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Letter FROM THE EDITOR

Holy wow – is this really the JUN/JUL/AUG edition? Time seriously needs to calm the farm!

Did you notice our awesome cover art? You’d be right for guessing it’s in Darwin. Jonathon Saunders features in the Careers section and collaborated on the piece with local artist Koulla Roussos. Looks pretty schmick hey! Find out more about Jonathon and his career in the Arts on page 12.

Our beloved Dry Season has returned and brings with it, not just awesome weather and a population boost, but the much-anticipated festival season. The Darwin Festival is BACK! This 18-day tropical Festival celebrates music, theatre, visual art, dance, cabaret and more. The awesome #DFEST16 crew have given us a good looking sneak peek – check out the feature on page 4. The Darwin Fringe Festival makes a return after a banging 2015, giving local and interstate artists and performers the chance to show us their stuff – check it out on page 8.

On a more serious note, I discuss a topic close to my heart. This June marks 10 years since a mate of mine from high school died from suicide, so I thought it would be a good opportunity to talk about mental health. I want anyone reading this that may be affected to know they can talk about it. I’d also like to give a massive shout-out to his wonderful parents for encouraging me to share his story – it’s discussing these issues openly in the community that will help end the stigma. Have a read on page 7.

Thinking about studying? Charles Darwin University’s Open Day is coming up – it’s a great opportunity to suss out your options for further study. There’s also a bunch of stuff on with Territory Day events, free movie screenings, dance workshops, the Heads Up Youth Forum, the Pitch Perfect singing comp and a host of events at Sanderson Neighbourhood Activity Centre. Darwin City Council has also decided to open up Cas Pool for free on Saturdays during the school holidays (woot!) and Palmerston Council are running some breakdancing classes to raise awareness of mental health. Check it all out in the Events section.

Well Turn It Uppers, that’s it from me. Have fun getting out and about this Dry!

Toodles,

Tierney

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BACKGROUND

Did you know Darwin Festival was born from the destruction of Cyclone Tracy? True story. It was formerly called Bougainvillea Festival and over the last few decades, it’s morphed into the awesome international arts festival it is today. Held in August over three weeks, the Festival transforms the city into a buzzing hub of culture and performance. No wonder Darwinites love it so much! There have been some little kitties let out of the bag with the Festival’s Early Release ahead of their full program reveal on June 23 and we want to make sure you know about some of them.

LIGHTS. CAMERA. ACTION.

Kicking off this delicious tropical Festival is the free Santos Opening Night Concert. Held at The Amphitheatre in the George Brown Botanic Gardens, this year’s opening features super-talented songstress and Triple J fave, Sarah Blasko. Joining Blasko is Indigenous roots band Nabarlek – these guys have been described as a garage band without a garage – wonder where they rehearsed! Grab your mates and picnic rugs, pack a picnic or grab some grub from the food vendors, and see in #DFEST16 under the stars.
DANCE FAN?
If you managed to catch Cry Jailolo last year, then you’ll love contemporary Indonesian dance piece, Medium. It combines solo dance, film and evocative lighting, and stars one of the world’s most in-demand talents, Rianto. He’s known internationally for combining the traditional and contemporary in a stunning dance style that explodes with strength and agility, while remaining graceful and elegant. Check it.

LIGHTHOUSE
If you’re a fan of burlesque, you’ll be glad to hear Festival favourites Finucane & Smith are making a comeback to D-town with The Birds. Showcasing their mad vaudeville skills with poetic lingo, dance, wild tales, angelic voices and amazing aerial moves in The Lighthouse – they’re a pretty clever bunch of glamazons.

AWARDS NIGHT
The National Indigenous Music Awards (NIMAS) are held annually to celebrate Australia’s outstanding Indigenous musicians. This year celebrates Indigenous songs of protest to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the first land rights act. Oh, and it’s in The Amphitheatre too. Sold!

MEOW!
There are so many more cats to come out of the bag, with acts including cabaret, theatre, comedy, dance, visual arts and music. The full program will be on sale Thursday 23 June. Bring on August!

INFO darwinfestival.org.au
YEAH NAH?

