor Leste and beyond.

Expect a line-up of heavies, whose Boiler Room sets have inspired a new generation of genre-defying magic around the globe, paired up with homegrown heroes and some killer surprise acts. The decks will be sizzling with a delicious melting pot – from afro grooves to jersey club, synth wave to disco, classic R 'n' B to new school hip hop.

Visit [darwinfestival.com.au](http://darwinfestival.com.au) for full line-up details.

## LATE NIGHT // MUSIC

**Fri 9 – Sat 24 Aug** Fri & Sat 10pm – 2am

Photo: Helen Orr



## JAZZPARTY

Let's get one thing straight. No one goes to see JAZZPARTY to have their expectations met. They go to have them completely, dutifully, willingly blown away.

It's difficult to describe what this eight-piece band do musically – because they do a lot! With eclectic influences from Fats Waller to Rosalia, Prince to Patsy Cline and David Lynch to Ennio Morricone, JAZZPARTY have stretched out from their early R 'n' B and New Orleans style revelry, to explore soul, rock 'n' roll, gospel, calypso, '70s cult folk and pop for a party with punk attitude.

## MUSIC

**Sat 10 Aug** 9.15pm

DJ Ageng Winston & DJ Dora from Timor Leste take over the Club Awi decks, infusing the air with a vibrant mix of traditional rhythms and contemporary floor fillers.

Photo: Zak Gamsiri





## DARWIN WORLD MIX

Darwin World Mix bring a unique blend of international sounds to the INPEX Sunset Stage. This is a fun fusion Friday night you won't experience anywhere else!

Featuring principal singers from Madagascar to Jamaica, Manila to Japan, with traditional Arnhem Land vocals backed by strong rhythms and drums, this eclectic group promises high-energy sounds from around the world, delivered by virtuoso musicians who all call Darwin home. With a Jamaican DJ on board this is one explosive live show.

### MUSIC

**Fri 16 Aug** 9pm

Club Awi features a high-energy bass and beats set from Monchiichi, a bubbling DJ bursting with flava, plus locals Spellfish, DemiRep and Rhele.



## BARKAA X KOBIE DEE

Get hyped for a deadly hip-hop double bill featuring the combined musical and storytelling talents of BARKAA and Kobie Dee.

In a short period of time BARKAA "the new matriarch of Australian rap" (GQ) has become one of the most exciting new hip-hop artists on the scene, with a voice that balances unbridled passion with fierce aggression. With an innate gift for storytelling and connecting with young people, Kobie Dee is one of the exciting new voices in Australian hip-hop.

### MUSIC

**Fri 23 Aug** 9pm

An eclectic Club Awi night stars multidisciplinary, queer WA DJ Agapantha, the King of the North DJ Run it and Rookie of the Year DJ Smithy.

## KAIIT

Get set to be captivated by the honeyed vocals, fierce, contemporary rhymes and shimmery feel-good vibes of Kaiit. With a passion for jazz and soul that is evident in her music, Kaiit was personally claimed by neo-soul queens Jill Scott and Erykah Badu as their 'musical love child from down under'. She draws musical inspiration from her idols Amy Winehouse and Lauryn Hill, as well as contemporary peers Noname and SZA.

Join this Naarm-based, ARIA award-winning artist and luminary of the neo-soul scene as she performs songs from her highly anticipated new album in a show not to be missed.

### MUSIC

**Sat 17 Aug** 9pm

Kick on at the Peachy Party Club Awi takeover designed for the community to come together, dance, connect and have a peachy keen time.

Photo: Jade D'amico



## HARVEY SUTHERLAND LIVE

Hit the dancefloor as producer, DJ and funk synthesist Harvey Sutherland brings his impeccable groove to INPEX Sunset Stage.

After making a name amongst Melbourne's electronic underground scene, Harvey Sutherland's broad array of crate-digging influences and bubbling, neurotic machine funk have made international waves. Now he's headed for the Top End bringing material from his debut album *Boy* alongside favourites from his distinctive catalogue of synth explorations. Harvey Sutherland and his live ensemble invite you to a true celebration of dance music.

### MUSIC

**Sat 24 Aug** 9pm

Club Awi goes out with a bang when Fly Waves and DJ Wrong Banana have you working up a sweat with their big dance floor energy.

Photo: Ted Min





## MZAZA

# THE BIRTH AND DEATH OF STARS

Music knows no borders in this mesmerising collaboration that contemplates our place in the universe.

World music favourites MZAZA draw inspiration from history's philosophers and astronomers to lead us on a surreal voyage between music and theatre that is powerfully poetic, moving and humorous.

### MUSIC

📍 INPEX Sunset Stage



<b>Sun 18 Aug</b>	7pm
<b>Duration</b>	1hr 10mins
<b>Full</b>	\$44
<b>Concession</b>	\$40
<b>Friends</b>	\$37.40

\$4.95 transaction fee applies

Photo: Jacques Maudy

**NOTE** Seated performance.



## ENSEMBLE OFFSPRING & ARAFURA MUSIC COLLECTIVE

# STORIES OF WATER AND EARTH

North meets south and freshwater meets saltwater when Darwin based Arafura Music Collective and Sydney mavericks Ensemble Offspring collaborate for the first time. Yuwaalaraay woman Nardi Simpson and Djapa woman Melanie Mununggurr feature as special guests in a performance that weaves instrumental chamber music, beat poetry and Dreaming stories.

*Stories of Water and Earth* is both a story and a musical journey of language, culture and singing.

### MUSIC

📍 INPEX Sunset Stage



<b>Sat 10 Aug</b>	5.15pm
<b>Duration</b>	1hr
<b>Full</b>	\$44
<b>Concession</b>	\$40
<b>Friends</b>	\$37.40

\$4.95 transaction fee applies

Photo: Yaya Stempler

**NOTE** Seated performance..



## ARRKULA YINBAYARRA

Featuring Dr Shellie Morris AO

Dr Shellie Morris returns to Festival Park with Arrkula Yinbayarra (Together we Sing) in a heartfelt musical tribute to their heritage and the rich tapestry of Borroloola languages.

