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WOMEN OF THE WORLD FESTIVAL

Sharing inspirational stories of women around the world

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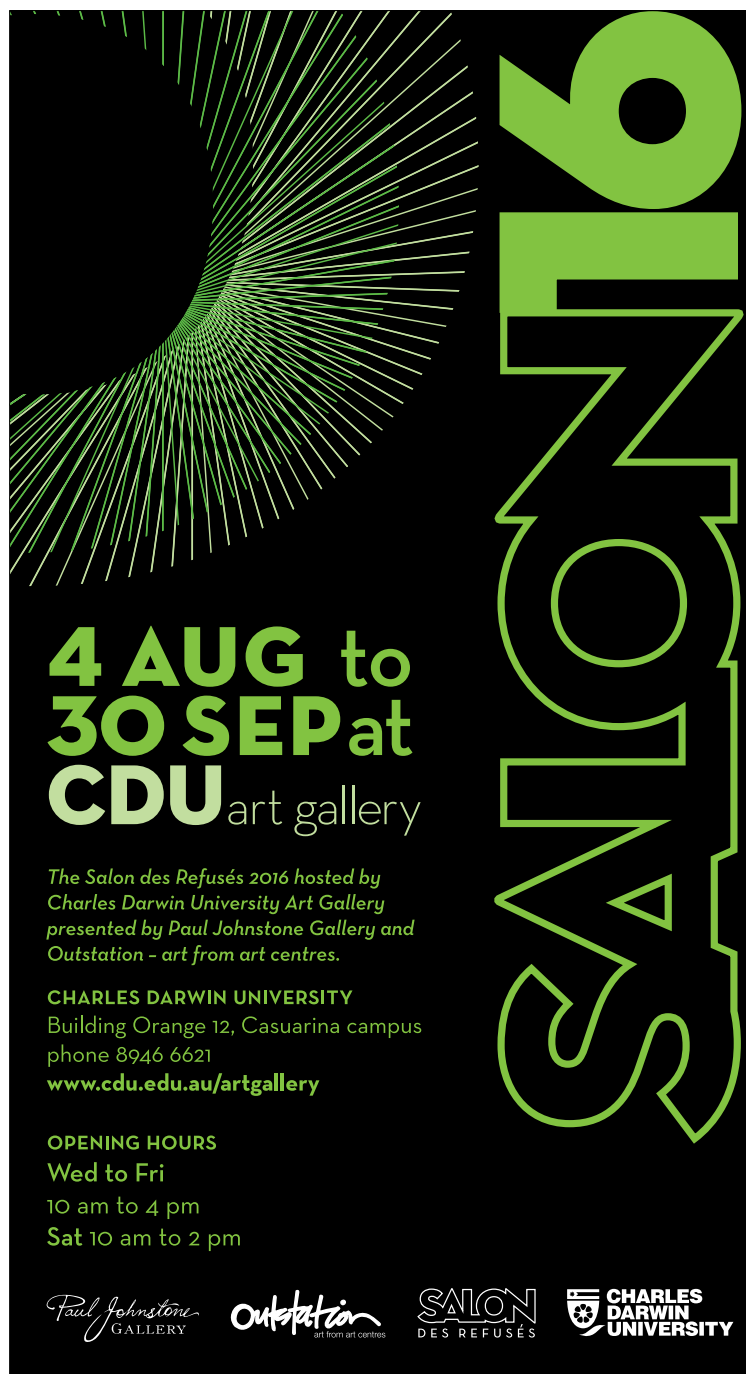
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Free Movie Under The Stars
Lego Movie (PG)
Saturday 17 September | from 7pm | free
Experience the magic of a moonlite cinema. Pack a picnic or enjoy takeaway specials from local retailers.

Pop-up Zoo in the City
Saturday 10 September
9am to 12pm (midday) | free
Explore the exhibits for Threatened Species Day on the lawns. Interactive displays and stalls will be found at the Darwin Waterfront as well as cameo appearances from some of the species concerned.

Sundays Live at the Lagoon
Every Sunday | 12pm to 4pm | free
Pack a picnic or enjoy offerings from local retailers as you sit and unwind to the sounds of a different musician each week.

All events are alcohol and glass free.

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FROM THE Editor

Congratulations everyone – you've made it to September! Given the magnitude of August on the arts and events calendar, we think you all deserve a pat on the back – and a massive film festival! We are especially excited about this year's Darwin International Film Festival (DIFF). Not only can you indulge in 11 evenings reclining under the stars before the big screen at the Deckie; movie goers, film buffs, and technology lovers can check out the virtual reality cinema, live projection art, workshops, industry forums and the inaugural Capricornia Film Awards – see page 4.

There is plenty to do across the Top End. Spread your wings and head to the Mahbilil Festival in Jabiru to experience and celebrate the vital Kakadu culture – be sure to sample some tasty bush tucker whilst you're there. Meanwhile, Yum Cha Arts and Brown's Mart Theatre will be serving up their own tasty morsels at RICE – a showcase and celebration of Darwin's Thai, Chinese and Nepalese communities. Tactile Arts are setting up shop at Stokes Hill Wharf every Saturday night for a twilight market and Godinymayin Yijard Rivers Arts and Culture Centre celebrate inspiring women with the Women of the World (WOW) Festival in Katherine – see Around Town.

Speaking of inspiring women, flick through to page 16. Aussie singer-songwriters Vera Blue and Liz Stringer hit the Top End, along with the acclaimed Australian lyric coloratura soprano Emma Matthews – catch her with the Darwin Symphony Orchestra for an evening of superb operatic highlights. In celebration of WOW, the Northern Centre for Contemporary Arts is holding an all-women affair and both Darwin Visual Arts Association and Tactile Arts also boast a female line-up. There's still time to visit the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award, Salon des Refusés and the Katherine Art Prize – don't miss these significant exhibitions – see Visual Arts.

Head to Music for performances including an afternoon of choral showstoppers with Darwin Chorale and, if you're feeling inspired, you can sign up for a singing workshop or join the Darwin City Brass Band, First Sunday Blues or Monday Music Jam for some music makin'.

Lovers of comedy can have a chuckle with Claire Hooper, Adam Richard and Matt Okine, and accomplished writer, producer and performer Henry Rollins shares unique insights and experiences garnered from a diverse and impressive career – see Performing Arts.

Happy September.

Roslyn



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By Anna Dowd

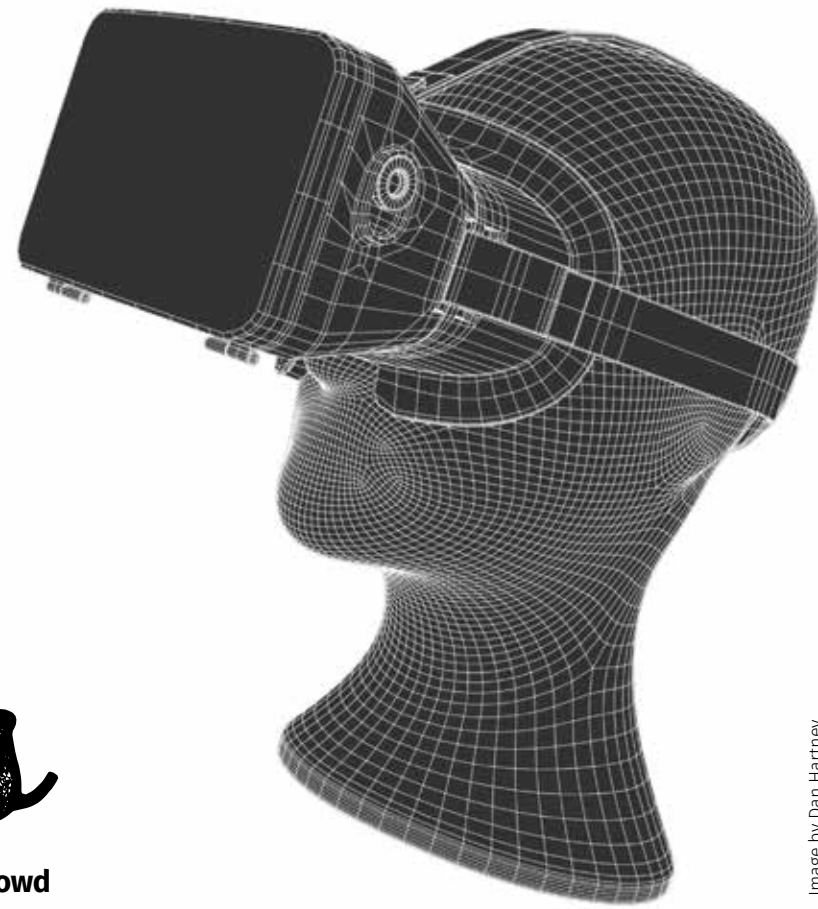


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WHEN THU 15 – SUN 25 SEP
AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS
INFO diff.net.au

Q&A with actor Miranda Tapsell

The film *Words with Gods* features in this year's DIFF program and was created in a pretty unconventional way – can you tell us a little about what that experience was like?

So just to explain, it was an idea from well-known Mexican filmmaker Guillermo Arriaga, where he approached a whole bunch of filmmakers from around the world to see what their respective countries thought about faith. They then made short films that were put together to make this feature length film.

Can you tell us a little about your role in the film?

I played a young pregnant woman in the desert – it was a really beautiful thing! As you might know I'm no stranger to playing a pregnant lady [Love Child] but I find I always get emotional when I hold babies. I don't like to use the word "clucky", but think it's more of an overwhelming feeling at holding a new life. People will have their own interpretations of her experience, but my take was that she'd felt a bit let down by western society and returned to the desert to have her baby. It was like she was reconnecting with her ancestors and found solitude in the bush.

Last year you won two gongs at the Logies and used your acceptance speech as an opportunity to shine a light on the lack of racial diversity on TV. Do you think anything has changed in the last year?