YOUTH EMPOWERMENT AGAINST HIV/AIDS (AKA YEAH) IS AUSTRALIA’S ONLY YOUTH LED PEER EDUCATION ORGANISATION AIMED AT EDUCATING YOUNG PEOPLE ABOUT SEXUAL HEALTH. UNFORTUNATELY, IT’S BEEN DECIDED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT THAT YEAH WILL NO LONGER BE FUNDED AS OF JUNE 30. IN A TIME WHERE STI RATES ARE AGAIN ON THE RISE, ORGANISATIONS LIKE YEAH ARE NEEDED MORE THAN EVER.

YEAH is run by an enthusiastic bunch of volunteers known as the Agents of YEAH. They frequent community events and schools, presenting workshops designed to help break down stigma surrounding sexual health. Plus, they get you talking.

Conversations about sexual health and sex in general can be kind of awkward – even with Mum or Dad. But they’re conversations that should happen more often because sexual health is more than just using protection to keep you safe.

It’s important to talk about sexually transmitted infections (STIs), consent and healthy relationships. YEAH strives to get these convos going in safe and supportive environments. YEAH workshops are filled with activities designed to not only get you up and moving, but to think about your own sexual health. They empower you to look after yourself and prevent the spread of STIs.

Peer education’s a great way to get informed. What’s peer education you ask? It’s pretty much talking these issues over with your mates and YEAH makes sure you’ve got all the right info. Did you know that 80% of sexually transmitted infections are occurring in young people aged 15 to 29? That’s 1 in 20 young people. Pretty epic right?

Sexual health is an important topic amongst young people and we all have a right to be informed.

For more information about YEAH, visit redaware.org.au and if you want to help save YEAH, sign the petition at change.org

REMEMBER TO BE RED AWARE

THINK RED.
Get informed and find the information that you need

TALK RED.
Start conversations around sexual health with your peers

ACT RED.
Take positive steps to protect yourself and prevent the spread of STIs
Suicide

THE ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM

BY TIERNEY WHITE

I’M ABOUT TO SHARE SOMETHING PERSONAL THAT I THINK WE SHOULD BE TALKING ABOUT MUCH, MUCH MORE. THIS JUNE MARKS A DECADE SINCE THE WORLD LOST A REALLY GREAT BLOKE. HIS NAME WAS NORMY, AND HE DIED FROM SUICIDE.

Suicide is one of the hardest things to talk about, with its ripples still felt years after its destructive wave’s first crash. Depression doesn’t discriminate, regardless of who you are, how wealthy you are, how attractive you are or how loved you are. Robin Williams had it all – fame, fortune, family – a great personality and a successful career. But none of that could stop the undeniable strength of his depression and ultimately, Williams sadly succumbed to his illness.

Normy was popular, good-looking, smart and a gun hockey player with loving and supportive parents. We were in the same year in high school, part of the same hockey club, and went to the same ballet school when we were little kids – although he may not be too stoked about me sharing that (sorry Norm!).

Just over a year after leaving high school, Normy hung himself in his college dorm room. He was only 19.

Normy suffered from depression and no longer had the strength to fight his way out of the darkness. In his farewell note, he wrote “forgive me”. I couldn’t understand why he was apologising – what did he do wrong?

He shouldn’t have to apologise for not being able to survive his illness – which depression is, you know, an illness.

Thanks to the taboo that’s been built around it, depression and anxiety sufferers can feel forbidden to discuss their illness publicly. Depression is often misinterpreted as a weakness (which technically every illness is) that should – through sheer willpower and determination – be controlled by the person experiencing it. It’s that ‘teaspoon of cement’ mentality that enables this horrible illness to claim more and more lives.

Why don’t we do that for other diseases? Let’s use breast cancer as an example – another illness that claims lives and tears families apart. Imagine being too ashamed to discuss your illness with your family, even your doctor, and being told to ‘toughen up’. Imagine if your mum apologised for having breast cancer before passing away. Sorry she couldn’t be strong enough to fight the biological war happening inside her body. I’m sure you’d tell her it wasn’t her fault, wouldn’t you?

I remember seeing a photo of someone’s mum on Facebook. She’s flipping the bird at the camera and smiling – the caption says, “My Mum’s amazing – f*** breast cancer!” It’s a powerful image and wonderful that this family gets to appreciate their cherished mother for many years to come.

On the flipside, it’s rare to see things on social media from mental health sufferers. Why? Because it’s not appropriate. Why? Because the world doesn’t need to know how s**t your life is. Hmm, funny that – when Normy died, the first thing so many people said was “I wish he’d talked to me” or “if only he’d asked for help.” Well folks, perhaps we need to re-evaluate our societal ideals so that mental health sufferers feel that they can.