This group of women from the remote Gulf of Carpentaria have rallied for their critically endangered languages and are helping to preserve them through an album of new songs.

Enjoy music from *Waralungku* in a concert honouring community, family, Country, the old ways and life in Borroloola today.

### MUSIC

📍 INPEX Sunset Stage



<b>Sun 11 Aug</b>	7pm
<b>Duration</b>	1hr
<b>Full</b>	\$44
<b>Concession</b>	\$40
<b>Friends</b>	\$37.40

\$4.95 transaction fee applies

Photo: Matthew Wells

**NOTE** Seated performance.



## CUSTARD

Wacky Brisbane juggernaut Custard are returning to the NT for the first time in 30 years and they're bringing new music and old faves in one energetic live show. Sure, with a collective age of 429 this could possibly be the beginning of the end, or at the very least the end of the beginning. But all you need to know is Custard are one damn fine pop band and this will be one super fun gig!

### MUSIC

📍 INPEX Sunset Stage



<b>Wed 14 Aug</b>	9pm
<b>Duration</b>	1hr
<b>Full</b>	\$44
<b>Concession</b>	\$40
<b>Friends</b>	\$37.40

\$4.95 transaction fee applies

Photo: Lachlan Douglas

**NOTE** Standing event. Limited seating available.

“A MAGIC CARPET RIDE SPANNING MUSICAL AND POETIC TRADITIONS.”

### WEEKEND NOTES



“A CIRQUE EXPERIENCE  
UNLIKE ANY OTHER.”

THEATRE HAUS



# CIRQUE BON BON

## Beauty and bravery ignite for 60 minutes of electrifying action

An all-star cast of contortionists, acrobats and dancers will get hearts racing as they set the INPEX Sunset Stage alight, transforming it into a cauldron of excitement, drama and hilarity.

*Cirque Bon Bon* is an all-ages show that is bound to have everyone up on their feet, clapping and cheering for more! Be wowed by an extravaganza of light, mind-bending contortion, sensational dancers, death-defying feats of acrobatics and more than a few laughs.

### CIRCUS

📍 INPEX Sunset Stage



<b>Wed 14 – Sat 17 Aug</b>	7pm
<b>Duration</b>	1hr
<b>Full</b>	\$48
<b>Concession</b>	\$44
<b>Friends</b>	\$40.80

\$4.95 transaction fee applies

Photo: Scott Belzner

**NOTE** Seated performance. Suitable for all ages.



## PROUDFOOT & FRIENDS

Get ready for the foot-stomping, rib-tickling, toe-tapping time of your life at the *Proudfoot & Friends* stage show spectacular! This groundbreaking comedy-musical features choreographed animated projections that delight and captivate little ones (and big ones!) as award-winning children’s performer Lucas Proudfoot leads them on a hilarious interactive sing-along adventure.

### FAMILY // MUSIC

📍 INPEX Sunset Stage



<b>Fri 23 &amp; Sat 24 Aug</b>	5.30pm
<b>Duration</b>	45mins
<b>Full</b>	\$34
<b>Concession</b>	\$30
<b>Friends</b>	\$28.90
<b>Children under 12</b>	\$25

\$4.95 transaction fee applies

**NOTE** Suitable for ages 3 – 7



## KIDS CLUB SPECTACULAR

OK kids – it’s showtime! Join this colourful pack of fun-makers for an awesome array of kids’ entertainment that celebrates everything we love about Darwin! Hosted by Lisa Pellegrino, *Kids Club Spectacular* features diverse and spectacular music and performances – from Balinese dance to hip-hop, kids songs and more, all in one fun and inclusive show.

### FAMILY

📍 INPEX Sunset Stage



<b>Fri 9 Aug</b>	5.15pm
<b>Duration</b>	45mins
<b>Full</b>	\$30
<b>Concession</b>	\$26
<b>Friends</b>	\$25.50
<b>Children under 12</b>	\$20

\$4.95 transaction fee applies

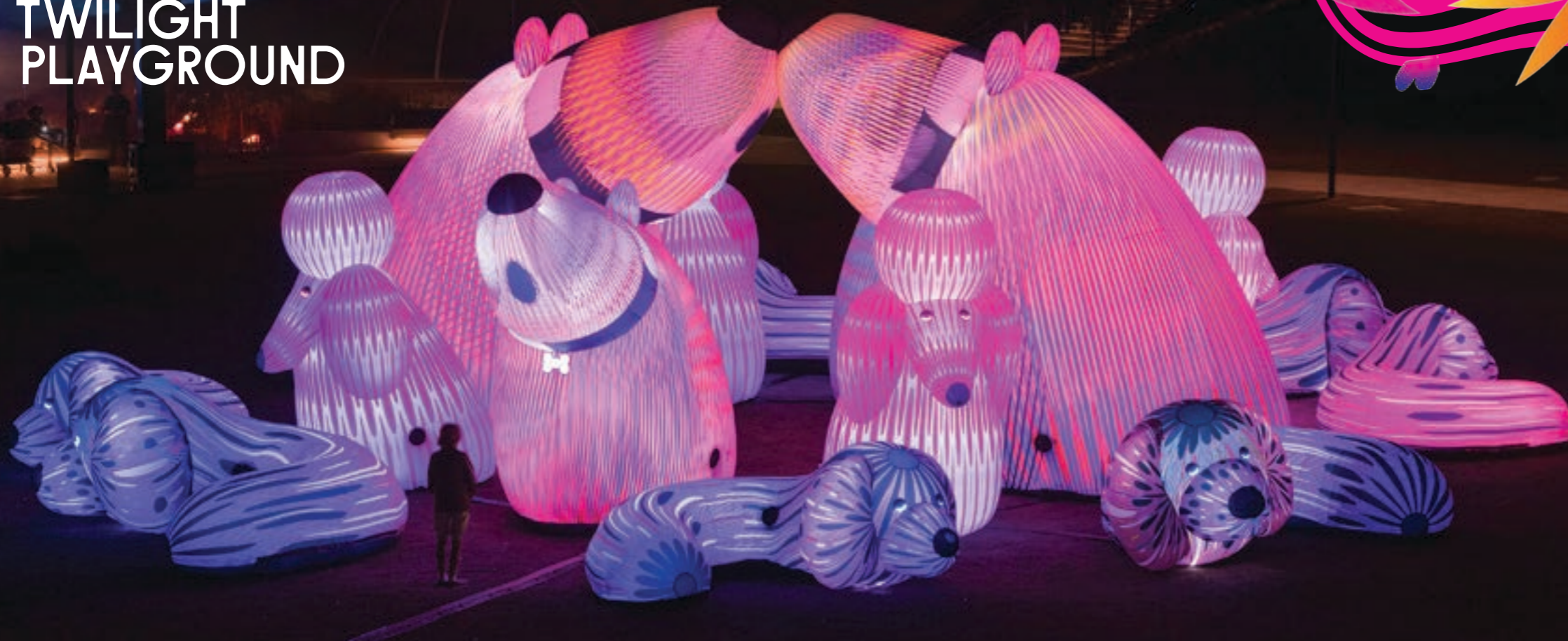
**NOTE** Suitable for all ages.