Well, speaking from my experience, I've been involved with some pretty

culturally diverse projects in the last year. A few examples include Playschool, a new program called Newton's Law and Cleverman. When they asked me to be on Cleverman I was like "YES!" and played the role of a young Aboriginal woman who didn't put up with being sexually harassed on the bus. I love that Cleverman has Aboriginal writers and a mostly Aboriginal cast – it's like they're at the helm telling stories that involve Aboriginal people – it's really exciting! I hope it doesn't stop there. I hope we keep on track!

The nature of your work has meant you've had to leave the NT – what do you miss about home?

I really miss my Mum's side of the family and my relatives. I'm an only child so I was very close to my cousins growing up. Some of them have their own children now so it's hard to be missing out on that. And, of course, I really miss Mum and Dad. It wasn't easy leaving – there's so much that's special about home. I miss the laid-back lifestyle I grew up with and definitely Parap Market food! My favourite things to get when I come home are the stuffed chicken wings or I'll pick up a chicken noodle soup from Happy Garden. I can't touch South East Asian food in Sydney – it's just not the same!

What advice would you offer people with big dreams?

The message I really want to get across to Darwin's young people is, if you really enjoy doing something and your hometown doesn't have the capacity for you to pursue it, make the sacrifice and chase your dreams. Darwin will always be there – if you've got a dream, get out there and grab it!



Mr. Gaga



Rio 2096

DARWIN INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

The 7th Darwin International Film Festival (DIFF) is a 360 degree celebration of film, local screen culture and the art form of the moving image. From the movie buff to the aspiring filmmaker, DIFF has every angle covered with a program including big screen movies, a virtual reality cinema, live projection art, workshops, industry forums and the inaugural Capricornia Film Awards.

For 11 days of film fervour, the Deckchair Cinema will transform into a festival club where, according to DIFF Director Tim Parish, each of the films programmed can be seen as their own creative occasion.

"I'm a fan of film screenings being put together as unique cinematic events," said Parish.

From live music accompanying *Silencio*, a feature exploring 100 years of animation, to an opening night guest appearance by Alice Springs director Warwick Thornton (*Words with Gods*), the program adds far more than your usual choc top for moviegoers.

Gone are the days when the word 'film' meant making and projecting movies using celluloid. Quentin Tarantino was the last director to do this and by then it was well and truly retro. Parish said this year's DIFF program embraced the full breadth of contemporary screen culture. An example is Sundance winner *Tangerine*, a documentary about transgender women in LA and the first ever feature filmed entirely on iPhones.

"There's so many new ways we're making films – from drones to GoPros to smartphones. These new technologies have really liberated us and made things more accessible to everyone," Parish stated.

There's a range of satellite events expanding the festival beyond your traditional big screen experience. Flagged as the next big development in screen, audiences can check out cutting edge virtual reality technology at 'The Matrix' pop up virtual reality cinema in Knuckey Street. Experience the revolution coming your way using virtual reality goggles with 360 degree video documentaries and films uploaded to them. Or there's the massive outdoor projection experience at the Waterfront which will visualise the movement of crowds,

people and ideas from across the world.

Supporting the local film scene is also a major focus with an industry forum, Charles Darwin University Visualizing Top End Research conference and workshops all open to the public. Workshops running over the weekend are a kind of film school intensive designed to foster the skills of local emerging filmmakers and include screenwriting, virtual reality, multi-platform storytelling and cinematography.

All of this culminates in the inaugural Capricornia Film Awards night at the Deckchair and its democratic off-shoot DUFF, the Darwin Underground Film Festival, at Café de la Plage. Hosted by celebrated Indigenous actor Tom E Lewis, Capricornia winners across 11 categories will showcase what's happening in the NT's vibrant screen culture and DUFF will continue the celebration screening all finalists in all categories.

Parish is excited about the growth of our screen industry. "There's just so much stuff being made when you really see the industry in its broad scope. The awards ceremony and festival are helping to foster and celebrate that."



The Idol

Deckchair CINEMA

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COST \$16 | \$12 CONC | \$10 MEMB | \$35 FAM (2 ADU, 2 KIDS)
BOOK deckchaircinema.com.au
INFO info@deckchaircinema.com.au | 8981 0700 | GATES OPEN 6PM

Our Last Tango

In this documentary the passionate and heartbreaking tale of tango legends Juan Carlos Copes and Maria Nieves is relayed to young tango dancers through choreography. Head in a little earlier to catch the fancy footwork of dancers from Northern Tango!

WHEN TUE 6 SEP

Tomorrow (Demain)

The Delegation of the European Union to Australia has organised a series of events throughout the nation as part of European Climate Diplomacy Week (12-15 Sep). A key part of the festivities is screening *Tomorrow (Demain)*, a feature documentary exploring the world in search of climate solutions.

WHEN TUE 13 SEP

The Idol

Head along to the Deckie for this heart-warming story about chasing your dreams against all odds. Mohammed is desperate to escape life in Gaza when an audition for a reality TV show presents a possible way out.

WHEN Sun 11 Sep

The Big Lebowski – Parap Family Centre Fundraiser

Jeffrey Lebowski (aka The Dude) is a 10-pin bowling slacker from LA, whose world is turned upside-down when he's mistaken for a millionaire of the same name. Starring Jeff Bridges, John Goodman, Julianne Moore and Steve Buscemi, this 1998 comedy is sure to have you chuckling all night. Grab a movie, drink and dinner package – we hear there's even some White Russians for sale!

WHEN THU 1 SEP |
COST \$16 | \$35 MOVIE PACKAGE
INFO fundraising@parapfc.nt.edu.au

GENERAL



French Film Night

Du vent dans mes mollets (*The Dandelions*) is a French comedy-drama about nine-year-old Rachel. She can't wait to get away from her overbearing parents and meets the wild and free Valerie, who opens up a world of mischief. French words, French film, French wine, French cheese – oui is French for yes!

WHEN WED 14 SEP | 6.30PM
AT MAGNET THEATRE
COST \$18 | \$12 MEMB
INFO afdarwin.org



Wave Hill: Before the Walk-off

This audio-visual essay of life and work at Wave Hill Station before the Walk-off by the Gurindji in August 1966. Drawing from the Northern Territory Library's unique collections, this exhibition includes rare photographs, contemporary newspaper accounts and documentary.

WHEN UNTIL SUN 30 OCT
AT NORTHERN TERRITORY LIBRARY
INFO ntl.nt.gov.au

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NT WRITERS' CENTRE presents

TERRITORY READ BOOK AWARDS

EVERY TWO YEARS, THE NT WRITERS' CENTRE RECOGNISES THE WORK – AND INCREDIBLE BREADTH OF TALENT – OF NORTHERN TERRITORY PUBLISHED AUTHORS WITH THE TERRITORY READ AWARDS. CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 17 AUTHORS WHO ENTERED THE 2016 AWARDS. AND THE WINNERS ARE...

BEST NON-FICTION BOOK

Derek Pugh for *Tambora: Travels to Sumbawa and the mountain that changed the world*

BEST CHILDREN OR YOUNG ADULTS BOOK

Irena Kobald for *My Two Blankets*

CHIEF MINISTER'S BOOK OF THE YEAR (DUAL WINNERS)

Clare Atkins for *Nona and Me*
Mary Anne Butler for *Highway of Lost Hearts*



Clare Atkins

Poetry Coffee Morning

Enjoy the art of poetry with like-minded word fans. You might like to read your own, or you can recite someone else's – there's no criticism here, just poetry readings with a side of coffee.

WHEN THU 15 SEP | 10-11AM
AT EAT AT MARTIN'S
COST FREE

Darwin Poetry Slam Final

Hosted by Laurie May, this Poetry Slam competition will see one Darwin entrant win a ticket to Sydney to compete in the National Championships. Now that's something to sublimely rhyme anytime about.

WHEN THU 29 SEP | 9PM
AT HAPPY YESS
COST FREE



Photo by Catriona Mitchell

Q&A with writer Natalie Sprite

FORMER DARWINITE NATALIE SPRITE HAS ESTABLISHED A WRITING CAREER SPANNING OVER 20 YEARS, with a whole heap of accolades under her belt. Off The Leash caught up with Natalie to chat about her written words.

What's life been like for you as a writer?

Writing is something I need to do. It helps me make sense of things. It gives me purpose. It's also a way of trying to hold onto the days as they spill away from me.

Did you always know you wanted to be a writer?

I always knew I wanted to write. But for a long time I didn't know I was allowed to be a writer. When I was a teenager, a career advisor came to my school. He had these pamphlets

printed in green and white – one for every job. The one on writing said, "Writing is not a career you can make a living from. See Marketing. Public Relations. Journalism." Foolishly, that's exactly what I did. But I kept writing and eventually the writing took on a life that wasn't about making a living, but something more expansive. Something of the soul.

Who would you say is your biggest influence?

Helen Garner. Her sentences are immaculate. Her characters go deep into me, like people I love. I read and re-read everything she has written.

You've won a swag of writing awards, most recently the 2016 Asialink Fellowship in Indonesia – what would you say has been the highlight so far?

I least expect them.

The writing, to tell you the truth. The awards are lovely, and I'm so grateful for the way they connect me with other writers and bring readers to my work, but the deep nourishment comes from the writing itself. The moments when I am carried by the work.

You've spent a lot of time writing in Bali, why do you think the region gets your creative juices flowing?

Creating beauty has an everyday soulfulness in Bali that I love. Also, being an outsider makes me notice things and want to catch them on the page. The smells, the colour, the way the people move. The funny, beautiful, poignant conversations. The way my life bumps up against strangers and the odd, sweet moments of intimacy that arise when I least expect them.