The anniversary of Normy’s death is an opportunity for us to remember him and offer support to his family. It’s important for his loving parents that we don’t tip-toe around the very mention of his name because of how he died, but embrace these conversations and celebrate the life he lived. It was hard enough for his friends and family to lose him the first time around – it’s up to us not to let him disappear completely.

It’s time to talk.

WITH ONE IN FIVE AUSSIES SUFFERING FROM A MENTAL HEALTH CONDITION, IT’S BOUND TO AFFECT YOU OR SOMEONE YOU LOVE. LET’S TALK ABOUT IT, AND LET’S SUPPORT THOSE WHO ARE SUFFERING. LET’S STOP LOSING GOOD PEOPLE TO THIS TERRIBLE ILLNESS.

NEED SUPPORT? BEYONDBLUE.ORG.AU | SHOUTOUT.STRIKINGLY.COM | HEADSPACE.ORG.AU
What is a Fringe festival? Basically, a Fringe is full of all kinds of art presented by artists. The shows and exhibitions are whatever the artists want them to be, and they can break some (or all) of the rules. Audiences get to be surprised and challenged, and Darwin gets to support local artists. Sweet!


OPENING NIGHT PARTY
Loads of music, with teasers from Fringe artists and resident Darwin odd balls. This is one arts party that’s gonna get hectic!

SECRET ART
Secret Art is an exhibition of emerging visual artists. Never exhibited at a gallery before? This exhibition is for you. Drop the Fringe team a line if you want to be part of the secret – shhhh!

FRINGE CLUB
By popular demand, the Fringe crew are ramping up this year’s music program. Come and party after dark Fringe style, with loads of local and interstate bands, DJs and sneak-peak performances.

FRINGE ARVOS @ THE FRINGE HUB
Bored after work or school? Fringe Arvos have you covered! Enjoy free live music and performance at Brown’s Mart every afternoon of the festival. Boom!

WHY NOT WORKSHOP?
Meet like minded people and learn new skills in anything from performance technique, to live sketching, to backstage production. Maybe you’ll learn a skill you can use at next year’s Fringe. Have you got something you want to teach? Cosplay costume design? Skating for performance? Drop the Fringe team a line if you’re keen to run a workshop at this year’s festival.

FULL PROGRAM ANNOUNCED IN JUNE
INFO darwinfringe.org.au | info@darwinfringe.org.au

THIS YEAR @ FRINGE
The program hasn’t been launched yet, but here’s a sneak peek of what to expect...

FRINGES ARE FUN

VERY COOL VOLLIES
One of the best ways to see a festival is as a volunteer. If you’re strapped for cash, you can see stuff for free; if you’re interested in working in events, you learn new skills; if you’re a bit of a fan, you get to hang out with artists and help them with their shows. You’re also helping to make the festival happen by donating your time. When you see the callout for vollies, make sure you sign up to be part of the team.

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It seems as if every night I wake up in a strange and different underground chamber of District 5, but one thing is for sure. I am not sleep walking. Hallucinations rack my brain as I try to establish reality from fiction. I see water and food everywhere I go but when I run towards it, it disappears. I am exhausted. I haven’t eaten anything and the last time I had water was in the first chamber. I could get more water from there but even if I knew where it was, I wouldn’t dare go back.

The second chamber I woke up in was pitch black. I traced the perimeter of the chamber with my fingers, running them along the stone walls. There was nothing. No water. Nothing. But the strangest thing was that the cave had no smell. I sat down, desperate for my eyes to adjust to the darkness. And the only noise that could be heard was a dull humming sound, a comforting and familiar sound made by mining a drill.

The others were coming to rescue me! Suddenly a tickling sensation started on my left leg, followed by feet scampering up onto my stomach. I jumped up in a fright. The creature fell off my chest and onto the floor. I tried to run, but to where? I throw my hands in front of me to embrace the impact of any up coming walls. Claws sink into the skin of my leg. I let out a high-pitched yelp. Two more sets of claws, one on my right leg and the other went straight through my boot and brakes the skin on my toes. I keep running but soon there were too many of them.

They keep dragging me down to the floor. I collapse and am instantly enveloped in the creatures. I try to throw them off me but there are too many.