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KOLSEN  
TWILIGHT  
PLAYGROUND



ENESS

LOST  
DOGS'  
DISCO

Calling all dog lovers! A pack of giant inflatable dogs is moving into Festival Park

Welcome to the *Lost Dogs' Disco*, a place where every stray is welcome and ready to dance the afternoon (or night) away.

Everyone's invited to our play space on the Council forecourt where an illuminated immersive installation of dogs is hanging out. See their coats light up as you pass by and be greeted with a chorus of barks, growls and howls in a custom sound design that captures the beauty and pathos of a doggo's life.

SPECIAL EVENT // FAMILY

📍 Kolsen Twilight Playground, Festival Park



Thu 8 – Sun 25 Aug

Tue – Sun 5pm – 9pm  
(Not open Mondays)

FREE

Photo: Diana Snape

NOTE Suitable for all ages.

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DARWIN PORT  
BANDSTAND

Festival Park is your hub venue for free Festival fun. And if it's music you're after then Darwin Port Bandstand is the place to be. Every night the Park is open we'll feature guest Darwin artists whose music shines a light on some of the many cultures of this city.

Drop in after work and see a band over dinner or kick back after you've enjoyed a ticketed show and hear eclectic tunes from across the globe.

You might find yourself trying out some new mambo moves to Latin Street Fiesta, jumping aboard the Gravy Train's percussive fingerstyle guitar or being swept away by the sounds of Africa with the divine voices of Sayuni Choir.

MUSIC

📍 Darwin Port Bandstand, Festival Park



Thu 9 – Sun 25 Aug  
(no shows Mondays)

See [darwinfestival.org.au](http://darwinfestival.org.au) for line-up and set times

FREE

Photo: Charlie Bliss

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# FESTIVAL FOOD

## MADE WITH LOVE

Take your tastebuds on a culinary journey around Darwin's diverse food culture every night in Festival Park. Meet some of Darwin's favourites and enjoy the delicious food they're creating just for you.



### BAMBOO LOUNGE

Experience the vibrant flavours of Southeast Asian-inspired cuisine at Bamboo Lounge, where Romal and Madhu's authentic culinary artistry shines through in every bite. With roots in Nepal and a deep love for the warmth of Darwin's people and produce, they create food with love, prepared with the freshest local ingredients.



### ELLA BY MINOLI

Discover the heart and soul of Sri Lankan cuisine, where each dish is a tribute to Minoli's family heritage. Using seasonal local produce, modern cooking techniques and balanced flavours, Ella by Minoli creates heavenly cuisine to activate your senses. Try their OG Sri Lankan curries – truly tantalising to the tastebuds!



### CUCINA SOTTO LE STELLE

Benjamin is back this Dry Season with his authentic Italian wood fired pizza, a Nightcliff foreshore favourite for many years. Catch him under the festoon lights in his iconic pizza-making pants and listen out for the Cucina sotto le stelle catchcry – the call of your pizza number echoing through the crowd.



### THREE MUM'S KITCHEN

The team from Three Mum's Kitchen are back with their delicious Vietnamese food. Using fresh, local ingredients from farms and markets around the Top End, this is authentic, tasty food made with mum's magic touch.



### CHRISTINE'S EXOTIC EATS

Delight your senses with Christine's Exotic Eats, a culinary journey into the heart of East African flavours. From handcrafted Kenyan samosas, to mahamri and aromatic pilau rice bowls, each dish is a celebration of healthy ingredients and vibrant flavours made with love.



### TRAMPOLINE

One of our longest standing food vendors Trampoline Gelato is back and we can't wait for you to taste this year's exclusive Darwin Festival flavour. With a minimum of 12 flavours on offer each night, Festival Park will be full of smiling faces. And that's Trampoline owner John's favourite part of his job!



### HUGS PANIM

Indulge in the soulful tastes of Thailand at Hugs Panim, where Nim and her daughters craft dishes brimming with love, flavour and freshness. You can't go past crowd-favourites Pad Thai, Paw Paw salad, or try Nim's Thai beef salad – it'll melt in your mouth with a tangy spice hit.



### MR MINUCCI

Alessio's irresistible Mr Minucci burgers made such a splash last year that they're back at Festival Park. From beef to buffalo, vegetarian and seafood delights, they're a fresh festival feast designed to satisfy every craving. Freshly made-to-order, satisfaction is guaranteed every time you visit.