DARWIN

Memoir and Meditation
WHEN SUN 25 SEP | 10AM-1PM

Writing from the Body
WHEN SUN 25 SEP | 2-5PM

AT CONFERENCE ROOM, FROG HOLLOW CENTRE FOR THE ARTS
COST \$60 | \$51 Memb
INFO ntwriters.com.au

PALMERSTON

Writing Your Life
WHEN THU 29 SEP | 4PM

The Art of Story
WHEN SAT 1 OCT | 10AM

AT PALMERSTON LIBRARY
COST FREE
INFO askus@palmerston.nt.gov.au | 8935 9999



Miranda Tapsell in Words with Gods



Mahbilil Festival

THE MUCH-LOVED MAHBILIL FESTIVAL RETURNS TO JABIRU IN 2016 TO CELEBRATE AND SHOWCASE THE VIBRANT KAKADU CULTURE.

Mahbilil Festival is named after the cooling afternoon breeze in the Kurrung season. The festival brings people from the Kakadu and West Arnhem regions – and welcomes visitors from around the country – together for a day of culture, food, dance and celebration.

Festival-goers can enjoy traditional dance, storytelling, traditional music and, of course, bush tucker. Sample tasty morsels cooked in an underground oven (gangarra) including wild buffalo, fresh barramundi and the region's specialty, magpie goose. There's also the much-anticipated Gurrung Sports Carnival with teams battling it out on the footy field and basketball court.

If you're keen to get out of town and experience Mahbilil Festival, well, you should go ahead and Kakadu it!

WHEN SAT 3 SEP | 12PM-12AM
AT JABIRU
COST FREE
INFO mahbililfestival.com

tactileARTS on the Wharf Twilight Craft Markets

Imagine this: Art. Markets. Crafts. All in the iconic setting of Stokes Hill Wharf. Sounds pretty nice, hey? tactileARTS on the Wharf Twilight Craft Markets is a series of art and craft markets on Stokes Hill Wharf held every Saturday in September. Ice two cakes with one spoon and check out some goodies from Darwin's vibrant creative scene, whilst enjoying the views of Stokes Hill Wharf. Bliss!



WHEN EVERY SAT IN SEP | 5-8PM
AT STOKES HILL WHARF
INFO tactilearts.org.au

LISTINGS

GENERAL

Gunner Bear Gun Push 2016

Watch some of Darwin's soldiers of the 8th/12th Regiment as they push an artillery gun 20km from the Cenotaph to Royal Darwin Hospital (RDH). Dollars raised go towards the children's ward at RDH, so chuck in a few and help them reach their \$45,000 goal.

WHEN SAT 3 SEP | 7AM-2PM
AT CENOTAPH TO ROYAL DARWIN HOSPITAL
INFO facebook.com/gunnerbear2016

Disability Awareness Festival

Join in the fun at this annual event to celebrate and support the artistic, cultural and sporting aspirations and contributions to the community by people with disability.

WHEN UNTIL SAT 3 SEP
AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS
INFO darwin.nt.gov.au/daf

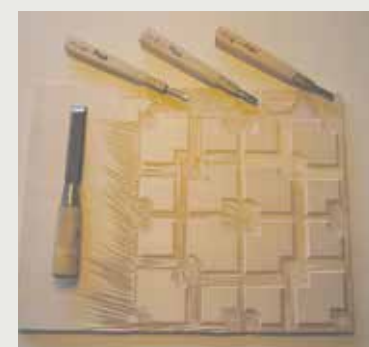
Go Digi Pop Up Festival

As part of the National Year of Digital Inclusion, the Go Digi Pop Up Festival gives members of the community the chance to improve their digital skills. Workshops include basic internet, 3D printing, social media and more – you can even fine tune your Pokemon Go skills!

WHEN THU 1 – SAT 3 SEP
AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS
INFO godigi.org.au/darwin

Territory Made Pop Up Upmarkets

Boy, do we love our markets in the Top End, and with a swag of local talented craftspeople, it makes sense to have a market dedicated to showcasing their goodies. Discover floor mats made from repurposed rope from Why Knot?, browse the gorgeous collection of hand designed fabrics and bags by bippidii boppidii design, or grab something tasty (and healthy) to eat from the Buda Bar food truck. Go on, mark-et these markets in your diary!



Weaving Sculptures

WHEN SAT 3 – SUN 4 SEP | 10AM-4PM
COST \$195 | \$160 MEMB

Mokuhanga: Planning, Carving, Printing

WHEN EVERY THU 8 – 22 SEP | 6.30-9.30PM
COST \$275 | \$250 MEMB

WHEN SUN 11 SEP | 10AM-4PM
AT GEORGE BROWN BOTANIC GARDENS
INFO territorymade.net

Sandbar Cricket Match

If having a hit of cricket on the Fannie Bay sandbar sounds like your game, then you're in luck – the Sandbar Cricket Match is back. Food and refreshments are available for purchase and all proceeds go towards Variety NT. Howzat!

WHEN SUN 18 SEP | 10.30AM-4.30PM | RETURN TRIPS FROM 2PM DEPARTING FROM CULLEN BAY MARINA | FANNIE BAY SANDBAR
COST \$10 RETURN | FREE CHILD
INFO dtbc.com.au

Car Boot Sale

Got some trash and want to turn it to treasure? Need to raise some dollars for a community organisation? Bring your loot to boot at this monthly marketplace! Held on the last Saturday of each month at the Darwin Trailer Boat Club, the Car Boot Sale gives you the chance to clear out the shed and fill the piggy bank.

WHEN SAT 24 SEP | 8.30-10AM
AT DARWIN TRAILER BOAT CLUB
COST FREE
INFO dtbc.com.au

Rights On Show – Call for Entries

Darwin Community Legal Service's annual Human Rights Art Award and exhibition returns with the theme Happiness – people, passion, purpose, place. Rights On Show is open to NT artists and gives entrants the chance to engage with the community on human rights topics through art. Think you can paint about happiness? Why not give it a go!

WHEN ENTRIES CLOSE FRI 18 NOV
INFO dcls.org.au

DARWIN COMMUNITY ARTS

darwincommunityarts.org.au

Malak Community Dinner

Embrace Darwin's diverse culture with a night of food and entertainment.

WHEN MON 27 SEP | 6-8.30PM
AT CHAMBERS CRESCENT THEATRE, MALAK
COST \$5 | \$10 FAMILY | FREE FOR VOLUNTEERS

Malak Community Garden

Work on those green thumbs with these free garden workshops.

WHEN EVERY TUE 4.30-6.30 PM | EVERY SAT 9.30AM-12.30PM
AT DARWIN COMMUNITY ARTS, MALAK
COST FREE
INFO facebook.com/dcacommu nitygardennews | 8945 7347

DARWIN WATERFRONT

waterfront.nt.gov.au

U.G.L.Y Bartender of the Year Launch

Feel like having a chuckle at some champion bartenders whilst raising some much needed cashola for the Leukaemia Foundation? Head along to the U.G.L.Y Bartender of the Year Launch, which includes U.G.L.Y. Bartenders teaming up with firefighters and police officers to compete in a bar themed obstacle circuit.

WHEN SAT 3 SEP | 11AM-3.30PM

Tai Chi

Come, get your zen on! Enjoy this relaxing Chinese martial art in tranquil surroundings.

WHEN EVERY SAT | 7AM
COST FREE

Aqua Zumba

Join the Zumba pool party for some exercise in disguise at Darwin's Wave Lagoon.

WHEN EVERY SUN | 9AM
COST \$12 ADULTS | \$8 KIDS UNDER 15

LET'S DANCE

No Lights No Lycra

WHEN EVERY MON | 6-7PM
AT CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL CHURCH HALL
COST \$7
INFO facebook.com/nolightsnolycradarwin

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WHEN EVERY FRI | 6.30PM
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RICE

A WEEKEND OF CULTURE, ART AND FOOD

YUM CHA ARTS AND BROWN'S MART THEATRE ARE TURNING UP THE FLAVOUR WITH THE INAUGURAL RICE CULTURAL FESTIVAL.

This free family event showcases and celebrates Darwin's Thai, Chinese and Nepalese communities. With food, music and entertainment, RICE is a delight for all the senses.

"Yum Cha Arts is about establishing relationships and I've worked closely with these three Asian communities over the last few years. It's important the work isn't short-term – this is about ongoing engagement between the local arts and Asian communities. We want these community groups to feel at home in Brown's Mart, to feel connected to the space, and to see it as a place where they can tell their own stories," said Yum Cha Arts Producer Fiona Carter.

"We're also about linking artists with the Asian communities. RICE has given us the opportunity to connect experienced artists with younger artists, which is really important in growing new relationships."

Celebrations kick off on Friday afternoon with NT News Live on Fridays, as you feast your tastebuds on some delicious Asian dishes. Saturday presents a full day of fun for the fam with come-and-try circus workshops, art and crafts, performances and even more tasty Asian food – fist pump!

You can also catch two very special performances in Brown's Mart Theatre tying together elements of story-telling, circus and film, where Chinese, Nepalese and Thai locals take to the stage to share traditional cultural stories and tales of migration and life in Darwin. There is also an Artist Talk, Q&A and Thai documentary on Friday evening.

So come along and celebrate Darwin's rich cultural diversity with RICE – it'll be nice!

WHEN FRI 2 – SAT 3 SEP
AT BROWN'S MART THEATRE
INFO brownsmart.com.au

KAKADU Bird Week

Twitchees – more commonly referred to as bird watchers – will be flocking in droves to Kakadu next month for Bird Week. Kakadu National Park is one of the best spots to observe the Aussie habitat, with flora and fauna effortlessly taking centre stage. The region is home to over one third of Australia's bird population and, as the Dry season subsides before the Wet, the birds return in preparation for the next breeding cycle. If you're a pro, get those binoculars and checklists ready – or, if you're starting out, you can just wing it.

WHEN SAT 1 – SUN 9 OCT
AT KAKADU NATIONAL PARK
INFO parksaustralia.gov.au/kakadu



WOMEN OF THE WORLD

ORIGINATING AT LONDON'S PRESTIGIOUS SOUTHBANK CENTRE, THE WOMEN OF THE WORLD (WOW) Festival has taken the globe by storm expanding to Wales, Egypt, Somaliland, the USA, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sydney – and Katherine! WOW Katherine, hosted by the Godinymayin Yijard Rivers Arts and Culture Centre (GYRACC), is a great opportunity to be inspired by the stories of women from around the world and across the Territory.