There seems to be hundreds of them. They are climbing in-between my toes, through my legs, crawling into my armpits and even in my mouth. The one thing I can’t stand is rodents, and these are most certainly rats. The fear is rising up in me as they squirm all over my body.

I can’t stand it. It feels as if they’re are digging into me, through my bones and hollowing out my organs. I pass out and the rats disappear from my mind.

EXCERPT FROM CHAPTER FOUR OF SASCHA DUFFY’S DON’T BE AFRAID OF THE DARK


Each year the Young Territory Author Awards invite budding writers aged 18 and under to create and design an original book. There’s some serious cash up for grabs over a bunch of categories, and all submissions are immortalised in the Young Territory Authors collection at City of Darwin Libraries.

To enter or find out more about the Young Territory Author Awards, visit darwin.nt.gov.au/libraries
I'm a 21-year-old Darwin local with a passion for photography, film and illustration. I love movies and hope to study film at uni to someday become a documentary filmmaker.

SO FAR, MY CREATIVE HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE working on a short film with local filmmaker Salvatore Finocchiaro, which was shown at the Darwin Cinema last year. I'm also working on another short film at the moment called Cores – it’s a zombie film.

I AM REALLY INSPIRED BY my Mum. She’s a photographer and got me creative from an early age. Film wise, I’m a big fan of Phillip Bloom. I find his work honest and real – he’s got a special eye. I also greatly admire Andrew Hyde, another local video media producer alongside Salvatore. He’s really helped me along my cinematography journey. Illustration wise, I’ve been influenced by video games and films like Lord of the Rings and Star Wars.

IN THE FUTURE I hope to study film, I’m just not sure when. At the moment, I think I’d like to be a doco maker and continue my conservation work too. When I was younger I really wanted to be a concept artist and get into architecture and design – I’ve always wanted to do something creative.

MY ADVICE IS to follow your own patterns. Don’t try to be like your idols, you can be yourself and still be just as great – maybe better. Get out there and do what you love.

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You recently won Battle of the School Bands, what was the experience like?
That was so awesome. Every single one of the performances that night was top quality. The best part was getting to meet other musicians from schools across the Territory. When we found out we’d won, we all felt a sense of immense satisfaction that our year of hard work and practise had paid off!

How do you guys feel about performing at this year’s BASSINTHEGRASS?
We’re so pumped. Our friends from At The Dakota and Tapestry both got picked as the local acts to perform, so the whole day should be awesome.

When and how did Gaia form?
We formed mid-way through last year after we all entered Battle of the School Bands competition. At the time, most of us were in different bands. One of our guitarists, Kyle, rounded us up to form a band of musicians with backgrounds in different genres – and that’s how Gaia was formed.

How did you choose your band name?
Our drummer Luke came up with it – it’s the name of an instrumental track from In Hearts Wake, which is a band he and Kyle are pretty into. When he pitched the name it seemed a bit bold – like it wouldn’t be the right fit for us – but our singer, Stevie, reassured us it’d be perfect because its meaning relates to nature and all things “vibey”.

Lastly, any advice for other young Top Enders?
Just go for it – plain and simple. If you want to do something or you have a goal in mind, just try as hard as you can to reach it. You don’t have to be the best, you just need to be passionate about what you want to do!

Gaia are Paul, Kyle, Stevie, Dakota, Bayden and Luke.

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JONATHAN WAS BORN AND RAISED IN DARWIN AND WORKS AT THE ASSOCIATION OF NORTHERN KIMBERLEY AND ARNHEM ABORIGINAL ARTISTS (ANKAAA). HE’S ALSO A TALENTED ARTIST AND MAKER OF COMICS, LANDING HIMSELF A WELL-DESERVED POSITION AS FINALIST FOR THE CHARLES DARWIN UNIVERSITY (CDU) ARTS AWARD IN THE NT YOUNG ACHIEVER AWARDS.

What does your role as Resource and Development Officer at ANKAAA involve?
I do ground work to support Art Centres across the Top End, including the Kimberleys and Arnhem Land. We’re currently running a program called the Arts Worker Extension Program, where we take eight Top End artists and teach them administration and computer skills over an intensive nine month training course. We teach them about art conservation and curating, so they have the skills to run the art centres themselves.