### PORKIN'

August brings the perfect weather for Porkin's paella and charcuterie plates in the Park! Back by popular demand for their second year, Ryan, Manfred and the team bring European flavour to Festival Park.



MERRICK WATTS

# AN IDIOT'S GUIDE TO WINE: VOLUME 2

## New wines. New jokes. Same idiot.

After the runaway sell-out success of his wine tasting comedy at last year's Festival, Merrick Watts is back. And he's bringing a brand-new show, showcasing different grape varietals from awesome wine makers with new jokes and stories to match.

Get a group together and join Australia's favourite comedian wine expert for an evening where you'll sample six wines and accidentally learn something along the way.

### COMEDY

**Beachside Pavilion, Mindil Beach Casino Resort**

<b>Tue 20 &amp; Wed 21 Aug</b>	6.45pm
<b>Thu 22 Aug</b>	6pm & 8.30pm
<b>Duration</b>	1hr 10mins
<b>All Tickets</b>	\$75
<b>Table of 8</b>	\$560

\$4.95 transaction fee applies Photo: Monica Pronk

**NOTE** Ticket price includes six wine tastings. Contains coarse language and adult themes. Strictly for ages 18+

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## INFINITY BEATS POOL PARTY

Club Awi DJs are taking over Mindil Beach Casino Resort's *Infinity Beats Pool Party* during the Festival.

If you love the whole cocktail-sipping, sun-soaking beach club experience, then this is the ultimate Sunday session. Pop the sunnies on and pamper yourself with an afternoon blissfully lounging on a sunbed, swimming in the glistening infinity pool and grazing on beachy bites while taking in the amazing panoramic beach sunset.

Visit [darwinfestival.org.au](http://darwinfestival.org.au) for line-up details.

### MUSIC // SPECIAL EVENT

**Infinity, Mindil Beach Casino Resort**

<b>11, 18 &amp; 25 Aug</b>	4pm – 7pm
<b>FREE</b>	Food and drinks available to purchase

\$4.95 transaction fee applies

**NOTE** BYO bathers. Strictly for ages 18+

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## ABC RADIO DARWIN'S HAPPY HOUR IN THE SPIEGELTENT

ABC Radio Darwin Drive host Liz Trevaskis is the host for your dose of Festival fun. Stars from this year's program will join Liz live on The Spiegeltent stage for exclusive performances and behind-the-scenes stories. Get the lowdown on must-see shows and enjoy this special event filled with conversations, music, laughter and Festival hijinks.

Book your place in the audience or listen live on your radio or online.

### SPECIAL EVENT

**The Spiegeltent, Sitzler Festival Lawn, in front of Parliament House**

**Thu 15 Aug** 4pm – 6pm

**FREE** Bookings essential

Photo: Charlie Bliss

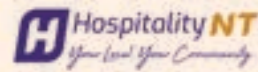
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# A TASTE OF DARWIN

Join us for three very different events showcasing the incredible food and beverage culture we enjoy here in Darwin. Neville Pantazis, Darwin food and wine connoisseur and director of Parap Fine Foods, has curated these unique hospitality experiences for your eating and drinking pleasure.

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## URBAN COCKTAIL TRAIL

Take to the streets for a unique guided walking tour of some of Darwin's favourite bars. At each stop you'll enjoy a signature cocktail crafted with a Top End twist. Hear from each drink's creator as you sip and share a platter of snacks. With the tour taking in Stone House, Poco, Babylon Bar, Baraki, Charlie's, Bar Kokomo and Hanky Panky you know you're in for a very special cocktail selection as you are Pied Pipered through the streets with a musical surprise.

**📍 Meet at Stone House Wine Bar & Kitchen**

**Thu 15 Aug** 6.30pm & 7.30pm

**Duration** 3hrs

**All Tickets** \$150

\$4.95 transaction fee applies



## FOODIES BAR ADVENTURE

Sample the best in food and drink that Darwin city and surrounds have to offer, as we take you on a tasting adventure by bus. Starting at The Trader Bar, we'll drop into Parap Fine Foods, Porkin' and Dom's Bar. At each iconic venue you'll enjoy a drink that has been matched with a delicious food offering especially for this event. Hit the road for a tour that truly showcases the versatility of Darwin's hospitality scene.

**📍 Meet at The Trader Bar**

**Wed 21 Aug** 6pm & 7pm

**Duration** 2hrs 30mins

**All Tickets** \$130

\$4.95 transaction fee applies



## ITALIAN FEAST

Darwin food lovers are invited to an exclusive fine dining pasta evening to remember. Enjoy a delicious contemporary Italian meal accompanied by a selection of wines as you're serenaded by musicians from Darwin Symphony Orchestra. This exclusive, one-night only dinner date takes place in the intimate surrounds of Parap Fine Foods.

**📍 Parap Fine Foods**

**Wed 14 Aug** 7pm

**Duration** 2hrs

**All Tickets** \$150

\$4.95 transaction fee applies



# CITY OF DARWIN TEDDY BEARS' PICNIC

The big day out for our littlest arts lovers is back!

Bring a sense of adventure, your favourite teddy bear and the whole family to The Esplanade for a free fun day like no other. *City of Darwin Teddy Bears' Picnic* is an annual institution and this year we've planned a morning with the lot!

Parents, you're used to taking pics of the kids. Well acclaimed interactive art experience *I See You Like This* turns the camera around and invites children to art direct a creative portrait directly on your face!

Play your favourite party games in a bubble-filled children's disco to the backing of a blend of kid-friendly tunes. And help artist Peta Goodrem decorate a hungry papier maché frog and its dragonfly snacks.

That's as well as the stalls you know and love, a huge cast of roving performers and all your favourite artistic activities.