"WOW is all about bringing women together to share their stories, experiences and achievements and also talk about the issues that are important to them and their community," said Suzanne Fermanis, Director of GYRACC.

"This year we have a wide variety of international, national and local speakers covering a range of topics relevant to Territory women and the unique challenges they face."

The festival features a range of panels, hands-on workshops, mentoring sessions and entertainment. Speakers include UK-based, Eritrean born journalist, author and commentator Hannah Pool, Australian-East Timorese activist Kirsty Sword Gusmao AO, local pastoralist Danielle Doyle and Territory author Courtney Collins – to name just a few.

WHEN FRI 16 – SUN 18 SEP
AT GYRACC, KATHERINE
COST FROM \$20 - \$85 | FREE 15-18 YRS
BOOK trybooking.com/219758
INFO gyracc.org.au



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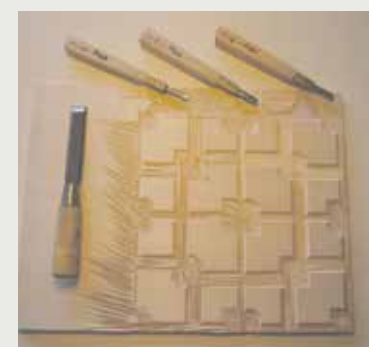
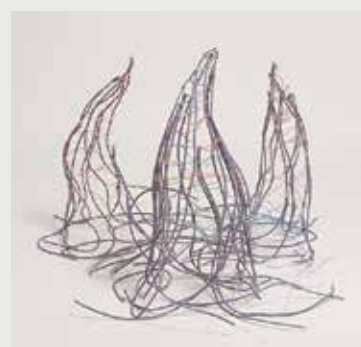
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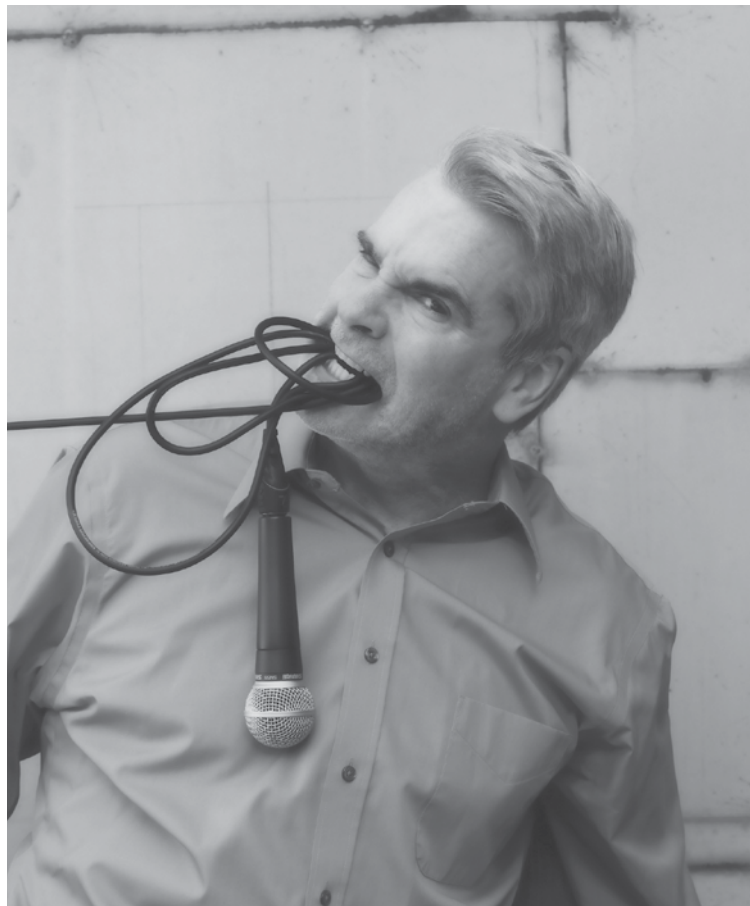
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AN EVENING WITH
HENRY ROLLINS

HENRY ROLLINS MAY BE MOST WELL-KNOWN AS A PUNK ICON, namely for his 80s stints in Black Flag and the Rollins Band, but he is also an accomplished writer, producer and performer. Bringing his raw and insightful spoken word performance to the Darwin Entertainment Centre, Rollins will canvas all kinds of topics from his unique experiences and expansive career.

His return to Australia is the first since his sold out tour in 2012 and entails a mammoth month-long trip around the country. From meeting David Bowie and Lou Reed to his political views and stories of his travels, Rollins delivers a night of tales and perspectives from the cultural front line. His natural curiosity and cutting yet insightful honesty has garnered attention across the world.

Rollins' resume reads like a work of fiction. Over the past few decades he has worked as a TV actor (Sons of Anarchy), a voice over artist, author (of more than 25 books), columnist (LA Weekly and Rolling Stone), TV host (National Geographic History Channel), radio DJ and activist and is now touring the world as a spoken word performer. Since he last visited us, Rollins has also had his first starring role in a feature film and collaborated with industry icons Lemmy Kilmister and Iggy Pop on a huge live music/silent film project named Gutterdämmerung.

He was awarded the prestigious Ray Bradbury Creativity Award in 2014, in recognition of his lifelong contribution to the arts and his passion for social activism. The show is a must for fans of Rollins, as it seems he doesn't make the trip to the Top End very often, but also offers everyone else a unique glimpse into the life and mind of a prominent musician and artist.

WHEN SUN 11 SEP | 8PM
AT DARWIN ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE
COST \$60
INFO yourcentre.com.au

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Matt Okine
Matthew (you can call him Matt) Okine had a cracker year in 2015. He won some awards, did some TV and radio work, and was even lucky enough to perform in the Top End. Well, he must've liked you Darwin, 'cause this co-host of Triple J Brekkie and ABC's How Not To Behave returns with a self-titled solo live show. Sweet as bro.

WHEN SAT 24 SEP | 7.30PM
COST \$35



The Beat Festival
Returning again for the 37th time, The Beat Festival brings together more than 1100 students from schools all across the Northern Territory. This major performing showcase features school choirs, dance troupes, rock band, instrumental ensembles, multimedia acts and featured soloists.

Presented by the Northern Territory Department of Education and The Beat Foundation Incorporated, this year's event is titled Stellar and is held at the Darwin Entertainment Centre over three jam-packed nights. Crowds can expect a choir with 300 young voices, a 24-piece orchestra, music, dancing and individual performances from talented young vocalists from ages 12 to 18. Celebrate the wide ranging talents of students from the NT's public schools, as well as witness the dedication and creativity of their teachers, at this annual and widely anticipated community event.

The Beat Foundation has a long standing history within youth arts in the Top End. For over three

WHEN WED 14 - FRI 16 SEP | 7PM
COST \$25 | \$19 CONC | \$15 CHILD 3-15

LISTINGS

GENERAL



Claire Hooper and Adam Richard
Head along for this hilarious double-bill featuring Aussie comedians Claire Hooper and Adam Richard. You might recognise Claire from Good News Week, Rove Live or the Great Australian Bake-Off - yep, she's been giving us the chuckles for years. Funny man Adam has seen international success, making people laugh all over Britain, Australia and the USA. Don't miss the chance to see two of our best in this hilarious double headliner show.

WHEN SAT 17 SEP | 8.30PM
AT THE VENUE, FANNIE BAY
COST \$39
INFO chordsandcomedy.com.au



Dance of the Druids

WITH OVER 70 MEMBERS RANGING IN AGE FROM FIVE TO OVER 70, Rince na h' Eireann (pronounced Rinka na air-an) is Darwin's longest-running Irish dance school and has a long and proud history of sharing its love of Irish culture, music and dance with the Territory community. Performing at social, community and charity events, festivals, fundraisers, award ceremonies and retirement homes across the Territory, the dancers delight in bringing heartfelt enjoyment, with an Irish flavour, to all their performances.

Dance of the Druids presents an exploration of mythical legends and traditional folklore from Ireland, told through the Druids. Travel the Irish landscape and treacherous seas to discover the magic of giants, mischievous fairies and the mythical creatures who once inhabited the Irish land.

WHEN SAT 8 OCT | 7PM
AT DARWIN ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE
COST \$35 | \$25 CONC | \$15 CHILD
INFO darwinirishdance.com.au

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- 6 Tactile Arts Workshop
- 7 Mindil Beach sunset Market

- 6 Twilight Craft Markets
- 2 Pop up Zoo in the City
- 6 Tai Chi
- 15 Katherine Art Prize (Last Chance)
- 17 Have Fun with Brass
- 18 Backsliders
- 18 Hotel Darwin Live Music

- 5 The Idol
- 6 Territory Made Pop Up Upmarkets
- 6 Aqua Zumba
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- 17 Darwin City Brass Band
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- 6 No Lights, No Lycra
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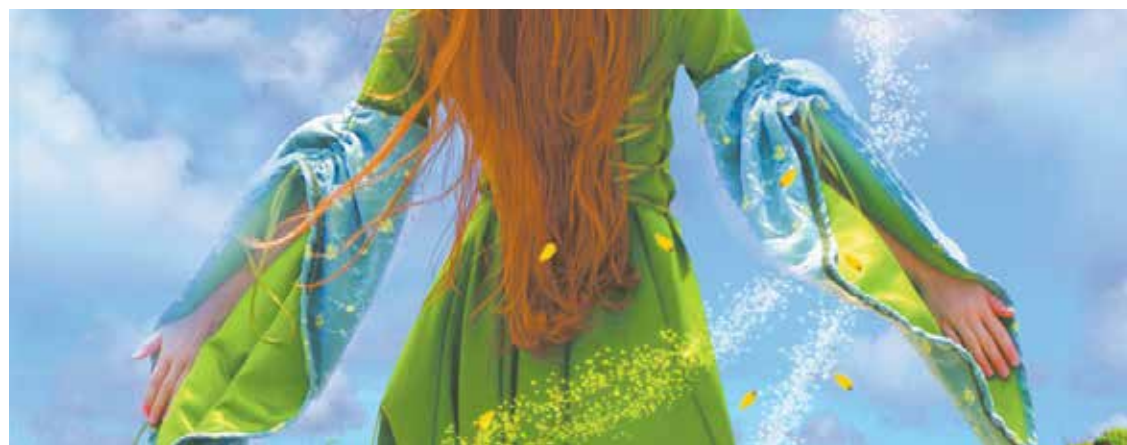
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Info: darwinirishdance.com.au or rincenah@bigpond.com

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Nomad Art and Outstation are commercial galleries with direct associations to remote community art centres from the Top End and Central Australia.