What kind of study did you undertake to get your role at ANKAAA?
I did a Bachelor of Visual Arts and my Honours at CDU and graduated in 2009. A lecturer of mine let me know about an Indigenous traineeship at ANKAAA so I went for it. After one year, they offered me a contract to stay on, so I did!

What kind of art do you create?
I’ve done a lot of stencil and spray painting. My friend Koulla and I did a street art installation on the old Woollies building last year before they renovated it – we had permission of course! It was from our TaNTrum exhibition.

These days I focus on producing a web series with friends based on a comic I wrote a couple of years ago called Astounding Tales of Hero Fiction. It started out as a test and now I’m writing and illustrating a lot more.

So you were born and raised in Darwin – did you ever feel the need to skip town?
Well I’ve done a lot of travel through work, so get around a bit even though I live in Darwin. I’ve had a lot of opportunities interstate – I recently did an internship at FOX Studios in Sydney through Screen Australia, which was great.

Wow – FOX Studios? That’s amazing! Where do you see yourself in the future?
At the moment I’m just keen to focus on my web series and see where that takes me. I want to keep building on my illustrative abilities and potentially get into film. I’m really happy with the way things are going and where I am right now.

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what made you want to study new media design?
I've always been interested in the arts and having a job that's creative is something that really appeals to me. I like that I can earn a living from something I love doing. By studying design at uni and expanding on areas like Photoshop, I can use my skills for a practical purpose.

were you always interested in design?
I actually started out doing a Bachelor of Education because I wanted to be an art teacher, but halfway through my first year, I decided I didn't want to do that just yet. I spoke to my Mum about it and she helped me find the course I'm doing now. One day I'd like to teach but when I graduate, I'd really like to work as a graphic designer full time.

Has anything inspired you along the way?
A big driving force would have to be my Mum. She really encouraged my sister and I to get involved with things, and had us volunteering at St. John Ambulance from an early age. I'm also part of the Youth Inspiring Palmerston group, and have found that volunteering and getting involved with things has lead to some really great opportunities.

What advice would you give to Turn It Up readers?
Don't get bogged down or feel like you have to follow through with the first thing you choose – it's okay to change your mind. Do what you want to do – not what others think you should do. And you don't have to know what that is straight away!

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ALICIA KENT, VOLUNTEER AND FUTURE YOUTH WORKER

THE NT YOUNG ACHIEVER AWARD FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE WAS AWARDED TO 22-YEAR-OLD ALICIA KENT OF KARAMA, WHO CREDITS VOLUNTEERING FOR CHANGING HER LIFE.

What made you get into volunteering?
It’s kind of a weird situation – I was seeing a youth worker at Headspace as my mental health wasn’t so good at the time, and they suggested that volunteering might help me. I used to be quite shy and withdrawn, and I lacked confidence, but now I can manage my situations and emotions better – it’s really taught me how to cope.

What volunteer work have you done?
There’s a bit of a list! I have volunteered at Somerville Christmas Gift Wrapping, Darwin City Council’s Youth Advisory Group, Midnight Basketball, Agents of YEAH, Safety and Neighbourhood Watch, Canteen, ShoutOut, Headspace, and Mental Health in Multicultural Australia.

That’s an impressive list! What has volunteering meant to you?
It’s helped me figure out what I want to do career wise – I’m just one year off finishing my Diploma in Youth Work and keen to work with young people. I’ve also learnt a lot about Darwin, had the chance to network and make new friends, and travelled to most capital cities. Plus you know you’re doing good – it didn’t matter to me if I wasn’t recognised for it, it mattered that I was doing it.

What would you say to someone thinking of volunteering?
Give it a go! You can’t really go wrong because you do what you can, when you can. You never know what could happen – you might find something amazing and you could have the best time!
IRENE IS A FIRST YEAR STUDENT STUDYING A BACHELOR OF NURSING AT CHARLES DARWIN UNIVERSITY (CDU), WHO ONCE THOUGHT GOING TO UNI WASN’T ON THE CARDS – HERE’S HER STORY.

As a teenager I studied at three different high schools. I left during Year 11 due to personal reasons, so I didn’t graduate from high school. Before my circumstances changed I used to dream about attending university (even as a child) but because I didn’t complete Year 12, I wasn’t qualified to enrol in Higher Education. When my personal circumstances changed for the better, I enrolled in the Tertiary Enabling Program to get the scores I needed to enrol. I passed the program, applied for the Bachelor of Nursing and was offered a place in the course – which I accepted!