## FAMILY

**The Esplanade**

**Sun 11 Aug** 9am – 12pm

## FREE

Photos: Helen Orr & Iene Mesotten

**NOTE** Suitable for all ages.

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ACROSS DARWIN

## BORN IN A TAXI

# THE WHALE'S TALE

**A beached whale, a confused navigator, a ridiculous doctor... whatever could be the matter?**

Watch from the shore or submerge yourself in this underwater playground full of surprises. Put on your shrimp helmet, take a deep breath and dive inside the jaws of Manilayo, the humpback whale. Watch out, you could be the whale's next snack... or become the hero of the story and live to tell the tale!

*The Whale's Tale* is a highly interactive spectacle full of slapstick, clowning and a nine-metre whale puppet that can swallow you whole! It's also an environmental story to warm the heart and inspire you to play your part in caring for the planet and the animals we share it with.

## FAMILY // THEATRE

**Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory**

**Wed 14 – Fri 16 Aug** 5pm  
**Sat 17 Aug** 10.30am & 5pm  
**Sun 18 Aug** 10.30am & 3pm

**Duration** 50mins

**Full** \$32

**Concession** \$28

**Friends** \$27.20

**Children under 12** \$25

\$4.95 transaction fee applies

Photo: Carolyn Hanna

**NOTE** Outdoor event. Bring a hat and sunscreen. Suitable for ages 4+

**Presented by Darwin Festival and Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory**

# 2024 TELSTRA NATIONAL ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER ART AWARDS

## Experience the richness and diversity of contemporary artistic practice

Australia's longest running and most prestigious Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander art awards return to MAGNT. This year's exhibition features leading and emerging Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists from across the nation, sharing works that reflect the continuation of cultures, responses to current affairs and unerring connections to Country.

Set up a picnic on the MAGNT lawns from 5.30pm on Friday 9 August and celebrate the incredible exhibiting artists at the official Awards Ceremony.

### VISUAL ART

**Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory**



### Awards Ceremony

**Fri 9 Aug** 7pm

**Exhibition Dates** Sat 22 Jun 2024 – Mon 27 Jan 2025  
10am – 4pm daily

### FREE

2023 Telstra Award winner, Keith Wikmunea, *Ku'*, *Theewith & Kalampang: The White Cockatoo, Galah and the wandering Dog*, 2023, earth pigments with binders on milkwood. Courtesy of the artist and Wik & Kugu Aurukun Arts Centre. Photo: Mark Sherwood

**NOTE** BYO picnic to Awards Ceremony. Food trucks and licensed bar available.

**Presented by the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory and Principal Partner Telstra**

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## EXCLUSIVE MERCHANDISE WITH CHRIS BLACK OF JILAMARA ARTS

Laundry Gallery is excited to present an exclusive merchandise range for Darwin Festival 2024 in collaboration with Chris Black of Jilamara Arts.

Chris is a Tiwi man from Milikapiti on Melville Island. He is part of the large Miartuwee clan and a long line of ancestors who practice telling stories through Jilamara—Tiwi ochre designs that draw on ceremonial body painting, creation stories, and family totems. Chris' artwork is a unique contemporary celebration of the Tiwi family totems that are important to him, such as Jarranga (buffalo) and Yirrikipayi (crocodile).

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## NORTHERN CENTRE FOR CONTEMPORARY ART

Leading contemporary arts organisation NCCA is a forum for ideas and critical engagement, which connects audiences with social, aesthetic and conceptual concerns relevant to Northern Australia and Asia. During the Festival, the gallery will once again celebrate the diverse work of First Nations artists from around the country.

### VISUAL ART

📍 Northern Centre for Contemporary Art 

Sat 10 Aug – Sat 5 Oct  
Wed – Fri 10am – 4pm  
Sat 8am – 2pm

FREE

Photo: Jack Bullen

Presented by the Northern Centre for Contemporary Art



## SALON DES REFUSÉS

For 12 years SALON des Refusés has celebrated the incredible talent of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists whose work is not accepted into the NATSIAAs. In 2024 this must-see exhibition will be popping up at an exciting new air-conditioned space at Darwin Waterfront.

### VISUAL ART

📍 Darwin Waterfront 

Thu 8 – Sat 24 Aug  
Thu – Sat 10am – 5pm

Photo: Fiona Morrison


Presented by SALON Art Projects



## PUJIMAN WANTI

A celebration of the work of three inspiring matriarchs Nora Nungabar, Bugai Whyoulter and Nora Wompi, all extraordinary Martumili artists.

### VISUAL ART

📍 Paul Johnstone Gallery 

Tue 6 – Tue 20 Aug  
Tue – Fri 10am – 5pm  
Sat 10am – 2pm

Nora Nungabar, Bugai Whyoulter and Nora Wompi.  
Photo: Tobias Titz courtesy Martumili Artists


Presented by SALON Art Projects and Paul Johnstone Gallery in association with Martumili Artists



## WENDY HUBERT NGURRA GOONMARDI

“I am a Yindjibarndi Custodian, old now, but strong in my thinking and my life. My ngurra (country) is beautiful, its goonmardii (plenty of food, good country) and I paint it to show people how to appreciate it and to not rubbish it so ngurra can be there forever.”  
Wendy Hubert 2024

### VISUAL ARTS

📍 Tactile Arts Studios and Gallery 

Thu 8 – Sat 17 Aug  
Wed – Sat  
10am – 2pm

Photo: Claire Martin courtesy of FORM

Presented by SALON Art Projects in association with Juluwarlu Art Group



## WURRANDAN MARAWILI

Looking into Wurrandan’s art is like looking into rippling water. The brilliant etched surface on his discarded road signs and the intricate cross hatch of his work in natural ochres on bark and wood mask hidden layers. Initially discovered through Instagram, Wurrandan is now a major artist.