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See event listings for current exhibition details.

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Nongirra Marawili, 'Baratjula,' screenprint

GAPAN 2016

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FROM YIRRKALA
PRINT WORKSHOP

Buku Larrnggay Mulka at Yirrkala community in Arnhem Land has a long and proud history as one of Australia's premier Indigenous art centres and printmaking studios. The artists have established a national reputation for their work, having won many of Australia's major Indigenous art prizes.

WHEN FRI 2 SEP – SAT 1 OCT

NCCA

Northern Centre for Contemporary Arts
Vimy Lane, Parap | 8981 5368 | nccart.com.au
WED-FRI 10AM-4PM | SAT 10AM-2PM

Katy Mutton, 'From Hunter to Killer,' 2016



THE NCCA'S SEPTEMBER EXHIBITIONS ARE AN ALL-WOMEN AFFAIR, HELD IN TANDEM WITH THE WOMEN OF THE WORLD FESTIVAL IN KATHERINE. You can catch the following goodies across four spaces.

...as the **Serpent Struggles** by Ann Newmarch – large-scale paintings and prints from the desert.

Machinations by Katy Mutton – large-scale screenprints surveying military aviation machines used by Australian Defence Force.

Domestic Bliss by Nadine Lee & Liz Grylls – embroidered tea-towels with a twist.

Seven Sisters by Jane Young – installation of painted hubcaps.

WHEN UNTIL SAT 24 SEP

OUTSTATION

2/3 Parap Place, Darwin | 8981 4822 | outstation.com.au
TUE & SAT 10AM-2PM | WED-FRI 10AM-5PM



Rachel Mipantjiti Lionel, 'Kapi Wankanya,' 2016, acrylic on linen, 100 x 180cm

APY KAKARARA NGURU: KUWARITJA APY EAST: NEW WAVE

Celebrating the diversity of creative output coming from this region, Outstation brings together a selected group of artists to present an exhibition of work spanning mixed media, painting and installation that includes finalists from this year's National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award.

Mumu Mike Williams from Mimi Maku Arts continues to provoke with a bold new series of mixed media works created to protect law and culture. Neighbouring artists Rachael Mipantjiti Lionel (Ernabella Arts) and Kaylene Whisky (Iwantja Arts) are emerging painters from the region. Colourful and quirky, Kaylene continues to paint her pop idols, while Rachael's sublime meditations of her water dreaming provide a space to reflect. The exhibition includes works by Betty Muffler, Rosalind Tjanyari and Emily Cullinan.

WHEN SAT 3 SEP - SAT 1 OCT

VISUAL ARTS

MAGNT

Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory
19 Conacher Street, The Gardens | 8999 8264 | magnt.net.au
MON-FRI 9AM-5PM | SAT & SUN 10AM-5PM

NATSIAA

THE NATIONAL ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER ART AWARD (NATSIAA) is Australia's most prestigious and long-running award dedicated to Indigenous art and recognises the important contribution made by Indigenous artists from regional and urban areas throughout Australia, working in both traditional and contemporary media. It's an important showcase for both established and emerging artists and has come to be regarded as one of the premier national events on the Australian Indigenous art calendar.

WHEN UNTIL SUN 30 OCT

2016 WINNERS

TELSTRA ART AWARD

Harold Joseph Thomas (Bundoo)

TELSTRA GENERAL PAINTING AWARD

Betty Kuntiwa Pumani

TELSTRA BARK PAINTING AWARD

John Mawurndjul

TELSTRA WORK ON PAPER AWARD

Robert Pau

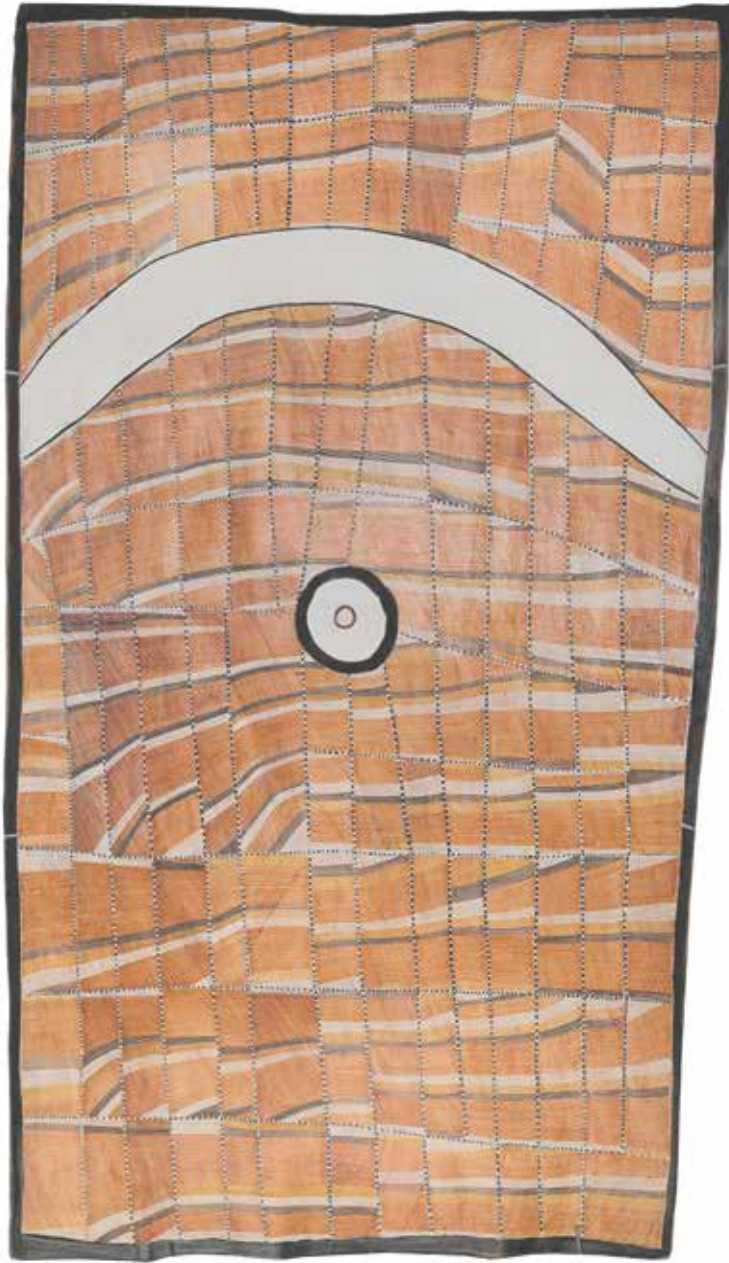
WANDJUK MARIKA 3D MEMORIAL AWARD

Nicole Monks

TELSTRA YOUTH AWARD

Ishmael Marika

John Mawurndjul, 'Dilebang', earth pigments on bark, 151 x 86cm



CHARLES DARWIN UNIVERSITY ART GALLERY

Building Orange 12, CDU Casuarina Campus | 8946 6621 | cdu.edu.au/artgallery
WED-FRI 10AM-4PM | SAT 10AM-2PM

SALON des REFUSÉS



NOW IN ITS FOURTH SUCCESSIVE YEAR, FOUNDERS MATT WARD FROM OUTSTATION GALLERY AND PAUL JOHNSTONE FROM PAUL JOHNSTONE GALLERY PRESENT AN EXHIBITION DRAWING ON THE ORIGINAL FRENCH IDEA OF EXHIBITING WORKS REJECTED BY THE JURY OF OFFICIAL AWARDS.

Submitted, but not selected, for the NATSIAA, Salon des Refusés - Territory style - is a carefully curated and vibrant showcase of diverse contemporary Indigenous art from across the country, your must-see companion to the NATSIAA exhibition and a worthy exhibition in its own right.

WHEN UNTIL FRI 30 SEP
INFO salondesrefuses.com.au

Yarrenty Arterre Collaborative, 'Every Face has a story, every story has a face,' 2016, kuliila, soft sculpture mixed media, 228 x 120 x 100cm

DVAA

Woods Street, Darwin | 8981 9351 | dvaa.net.au
WED-FRI 12-5PM | SAT 10AM-3PM

Recollective

Kaye Strange



Kaye Strange presents a beautiful and varied collection of works that draw from a career spanning more than 30 years of artistic practice. The exhibition features a diverse array of pieces ranging from reworked graffiti images, taken whilst on a trip to Paris, to works on paper made from recycled books and large canvas creations inspired by inkblots. The works on show have captured an original and spontaneous response from the artist's continual drive to recall, rework and revisit.

WHEN FRI 9 - SAT 24 SEP |
OPENING FRI 9 SEP, 6PM

Pyjama Years:

SURVIVING ANXIETY, DEPRESSION AND PANIC.