Going to uni is nothing like high school; you’re officially considered, treated and respected as an adult. You’re treated equally, with your own responsibilities, and have the freedom to juggle work, family and school commitments on your own. It’s hard work but it’s fun and rewarding.

I’ve found the lecturers to be understanding and passionate about helping students. There are student support services at CDU to help you with any challenges you might be facing – even assignment writing – and the staff are friendly, considerate and helpful. Look, feeling intimidated by uni is normal, but overcoming those fears and persevering towards the goal of graduation feels really good. If you’re thinking about it, check it out – it’s never too late.
WHAT'S GOING ON?

Heads Up!

YOUTH FORUM
Amazing things are bound to happen when you bring dozens of passionate 15 to 25-year-olds together in the same room. Throw in some young motivational speakers including 2014 Triple J Unearthed Indigenous Artist of the Year, Philly, and we have ourselves one monster of a Youth Forum. The forum also includes performances, skill development and networking opportunities. BUT, if you want in, you had better register soon as there are only 80 spots available. Get on it!

WHEN Sat 18 Jun | 8.30am-6pm
AT Mercure Hotel, Darwin Airport
COST Free | Includes Catering
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TERRITORY DAY – FRI 1 JUL
Territory Day is about more than just fireworks. It marks the day the NT was appointed its very own government. On July 1 in 1978, the NT was appointed as its own Territory, meaning it was no longer governed by the mob in Canberra (which is ages away!) but by a local government lead by a Chief Minister.

And that’s the end of today’s history lesson, kids. Enjoy the day, be safe and be thankful for our Territory’s self governance!

FREE AT THE NAC

FREE YOGA
Release your inner Zen with these free weekly yoga sessions. Ages 11-18 years.
WHEN Every Thu | 5.30-6.15pm

ZUMBA
It’s time to get funky monkey with this Latin-inspired exercise in disguise.
WHEN Every Fri | 5.30-6.30pm
COST $4

YU-GI-OH
Yu-Gi-Oh is a card trading game where competitors use a variety of cards to defeat their opponent.
WHEN Every Sat | 12.30-4.30pm
COST Free

BMX TRACK
Grab your set of wheels and hit the track – it’s open 24/7!
WHEN You choose!
COST Free
AT Sanderson Neighbourhood Activity Centre (NAC), Wulagi
INFO sandersonnac.wordpress.com

LOVE AT FIRST BITE
Presented by Darwin Middle School
It’s another new school for Ethel and Drake Yula. Things are starting to look up for Drake when he meets Lucy, but her mother Ms. Stake (who just so happens to be the school principal) can smell that there is something not quite right with him – and no, it’s not just his lack of personal hygiene!

Will Drake be able to outwit Principal Stake and Lucy’s jealous ex-boyfriend? Only with the help of new friends, like Scrappy the unusually hairy basketballer who keeps wagging (his butt not school) every time he sees Ethel, and Frank N. Stein, the exchange student from Transylvania.

With a hilarious cast of misfits and freaks, along with catchy tunes, Love at First Bite is sure to be a monstrously good time.

WHEN Wed 8 & Thu 9 Jun | 6.30pm
AT Darwin Entertainment Centre
COST $15 | $10 Conc | $40 Fam
INFO yourcentre.com.au

BREAKING THE SILENCE
Help break-dance the stigma surrounding mental health. BreakdanceNT has partnered with headspace Darwin, City of Palmerston and local Top End artists, to use breakdancing as a medium to communicate the importance of mental health amongst teenagers.

Thanks to the YMCA, the Palmerston Recreation Centre will be transformed into Platform Zero, where dancers will compete to claim the Top End’s best B-BOY or B-GIRL title. Check out the Top End’s best breakdancers – there’s even a free breakdancing workshop!