### VISUAL ARTS

📍 Outstation Gallery 

Sat 3 – Sat 17 Aug  
Tue – Fri 10am – 5pm  
Sat 10am – 2pm

Presented by SALON Art Projects and Outstation Gallery in association with Buku-Larrngay Mulka Art Centre



## SPINFEX ARTS PROJECT NEW WORKS

Spinifex – a dry and scratchy word that evokes a wide barren landscape of windswept tumbleweed and dust. It may be one of the most inaccessible places on this arid continent, but Spinifex country is rich, diverse and resourceful. Much like its inhabitants and the stunning art they create.

### VISUAL ARTS

📍 Visitor Centre, George Brown Darwin Botanic Gardens 

Fri 9 – Sun 18 Aug  
Fri – Sun 10am – 4pm

Presented by SALON Art Projects in association with Spinifex Arts Project

## MATT SAV

### DEEP HEAT

A multidisciplinary exhibition by Matt Sav that questions and disrupts patriarchal ideas of masculinity within and connecting to ecology as portrayed in popular contemporary media.

#### VISUAL ART

📍 UNTITLED gallery+studio



Fri 2 – Thu 22 Aug

Wed – Fri 10am – 4pm  
Sat 10am – 12pm

Matt Sav, *Untitled*, 2024

Presented by UNTITLED gallery+studio



## NGINI NGAWULA PIKARYINGINI (OUR STORIES)

The annual exhibition showcasing the latest and very best Tiwi art returns. Don't miss the vibrant opening performance of a traditional 'Yoi' (dance with the Tiwi dancers and singers) on Friday 9 August at 10am.

#### VISUAL ART

📍 DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel  
Esplanade Darwin



Fri 9 – Thu 15 Aug

10am – 5pm daily

Carving by Patrick Freddy Puruntatameri, 2023. Image courtesy the artist and Jilamara Arts and Crafts Association. Photo: Will Heathcote

Presented by Munupi Arts and Jilamara Arts and Craft Association



## PROMPT

Through studio practice, material exploration and collective action CDU Academy of the Arts students explore the questions raised by the prompt: How do we sustain, sustainably?

#### VISUAL ART

📍 Nan Giese Gallery



Wed 14 – Fri 23 Aug

10am – 2pm daily

Osheen N. H. Baker, *Creation / Destruction*, 2024, digital image produced in Procreate.

Presented by Charles Darwin University



## KATHRYN DWYER

### COLOUR CONFERENCE

Enter artist Kathryn Dwyer's world of light and colour, where magpie geese stroll serene through pink leaves and sky blue streams, and ibis and egrets wade through colour saturated wetlands.

#### VISUAL ART

📍 Tactile Arts Studios and Gallery



Fri 23 Aug – Sat 7 Sep

Tue – Sat 10am – 2pm

Kathryn Dwyer, *Colour Conference*, 2023

Presented by Tactile Arts



## RITA & JULIE

With playful brushstrokes and mesmerising pointillism, Alyawarr artists Rita Kemarr Beasley and Julie Pwerl Beasley animate Iytwelepenty (Davenport Ranges) and the surrounding Country.

#### VISUAL ART

📍 Coconut Studios



Exhibition Dates

Thu 8 Aug – Sat 7 Sep  
Thu – Sat 10am – 5pm

Rita Beasley, *Epenarra*, 2023

Presented by Coconut Studios and Barkly Regional Arts



## MANANKURRA

"We carry all the history on a song, like a map."  
Nancy McDinny.

This exhibition invites you to join in a celebration and love of Country with local artists Isa McDinny, Stewart Hoosan, Nancy McDinny, Selma Hoosan and Julian Brown. Discover the songs and inspiration behind the landscape we share.

#### VISUAL ART

Visit [darwinfestival.org.au](http://darwinfestival.org.au) for venue and exhibition details

Nancy Yukuwal McDinny, *Poison Creek Gulf Country – This is the place of the brolga and the songline for young mens initiation ceremony*

Presented by Karen Brown Fine Art



# UNTOLD DARWIN 2024

On the Ground and in the Sea

Leading Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists, creatives, cultural leaders and academics come together for a weekend of First Nations-led conversation and connection. You're invited to explore a diverse range of topics designed to deepen understanding, demonstrate interconnectedness and broaden awareness.

## WORDS & IDEAS // VISUAL ARTS

NT Library, Parliament House
<b>Thu 8 – Sun 11 Aug</b> See <a href="http://darwinfestival.org.au">darwinfestival.org.au</a> for session times
<b>Duration</b> 45mins each session
<b>FREE</b>

Dora Griffiths and Cathy Ward of Waringarri Arts. Photo: Esther Linder

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# DARWIN FESTIVAL @ DECKCHAIR CINEMA

Monday night is movie night during Darwin Festival, and there's no better place to catch a flick than at the iconic Deckchair Cinema. Settle in before the sun goes down and enjoy a bite of local food before you lean back in your deckchair for a guaranteed unique film experience.

Check [darwinfestival.org.au](http://darwinfestival.org.au) for film details.

## FILM

Deckchair Cinema
<b>Mon 12 &amp; 19 Aug</b> 7pm
<b>Full</b> \$19
<b>Concession</b> \$15
<b>Friends</b> \$10

\$4.95 transaction fee applies

Photo: Tourism NT

Presented by Deckchair Cinema in association with Darwin Festival

# INDUSTRY CONNECT

**Darwin Festival is committed to investing in the arts in the Northern Territory**

Our Industry Connect program offers local artists and arts industry workers a range of opportunities to connect with the Festival, visiting artists and each other.

In 2024 Industry Connect will feature a curated program of free workshops, masterclasses, talks and panel discussions delivered in a spirit of collaboration and exchange. If you're keen to explore ideas, extend your learning and feel part of the wider Australian and international arts network, this is a program for you.

Places for our Industry Connect sessions will be limited so sign up at [darwinfestival.org.au](http://darwinfestival.org.au) to be first in the know!