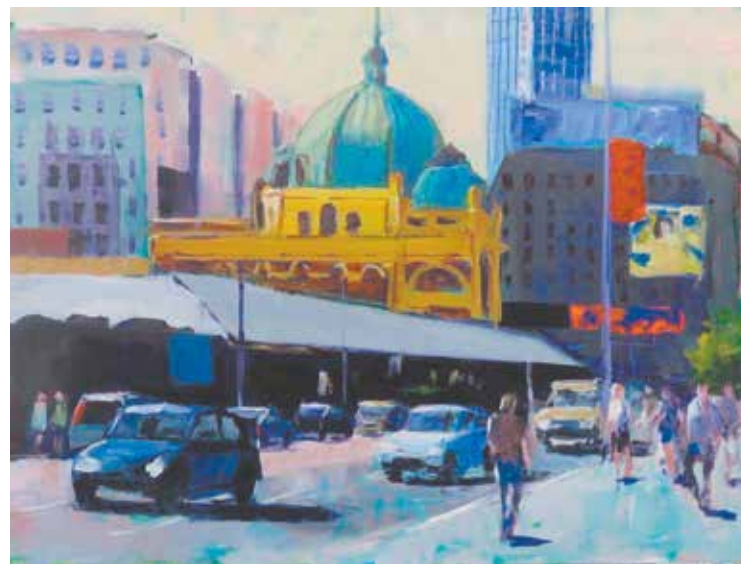
"In the beginning I had Pyjama Days. I felt down and just wanted a break from the world. I would take a day or two, collect myself and then get back to life. Days changed into weeks, then months. I isolated myself - I didn't get the help I needed. I hope my exhibition adds to the growing awareness and understanding of anxiety and depression. This is my story, but it's not unique - in Australia one in six people have experienced depression." Leah Clarke, artist.

Leah Clarke



WHEN FRI 9 - SAT 24 SEP |
OPENING FRI 9 SEP, 6PM

Chris Blake, 'Flinders St'



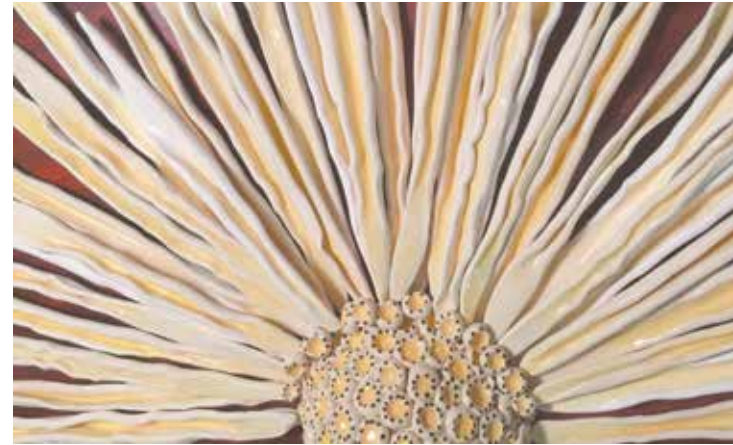
CHRIS BLAKE ACRYLIC PAINTING WORKSHOP

Chris Blake is an award winning London artist who is also a dynamic and gifted art tutor. Described as a tonal colourist, Blake pushes tonal qualities to their extremes whilst retaining intensity of colour in his pastels, oils, acrylics and pen and wash.

WHEN SAT 3 - SUN 4 SEP | 8.30AM-4PM
COST \$110 PER DAY | \$90 PER DAY PASTEL SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA MEMBERS
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TACTILE ARTS

19 Conacher Street, Fannie Bay | 8981 6616 | tactilearts.org.au
TUE-FRI 10AM-4PM | SAT & SUN 10AM-4PM



Janet Graham, 'Here Comes the Sun,' 2016, ceramic on perspex, 950mm diameter

WONDERFUL WORLD ARTISTS IN RESIDENCE

When we stop and truly look - not just briefly glance as we mostly do - our environments are filled with a myriad of colours, shapes, patterns and textures. Flowers, feathers, leaves, trees, corals, birds and other creatures all inspire and amaze. Four artists - Lee Berryman, Janet Graham, Judy Kraatz and Maria Kraatz - have all been influenced by the natural world to reflect its beauty through pottery, sculpture, printing, photography and painting.

WHEN FRI 16 SEP - SUN 2 OCT | OPENING FRI 16 SEP, 5.30PM

WHEN UNTIL SUN 11 SEP

DARWIN ART TRAIL

Various locations | darwinarttrail.com.au

THE DARWIN ART TRAIL SHOWCASES LOCAL ARTISTS IN THEIR PRIVATE STUDIOS,

providing the audience an opportunity to talk with and purchase artworks direct from the artist. Inspired by the beautiful landscapes, animals, textures and colours of the Darwin region, the group works across media including glasswear, jewellery, garden sculpture, pottery and painting. Visit their studios and see where the magic happens.

WHEN SUN 18 SEP | 10AM-4PM



GYRACC

Stuart Highway, Katherine East | 8972 3751 | gy racc.org.au
TUE-FRI 10AM-5PM | SAT 10AM-3PM

Katherine ART PRIZE

Reflecting the unique characteristics of the Katherine region, the prestigious annual Katherine Art Prize showcases the incredible breadth of artistic talent found right here in the NT.

WHEN UNTIL SAT 10 SEP



2016 Katherine Art Prize winner: Pennyrose Wiggins, 'Roadtrip', oil on found car bonnet; image by Jan Milner

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55 Stuart Highway, Stuart Park | 8981 2994 | framed.com.au
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Chris Gentles, 'Blue Pool', oil on canvas, 55 x 60cm

Persistent Memories

Chris Gentles' first solo show in Darwin has been inspired by memories of places and events. Ranging from the detritus and flowering of desert landscapes to the lush extravagance of ponds and waterways, Gentles is drawn to the varied light effects of the sinking sun. Attend the opening to meet the artist.

WHEN FRI 9 SEP - MON 3 OCT |
OPENING FRI 9 SEP, 6PM

POP-UP EXHIBITION

Darwin City, Karara & Casuarina Libraries | Lucky Bat Cafe | darwin.nt.gov.au/daf

Leigh Zarimis, 'Untitled 2015', acrylic and posca on canvas



DISABILITY AWARENESS FESTIVAL

Celebrating the diverse contributions of people with disability, this year's Disability Awareness Festival Visual Arts Program showcases artworks by artists from Day to Day Living (a mental health support service) and artists from the Free Space Studio (a visual art studio for artists with disability) through a series of pop-up art displays around Darwin.

WHEN UNTIL SAT 3 SEP

PAUL JOHNSTONE GALLERY

Harriet Place, Darwin | 8941 2220 | pauljohnstonegallery.com.au
TUE-FRI 10AM-5PM | SAT 10AM-2PM



Jakayu Biljabu, 'Untitled', acrylic on canvas, 76 x 46cm

NYILANGKURR

PAUL JOHNSTONE GALLERY IS PROUD TO EXHIBIT THE WORKS OF TWO EXTRAORDINARY ARTISTS - BUGAI WHYLOUTER AND JAKAYU BILJABU. Jakayu was born in the late 1930s and is of the Manjilyjarra language group while Bugai was born c.1940 and is of the Warman, Kartujarra language groups. Born and raised in the desert, these strong cultural women are now the ambassadors for Martumili Artists, which is based in the Pilbara of Western Australia.

WHEN SAT 3 SEP - SAT 1 OCT | OPENING SAT 3 SEP, 11AM

Profiles



VERA BLUE

VERA BLUE HAS BEEN MAKING SERIOUS HEADWAY IN THE AUSTRALIAN MUSIC INDUSTRY OVER THE PAST 12 MONTHS. HER DEBUT EP FINGERTIPS AND SINGLES 'HOLD' AND 'SETTLE' HAVE SEEN HER MUSIC SKYROCKET UP THE CHARTS, LANDING TOP SPOTS ON SPOTIFY AND ITUNES.

All this follows a recent name change for the artist, formerly known as Celia Pavey, and a move away from her folk roots, embracing a more electronic sound. From performing to a crowd of 25,000 with Flume at Splendour in the Grass, the Sydney-based singer-songwriter heads to Darwin this September for a comparatively intimate gig at the Darwin Entertainment Centre. She recently had a chat with Off The Leash ahead of her visit to the Top End.

You've had a huge 12 months. How has the journey been so far?

It's been an incredible and exciting year. I am so blessed to have all of the opportunities that have come up and the amount of support I've had for my music.

What can people expect from your upcoming new album?

I think people can expect the album to still be really personal. There's going to be a lot of stories about my life and experiences from the last few years.

What has been the biggest moment in 2016 for you so far?

Jumping up on stage with Flume at Splendour and singing 'Never Be Like You' was definitely a big moment for me. I've never played in front of 25,000 people before, and it was such a thrill to have that many people dancing and singing back all the lyrics. My Fingertips Tour in May was also big for me. I was so overwhelmed with the amount of support from my fans. They're incredible.

How have you found shifting from your more folk style as Celia Pavey to this more electronic sound as Vera Blue?

I think the shift came naturally with the new music I was writing. My life always inspires my writing. Sometimes I come up with a melody or a lyric first, then the rest comes naturally. I can't write about something if it hasn't affected me personally, I need to be able to connect to the music I write.

What inspired you to change your name?

It definitely evolved from the music I was writing at the time. Myself, Gosling, Thom and Andy Mak were coming up with music that was so different to my folk roots, so I felt it was only right to give the music its own project name.

You've worked and performed with some amazing musicians and producers recently; do you have any highlights from these collaborations?

It's been an incredible couple of months. Working with Illy on 'Papercuts' was really special for me. Performing it with him live at Splendour the same day it went number one on iTunes was a moment I'll never forget.

After this national tour, what has the rest of 2016 got in store for you?

I'm going to be working on writing and recording new music. There's a lot on the cards and I can't wait to share what I've been working on.

WHEN AT COST INFO SUN 18 SEP | 8.30PM DARWIN ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE \$35 yourcentre.com.au

LIZ STRINGER

MELBOURNE SINGER-SONGWRITER LIZ STRINGER RETURNS TO DARWIN THIS SEPTEMBER, BRINGING HER SOULFUL COUNTRY ROCK TO THE RAILWAY CLUB. Following her recent album launch, Stringer has been touring extensively across Australia this year and is currently doing the rounds in Canada. *All The Bridges* is her fifth full-length offering and was recorded in Oregon with lauded producer Adam Selzer. Stringer recently took some time out from her crazy schedule to chat with Off The Leash about her new album and life on the road.