WHEN Fri 15 Jul | 5pm
AT Palmerston Recreation Centre
COST Free
INFO facebook.com/breakingthesilenceproject
btsnt2016.eventbrite.com.au

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ZUMBA
It’s time to get funky monkey with this Latin-inspired exercise in disguise.
WHEN Every Fri | 5.30-6.30pm
COST $4

YU-GI-OH
Yu-Gi-Oh is a card trading game where competitors use a variety of cards to defeat their opponent.
WHEN Every Sat | 12.30-4.30pm
COST Free

BMX TRACK
Grab your set of wheels and hit the track – it’s open 24/7!
WHEN You choose!
COST Free
AT Sanderson Neighbourhood Activity Centre (NAC), Wulagi
INFO sandersonnac.wordpress.com

LOVE AT FIRST BITE
Presented by Darwin Middle School
It’s another new school for Ethel and Drake Yula. Things are starting to look up for Drake when he meets Lucy, but her mother Ms. Stake (who just so happens to be the school principal) can smell that there is something not quite right with him – and no, it’s not just his lack of personal hygiene!

Will Drake be able to outwit Principal Stake and Lucy’s jealous ex-boyfriend? Only with the help of new friends, like Scrappy the unusually hairy basketballer who keeps wagging (his butt not school) every time he sees Ethel, and Frank N. Stein, the exchange student from Transylvania.

With a hilarious cast of misfits and freaks, along with catchy tunes, Love at First Bite is sure to be a monstrously good time.

WHEN Wed 8 & Thu 9 Jun | 6.30pm
AT Darwin Entertainment Centre
COST $15 | $10 Conc | $40 Fam
INFO yourcentre.com.au

BREAKING THE SILENCE
Help break-dance the stigma surrounding mental health. BreakdanceNT has partnered with headspace Darwin, City of Palmerston and local Top End artists, to use breakdancing as a medium to communicate the importance of mental health amongst teenagers.

Thanks to the YMCA, the Palmerston Recreation Centre will be transformed into Platform Zero, where dancers will compete to claim the Top End’s best B-BOY or B-GIRL title. Check out the Top End’s best breakdancers – there’s even a free breakdancing workshop!

WHEN Fri 15 Jul | 5pm
AT Palmerston Recreation Centre
COST Free
INFO facebook.com/breakingthesilenceproject
btsnt2016.eventbrite.com.au
Boo Seeka
This electronic hip-hop duo from Sydney is hitting the Top End for one night only. Supporting acts like Sticky Fingers and SAFIA on national tours in 2015, and with considerable airtime on the Triple J airwaves, these lads have gone on to sell out their own national tours. Check ‘em out!

When: Sat 18 Jun | 7.30pm
At: Darwin Railway Club
Cost: $25+BF
Info: nokoevents.com

NT News Live on Fridays
Oh, haiii Dry season! Friday arvos can now be spent in the Brown’s Mart Courtyard, where the buzz of live music and people chatting radiates. It’s the perf way to see in the weekend!

When: Every Fri | 4-7pm
At: Brown’s Mart Courtyard

“IT WAS A BIG STEP UP AND GAVE ME A BOOST INTO THE MUSIC INDUSTRY. I WOULD ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO GO FOR IT – PICK SOMETHING GUTSY AND REHEARSE IT.”

Stevie Kyriacou, 2014 Pitch Perfect Winner

Are you a high school student in the Top End that can belt out a tune or two? Darwin Turf Club’s Pitch Perfect is the local singing competition that could very well change your life!

Held on the first day of the Cup Carnival, Pitch Perfect contestants get the opportunity to showcase their talents before a panel of professional judges and a supportive audience. The winner gets to sing at the Qantas Darwin Turf Club Gala Ball in front of, you know, about 20,000 guests. Wowsers.

Past winner Stevie Kyriacou has gone on to do great things after her win. Stevie fronts local band Gaia, who have graced the airwaves of Triple J Unearthed and performed at BassInTheGrass 2016 after winning Battle of the School Bands.

Do you want a shot at stardom? This could be it – register now!

When: Registrations close Wed 15 Jun | Comp Sat 2 Jul
Info: darwinturfclub.org.au

Birch, Carroll and Coyle – Hot Releases
June: TMNT 2 | Warcraft
July: The Legend of Tarzan
Star Trek: Beyond
August: Suicide Squad
Info: eventcinemas.com.au

Free Flicks
Moonlight Movies in the Botanic Gardens | 7PM
Minions | Fri 10 Jun
Inside Out | Fri 15 Jul
Home | Fri 26 Aug

Movies Under the Stars at the Waterfront | 7PM
The Wizard of Oz | Sat 25 Jun
Inside Out | Sat 2 Jul
Big Hero 6 | Sat 27 Aug

Late Nights @ Casuarina Pool
Brace yourselves – winter is coming! Nah, just gammon. To celebrate the Dry Season school holidays (and lack of winter), City of Darwin is opening Casuarina Pool on Saturday nights. Kick back in the pool and enjoy live music, movies and some fun surprises. Make sure you take plenty of Instapics to make your shivering rellies and friends down south super jelly.