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# COMMUNITY TIX

Darwin Festival is committed to fostering inclusivity by ensuring as many members of our community as possible can be involved. We are offering free and low-cost tickets to select events for not-for-profit organisations, charities, First Nations and multicultural organisations, as well as patrons holding a current Pension Card or Health Care Card.

Visit [darwinfestival.org.au](http://darwinfestival.org.au) for more details.

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# ARTISTS IN SCHOOLS

Darwin Festival artists are heading off the stage and into the classroom to bring Festival fun to schools across Darwin. Performers from *I Wish...*, *Little Murrum* and *Fourteen* will engage students in a series of hands on acrobatic, movement and drama workshops.

# SCHOOLS PERFORMANCES

Students of all ages can experience the wonder of the theatre at Darwin Festivals schools only performances. Take your class out for the morning and venture into another world.

Visit [darwinfestival.org.au/schools](http://darwinfestival.org.au/schools) for all the details and to book for your school.

<b>Fourteen</b>	Fri 16 Aug 11am (p17)
<b>I Wish...</b>	Tue 13 Aug 11am (p21)
<b>Little Murrum</b>	Mon 19 Aug 11am (p20)
<b>Paradise or the Impermanence of Ice Cream</b>	Fri 23 Aug 11am (p18)
<b>Song Spirals</b>	Wed 7 & Thu 8 Aug 11am (p16)
<b>The Whale's Tale</b>	Wed 14 – Fri 16 Aug 10.30am (p51)

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We want as many people as possible to experience the magical moments of Darwin Festival. We are committed to welcoming and including artists and audiences of all abilities to our events. In 2024 we are pleased to be able to offer more Auslan interpreted and sensory friendly performances.

We are always looking to improve the accessibility of our events and invite you to get touch with us via phone or email if you have any feedback or wish to discuss your access needs.

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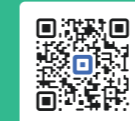
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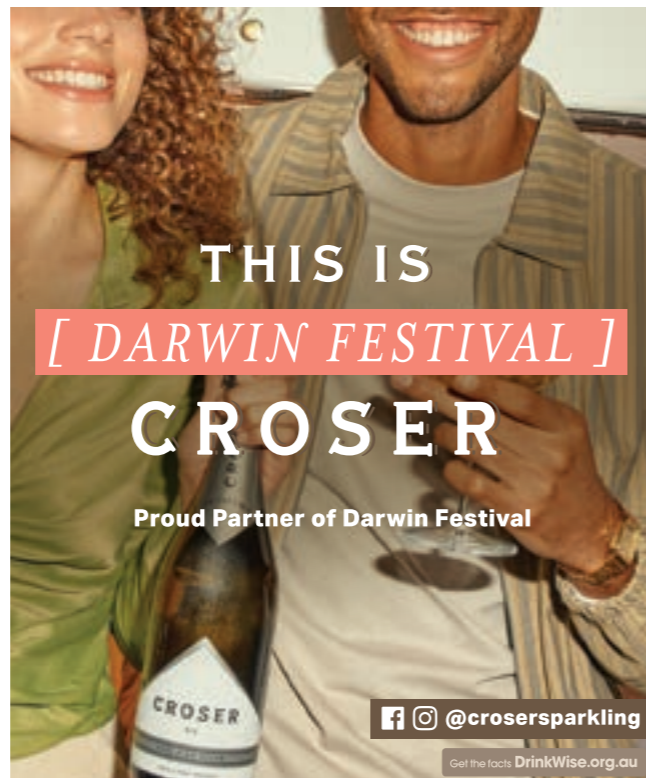
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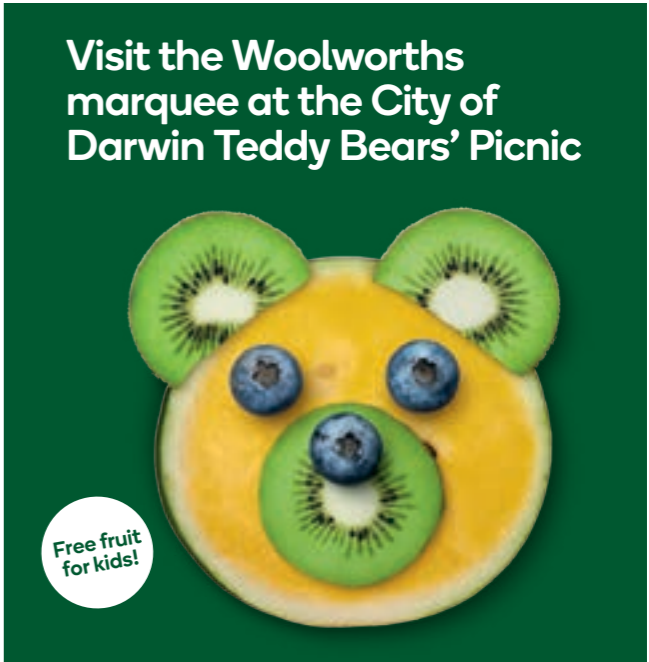
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# FESTIVAL VENUES

## NAVIGATE YOUR FESTIVAL

- 1 Festival Park**  
Cnr Smith St & Harry Chan Ave
- INPEX Sunset Stage
  - Darwin Port Bandstand
  - Kolsen Twilight Playground
  - Brown's Mart Theatre

- Box Offices**
- Festival Park
  - Top End Visitor Information Centre

- 2 Sitzler Festival Lawn**  
In front of Parliament House, 15 Mitchell St
- The Spiegeltent
- 3 The Esplanade**  
Darwin Cenotaph War Memorial

- 4 George Brown Darwin Botanic Gardens**  
Gardens Rd
- Darwin Amphitheatre
  - Visitor Centre
- 5 Deckchair Cinema**  
Jervois Rd

- 6 Darwin Entertainment Centre**  
93 Mitchell St
- The Playhouse
  - Studio Theatre
- 7 Darwin Railway Club**  
17 Somerville Gdns, Parap