What was the recording process for this album like?

I had such a great time recording this album. It was really fast and efficient and felt very fluid and easy. Working with Adam Selzer was very natural. We were on the same page about most things and he had really solid ideas and was a great influence on the way the record sounds. I tracked for two days with Ben and Luke, the local rhythm section that Adam brought on for the album, and then I spent the next six days tracking guitars, vocals and some keys with Adam. It was a joy.

You're currently overseas at the moment and travelling all over the place - what has touring been like?

This Canadian tour has been pretty epic. Two months, covering a lot of ground. I've had some great experiences and am enjoying being

in Canada more and more. It's a great place to tour and the music community is incredibly supportive and vital.

Where do you get the stories for your songs? What events or things inspire you?

People and their stories are my inspiration - just the everyday, common experiences that connect us as humans. Everyone has a story. Even if they don't think it's an interesting one, it always is. It's the minutiae of life that interests me, the little details.

Who are your favourite musicians and albums?

I love a lot of different artists. I've just been listening to the new Kendrick Lamar album actually, and it's a masterpiece in my opinion. His lyrics are so visceral and affecting. I've also been listening to an incredible American singer-songwriter called Dan Bern, another favourite.

Are there any musicians who influence your music?

There are countless musicians that influence me, too many to mention anywhere near all of them. People like Matt Walker, Mia Dyson - so many local Australian artists that I play a lot with and am inspired by.

Have you been to Darwin before? What did you think?

I've been to Darwin more times than I can count. I love Darzi, and consider it my second home after Melbourne, which is pretty weird considering how different they are! I have some great friends there and play/hang out in Darwin as much as I possibly can.

What can the audience expect from your gig?

We're going to be a four-piece band presenting songs from *All The Bridges* in a really full form, which I'm pumped about! The last time I

launched an album in Darwin it was a solo acoustic album, so this will be really different. More opportunity to dance, that's for sure! And the wonderful Tanya Ransom will be opening the show, which I'm stoked about. And Kate Oliver, who I've heard a lot of great things about, will be our special guest at GYRACC in Katherine.

What has the reaction to your album been so far?

The reaction has been great. I released it in Australia and North America on the same day (July 1st) and I was in Canada at the time. The Canadian press has been very kind and I'm really looking forward to getting back to Australia and touring with my buddies. Can't wait to get on the road and I can't wait to get to Darwin and Katherine!

WHEN AT COST INFO SAT 3 SEP | 7PM RAILWAY CLUB \$21.50 lizstringer.com

WHEN AT COST INFO SUN 4 SEP | 7PM GODINYMAYIN YIJARD RIVERS ARTS & CULTURE CENTRE, KATHERINE \$20 | \$15 CONC, STUDENT gyracc.org.au



Liz Stringer

DSO PRESENTS

The Diva & The Bard

THIS YEAR HAS SEEN THE DARWIN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA (DSO) CELEBRATE THE LIFE AND WORKS OF WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE TO COMMEMORATE THE 400-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF HIS DEATH. THIS SECOND MASTERSERIES CONCERT SEES THE DSO PRESENT THE DIVA & THE BARD.

No other playwright in history has been more widely set to music or inspired as many compositions as Shakespeare, aka the Bard. For this evening of music, the DSO showcases the wide-reaching inspiration that Shakespeare had on multiple generations of composers and artists. Acclaimed Australian soprano Emma Matthews assumes the 'Diva' component of the evening. Matthews' performances of Verdi's *La Traviata* in Darwin and at Uluru in 2013 enchanted DSO patrons and her return to the Darwin stage has undeniably drawn attention.

The evening's performance includes Juliette's waltz from Gounod's *Romeo and Juliet* and Bernstein's adaptation of the well-known tale of those star-crossed lovers *West Side Story*, as well as highlights from Verdi, Purcell and Vaughan-Williams. DSO Chief Conductor Matthew Wood is currently conducting in Sweden and as such the DSO introduces Darwin audiences to a new maestro, the celebrated British-based Australian conductor Matthew Coorey.

Matthews is a highly acclaimed and awarded soprano having received

more Helpmann Awards than any other individual artist, as well as nine Green Room Awards, the Mo Award and the Remy Martin Australian Opera Award. She is internationally in demand as a soloist and has a wide ranging repertoire that has seen her perform with all the state opera companies and major Australian symphony orchestras. Her international career includes performances at the Royal Opera House Covent Garden and Orchestre Philharmonique de Monte Carlo.



Emma Matthews

WHEN AT COST INFO SAT 3 SEP | 7.30PM DARWIN CONVENTION CENTRE \$49 | \$39 CONC | \$99 FAMILY (2 ADULTS, 2 CHILD) | \$20 UNDER 16 dso.org.au

DARWIN CHORALE PRESENTS

WHEN AT COST INFO SUN 18 SEP | 5PM CHARLES DARWIN UNIVERSITY THEATRE \$40 | \$36 CONC darwinchorale.org.au



MUSIC NT PRESENTS

Col Infinity

"ONE TIME FOR MY CITY IF YOU DON'T MIND" IS THE MANTRA OF DARWIN ALTERNATIVE RAP ARTIST COL INFINITY. Polite, passionate, furious, inspired, nostalgic, intelligent and original are all apt words to describe this hyper-talented artist who released his debut album *Monophonic Minds* this year - an album he wrote, recorded and produced himself. Still pumped from winning the Urban and Hip Hop Award at the 2016 NT Song of the Year Awards, Col Infinity took a moment to chat to MusicNT.

Congrats on winning at NT Song of the Year Awards. How are you feeling?

It definitely feels liberating to be a part of the NT Song of the Year Awards and I'm quite honored to say the least. I encourage anyone in the Northern Territory who has written a song in its entirety to invest in a condenser microphone, download a music-recording program and record a rough demo just to enter the awards. I did the same thing back in 2013 and made it through to the finals at the time.

What is the track 'Ruler' about and what does it mean to you?

'Ruler' was the last song written and produced for my album *Monophonic*

Minds. It connotes the struggles of being financially stable while denoting the core subject of money being a ruler to those who are forced to allow it. 'Ruler' is meaningful to me because I focused primarily on lyrical storytelling and vocal delivery. I think I punched in a couple of vocals for the first verse but delivered the second verse in its entirety to keep the raw essence of the theme.

You did the writing/recording/production for Monophonic Minds yourself - what advice do you have for NT acts thinking of doing the same thing?

My best advice is to expect sleepless nights, expect a possible dip in finances and expect a lot of emotional turmoil that comes with doing anything yourself. All these frustrations and expectancies shouldn't matter in the long run if you truly, unequivocally love what you are doing.

How does living in Darwin affect your music?

I once despised living in Darwin with a firm belief that moving to cities like Melbourne, Sydney and Adelaide would have a greater influence and impact on becoming successful through my music. Then

For the Term of His Natural Life

AWARD-WINNING CONDUCTOR AND MUSICAL DIRECTOR MICHAEL LOUGHLIN leads the Darwin Chorale in a memorable concert featuring music from opera, oratorio and musical theatre. The performance takes place at the newly refurbished Charles Darwin University Theatre.

"The concert program features an appealing mix of music from operas such as Verdi's *Nabucco* and Offenbach's *The Tales of Hoffmann*, selections from oratorios such as Handel's *Judas Maccabaeus* and music theatre showstoppers from *Ragtime* and *Les Misérables*," Michael Loughlin said.

In particular, the afternoon will feature excerpts from Darwin musician Mark Hulsman's acclaimed musical *For the Term of His Natural Life*. Telling the haunting and somewhat macabre story of convict escapee Alexander Pearce, Hulsman's musical is based on Marcus Clarke's 1870 novel of the same name.

Set in an Australian penal colony during convict times, *For the Term of His Natural Life* is made up of semi-fictionalised accounts and will appeal to lovers of *Les Misérables* and *Phantom of the Opera*.

Loughlin, a sought after and acclaimed musical director, has called the NT home since 2008

and is the recipient of many Music Theatre Guild and Lyrebird awards. After taking on the role of Darwin Chorale's Musical Director earlier this year, Loughlin's musical direction has already impressed audiences in the Top End.

For the Term of His Natural Life features the talented Darwin vocalists Fiona Wake and Shalom Kaa, who wowed audiences in Darwin Chorale's 2015 *Jesus Christ Superstar*. Since its premiere in Tasmania in 2004, the musical has gathered rave reviews for its unique and powerful retelling of a dark time in Australia's past and is a must-see for fans of epic musical narrative.

INFO facebook.com.au/colinfinity



DARWIN CITY BRASS BAND

THE DARWIN CITY BRASS BAND (DCBB) WELCOMES ANYONE, of any age, interested in brass band music. If you can't play, but want to, they'll teach you. Got a trombone stashed at the back of the wardrobe? Want to find out what a euphonium is? Or maybe you just enjoy playing one of the wide variety of instruments that make up a brass band. Don't own an instrument? No problem! DCBB has a range of instruments available for use by band members, including a range of percussion instruments.

Providing music for the community, DCBB performs regularly at community events including Dry season play-outs in city parks as well as producing their own concerts with a diverse repertoire ranging from brass band classics to the likes of Michael Bublé, Lady Gaga and The Eagles.

New members, visitors to Darwin and curious spectators are welcome to attend the regular rehearsal nights. Have Fun with Brass, DCBB's weekly training and development program, is a great way to receive guidance and coaching in a fun and supportive environment - you may even get in a few fanfares.

REHEARSALS WHEN EVERY SAT | 7-9.30PM

HAVE FUN WITH BRASS WHEN EVERY SAT (EXCLUDING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS) AT 2 ABALA ROAD, MARRARA darwincitybrassband.org.au



Sing your heart out

Jessie Vintila is a performer, songwriter and choir director who's Spanish, bluegrass & gospel singing workshops are fast becoming a highlight of the singing year for lovers of harmony in the Top End. Hailing from Byron Bay, Vintila runs the 60 strong Raise the Roof Community Choir in Northern New South Wales, facilitates workshops all over the country and runs *Sing the Camino* - a singing and walking tour through Northern Spain. Vintila returns from her tours each year with gorgeous new Spanish music to share and add to her beautiful folk and bluegrass arrangements and African American capella gospel repertoire. Be you a first time singer, a keen amateur or a seasoned professional, you'll be sure to find this singing workshop an uplifting experience.

WHEN AT COST INFO SUN 4 SEP | 10AM-1PM CHARLES DARWIN UNIVERSITY THEATRE \$38 singthecamino.com

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WHEN SUN 11 SEP | 8PM
COST \$60

The Beat Festival 2016 – Stellar
WHEN WED 14 – FRI 16 SEP | 7PM
COST \$39 | \$35 CONC

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WHEN SUN 18 SEP | 8.30PM
COST \$35

Countdown Spectacular

St Mary's Catholic Primary School and their Community of Learners present a repertoire of eclectic retro rock classics including mega hits by iconic artists such as Bon Jovi, KISS, Van Halen and Cold Chisel.

WHEN MON 19 SEP | 7PM
COST \$23 | \$13 CHILD 3-15

RAILWAY CLUB

17 Somerville Gardens, Parap
8981 4711 | facebook.com/darwinrailwayclub

Jungle Jam @ the Rails

Kayoss, Gaia and King Klass
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COST \$10

Liz Stringer

WHEN SAT 3 SEP | 7PM
COST \$21.50

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brownsmart.com.au

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30 SEP GAIA (TRIO)



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winners, Backsliders have been playing, touring the festival circuit and recording for over 30 years. They bring their eclectic mix of blues styles to the Railway Club.

WHEN SAT 10 SEP | 7PM
COST \$32.50

GENERAL LISTINGS

Mahbilil Festival



Lineup includes B2M from the Tiwi Islands, actor and musician Shellie Morris, roots-reggae aficionados Kingfisha (pictured above) and Bininj Band - the 'Backstreet Boys from Arnhem Land'.

WHEN SAT 3 SEP | 12PM-12AM
AT JABIRU
COST FREE
INFO mahbililfestival.com

DSO Masteries 2: The Diva & The Bard



WHEN SAT 3 SEP | 7.30PM
AT DARWIN CONVENTION CENTRE
COST \$49 | \$39 CONC | \$99 FAMILY (2 ADULTS, 2 CHILD) | \$20 UNDER 16
INFO dso.org.au

The Angels

WHEN SAT 3 SEP | 3PM
AT DARWIN SKI CLUB
COST \$48.50
INFO ticketeto.com.au

The Residency

WHEN FRI 2 & FRI 16 SEP | 10PM
AT SQUIRES TAVERN
COST \$5
INFO facebook.com/dwndnb

Singing Workshop

WHEN SUN 4 SEP | 10AM
AT CHARLES DARWIN UNIVERSITY THEATRE
COST \$381 \$33 CONC
INFO singthecamino.com

Liz Stringer – All the Bridges Album Tour

WHEN SUN 4 SEP | 7PM
AT GODINYMAYIN YIJARD RIVERS ARTS & CULTURE CENTRE, KATHERINE
COST \$20 | \$15 CONC, STUDENT
INFO gyracc.org.au

Loud at the Library

Enjoy free live music at your local library every Friday lunch time.

WHEN 12-1PM

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2 SEP TRACEY BUNN
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23 SEP CHARLIE POWLING
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9 SEP ALAN BEAZLEY
16 SEP EMMA STOCKER
23 SEP SCOTT MURPHY
30 SEP SHEL O'TOOLE

Release THE MUSIC WITHIN

The 2016 Australian Children's Music Foundation National Songwriting Competition is now open for entries! Calling all school students – you're invited to put pen to paper and enter an original song for a chance to win prize-money that can be allocated towards musical equipment or tuition. Get creative and express yourself through song.

INFO Entries close Thu 20 Oct | acmf.com.au

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WHEN EVERY FRI | 9.30PM
COST FREE

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AT THE LOST ARC
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WHEN SUN 18 SEP | 5-8PM
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COST FREE
INFO dbcya.com.au

JAM NIGHTS AND OPEN MIC



WHEN SUN 4 SEPT | 2-7PM
AT PINT CLUB, MARRARA
COST GOLD COIN DONATION
INFO firstsundayblues.com.au

Monday Music Night

WHEN EVERY MON | 7PM
AT DARWIN COMMUNITY ARTS, MALAK
COST FREE
INFO darwincommunityarts.org.au

Ukulele Jam Session with the Dukes

WHEN EVERY TUES | 6-9PM
AT DINAH BEACH CRUISING YACHT ASSOCIATION
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Darwin City Brass Band Rehearsals

WHEN EVERY TUE | 7PM
AT 2 ABALA ROAD MARRARA
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INFO darwincitybrassband.org.au

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COST FREE
INFO dbcya.com.au

Live at the Lagoon

WHEN EVERY SUN | 12-4PM
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FOOD & DRINK



TEA WITH A CAPITAL B

OWNING A BUSINESS CAME BY SURPRISE FOR CAROL AND GEOFF MACKENZIE. ALL SET FOR RETIREMENT, their lives were turned upside-down when their son Allen was involved in a head on collision in South America, leaving him wheelchair bound and unable to work as a chef. But the Mackenzie's banded together and, as a result, Bromeliad Bed and Breakfast was born – much to the delight of visitors and locals alike.

Although this Brolga Award-winning establishment is a bed and breakfast, you don't have to stay the night to enjoy what it has to offer. This lovely little Karama-based B&B offers morning and afternoon tea, with four delicious homemade courses. Frequenting the menu are prawn and sausage rolls, banana cake, mango ice cream and seasonal fruit platters – and we hear Carol's signature pikelets with wild rosella jam and lashing of cream are a hit with the crowds. All of this deliciousness is washed down with plentiful amounts of hot tea and coffee.

Tea is best enjoyed outside amongst the impressive tropical garden oasis. With around 1,000 bromeliad plants as well as orchids, temple bells and lillypilly shrubs, the garden alone is worthy of a visit. And visit the garden you can for just \$5, with all takings

going directly to local not-for-profit disability support service, Helping People Achieve (HPA). How lovely!

The garden has been lovingly grown and cultivated over the past 16 years, with a few special plants making it a true family treasure.

"One of the bromeliads here is a descendent from my mother's garden. We call that a pup. It's very special to have life continue from my mother's garden in South Australia to our garden here in the Territory," Carol explained.

"Many of our plants have tags illustrating both their common and botanical names, their country of origin, and the year the plant was first cultivated – we get lots of enthusiasts in here who can't believe how many varieties we have," she added.

For a unique experience, a spot of tea in the garden and a side of the warm fuzzies, make sure you stop by Bromeliad B&B – you'll be *bromeli-glad* you did!

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AT 26 COPRA CRES, KARAMA
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INFO bromeliadbandb.com | 0438 644 640



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INFO harvestcoffeeshop.com | facebook.com/harvestcoffeeshop | 0466 887 009

Harvest IN THE SUBURBS



Liam and Ashlea



CONNECTING OVER A HOT COFFEE WAS ALWAYS SOMETHING LIAM OGILVIE-MITCHELL AND HIS WIFE ASHLEA ENJOYED, AND THE CHANCE TO OFFER HOT CUPS OF CAFFEINATED GOODNESS TO THE LOCAL COMMUNITY INSPIRED THEIR FIRST BUSINESS. INTRODUCING HARVEST COFFEE SHOP – ANULA'S NEWEST COFFEE HAUNT.

This July, husband and wife duo Liam and Ashlea opened the doors to Harvest in Anula, much to the delight of parents and families in the neighbourhood. The idea sprouted for Liam about three years ago and, with support from his wife, he's been able to make his dream become a reality.

"I guess you could say it's my baby. Ashlea works as a teacher so she's the one making the money and I'm over here living the dream with my very own business," the cafe owner beamed.

Set in the Anula Shops complex, the vibe is pleasant, relaxed and welcoming – plus, there's a new playground being constructed next door for all of you caffeine-starved mums and dads out there! The interior is dressed with industrial and vintage decor – mismatched seats hug the wooden tables and there's a bookshelf loaded with books to read.

There's a children's play area covered by a canopy of colourful parasols, large industrial bulbs hang loosely

from the ceiling and you can expect to hear the chilled out sounds of José González emanating from the stereo. Perhaps the most eye-grabbing objects in the room are the custom made benches.

"A mate of mine's a carpenter and helped me make one of our custom benches. He taught me what to do the first time round, and when my mum Catherine came to visit, I got her on the tools and she helped me build the second one," Liam said.

"Starting this cafe was just something I really, really wanted to do, and although it's taking a little bit to get used to the business side of things – like tax and GST – I've never felt so energised in my life. It's like I'm wide awake every minute I'm in the cafe, and when I get home, it all calms down a bit."

The menu offers breakfast and lunch, with simple but pleasing options. For brekkie, you can wrap your tastebuds around a toasted bacon and egg roll or an Acai bowl. Come lunchtime,

you can feast upon pulled pork and ham toasts, with juicy meat slow cooked for a melt-in-your-mouth experience. The dessert bar will satisfy both sugar fiends and health enthusiasts, with cupcakes from Little Crumbs Darwin and raw treats from Mr Brown's – then you can wash it all down with some Rio coffee or Tea Drops tea.

"I really wanted to support local businesses and buy local when possible. The sweets fridge is stocked with local goodies and our coffee is from a local distributor – even my coffee snob friends passed it in the taste test," Liam explained.

With plans to convert the not-yet-open back room into a quiet space plotted with couches, books and board games, this cafe is one to keep your eye on. For a relaxing hot cuppa, free WiFi, a good feed and a read in a relaxed atmosphere, you best get to Harvest.

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