- 8 Mindil Beach Casino Resort**  
Mindil Beach, Gilruth Ave
- Beachside Pavillion
  - Infinity

- 9 Goyder Square**  
The Boulevard, Palmerston

- 10 Darwin Waterfront**  
Stokes Hill Rd

- 11 Tracks Dance Studio**  
Ground floor, Harbour View Plaza, 8 McMinn St

- 12 NT Library**  
4 Bennett St, Parliament House

- 13 DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Esplanade Darwin**  
116 The Esplanade
- Reflection Room

- 14 Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory**  
19 Conacher St, Fannie Bay

- 15 Tactile Arts Studios and Gallery**  
19 Conacher St, Fannie Bay

- 16 Darwin Ski Club**  
20 Conacher St, Fannie Bay

- 17 Outstation Gallery**  
8 Parap Pl, Parap

- 18 Northern Centre for Contemporary Art**  
Vimy Ln, Parap

- 19 Parap Fine Foods**  
40 Parap Rd

- 20 UNTITLED gallery+studio**  
3/1 Caryota Ct, Coconut Grove

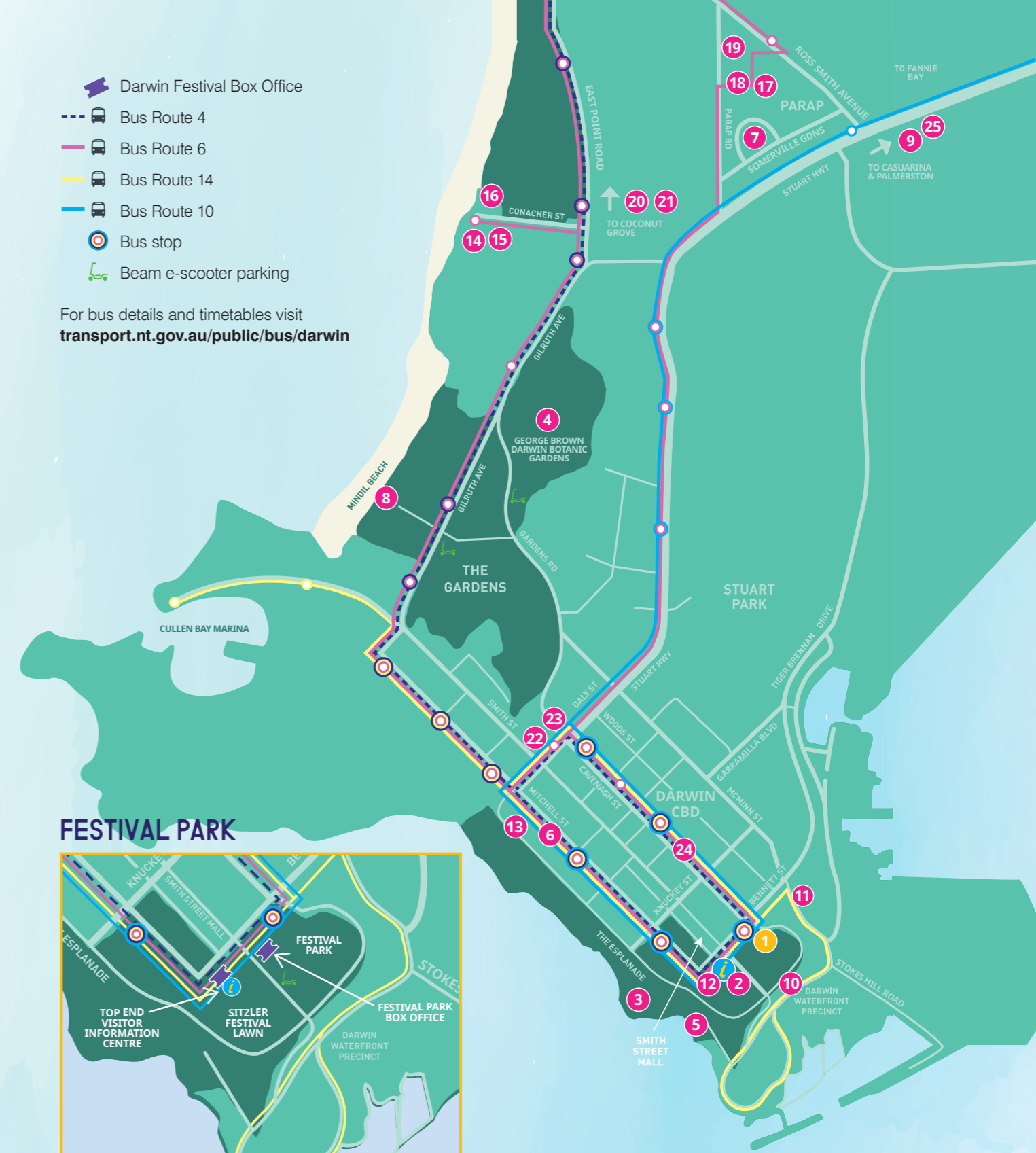
- 21 Coconut Studios**  
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- 22 Paul Johnstone Gallery**  
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- 23 The Trader Bar**  
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- 24 Stone House Wine Bar & Kitchen**  
33 Cavenagh St

- 25 Charles Darwin University**  
Nan Giese Gallery  
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## VENUE INFO

All Darwin Festival venues are smoke free and BYO alcohol is not permitted.

**Festival Park**  
Bar and food stalls open daily, 5pm until late  
**Closed** Mon 12 & Mon 19 Aug

**Sitzler Festival Lawn**  
Bar open daily, 5pm until late  
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**INPEX Sunset Stage**  
All performances are general admission. Some shows will be all seated and others are standing events with only limited seating available. Please see individual event pages for details.  
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**Darwin Entertainment Centre**  
Performances are allocated seating.

**Darwin Amphitheatre**  
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