When: Sat 2, 9, 16 & 23 Jul
6-10pm | Free entry from 6-8pm
At: Casuarina Pool
Cost: Free Ages 12-25
Info: launchdarwin.com.au
City of Darwin’s LAUNCH Program
20-year-old self-taught singer-songwriter, Tash Sultana, has been passionate about making music for years, and she’s recently burst into the Australian music scene. When you see her on stage, you can tell she belongs there.

Sultana’s ability to switch between multiple instruments, frequencies and pitches is incredibly fascinating, not to mention the way she bounces off the walls while she’s performing – her passion for music is undeniable. During her one-hour performance at the Railway Club, she played original tracks including Welcome to the Jungle, Notion, Gemini and Brain Flower.

Towards the end of the set, Sultana asked everyone to sit down as she sang about a time close to her heart. A few years ago, she’d been caught in a flood in New Zealand. She’d gone missing for a few days with no idea of what the outcome would be; this is how the track Blackbird was created.

There’s no doubt that Tash Sultana is an incredibly talented individual – there are undeniably some very exciting things in store for her!

INFO tashsultana.com | facebook.com/tashsultanamusic
Check out NOOK Events for more impressive gigs | nookevents.com
Around 250 festival-goers descended on Jingili Water Gardens during National Youth Week for Good Vibes Youthfest, hosted by ShoutOut! Youth Mental Health and City of Darwin’s LAUNCH program. The sun was up, the vibes were good (wink!) and the place was abuzz with fun for all ages.

The action kicked off with Melbourne based pro-skater Renton Millar hosting skate, BMX, quad, scooter and roller heats, giving some of the NT’s talented youth the opportunity to showcase their skills. For the young, creative souls, local artist Dave Collins brought along some skate decks for a deck design workshop.

The festival wrapped up with performances from some of Darwin’s greatest musicians and dancers. Some of Us and Tracks Dance Company inspired audiences to flip, spin and move their bodies. Battle of the School Bands winners Gaia, NT Song of the Year winner Broadwing, rap duo King Klass, and People’s Choice NT Song of the Year winner At The Dakota, had the audience in awe as they showcased the amazing talent of Darwin’s music scene.

Good Vibes Youthfest was more than just a chance for young people to share their passions, skills and have a great day out. It was also a day to promote social inclusion and to show young people who live with mental health issues that the community supports them – there is help available and that it is okay to not be okay.

SHOUTOUT! YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH | shoutout.strikingly.com
LAUNCH DARWIN
launchdarwin.com.au

Although the sequel to comedy Bad Neighbours may be a tad repetitive, it’s still hilarious! The cast remain mostly the same, with the addition of new troublemakers next door – the sorority girls. The girls are led by Shelby (Chloë Grace Moretz) – an alternative outcast on a mission to create a sorority where they can be themselves, without being subjugated to the males they deeply despise in college.

Their sorority party house takes a hit when their neighbours, Mac (Seth Rogan) and Kelly (Rose Byrne) decide they’ve had enough and choose to sell their house. They’re over the partying ways of the sorority girls next door and recruit Teddy (Zac Efron) – former bad neighbour and tenant of the very house the sorority girls live in – to help silence their troublesome neighbours. The film differs from the original, as Teddy’s life has hit an all time low; he finds solitude with the family next door that once made life hard for him and his frat boys.

The comedy used throughout is crude but funny – you can’t help but hope Mac and Kelly’s baby has her ears closed most of the time! Zac Efron is a standout in this film, delivering his lines with wit, timing and humour. The film was funny, but don’t go in expecting anything better than the original.

Check out the latest Hollywood blockbusters at Birch, Carroll and Coyle Darwin and Casuarina eventcinemas.com.au | 8981 5999
The NT Young Achiever Awards were held in Darwin last month to acknowledge young Territorians doing great things. Well done to all nominees, finalists and winners – what a bunch of champs!

AustralianSuper Career Kick Start Award
Philadelphia Hughes

Charles Darwin University Arts Award
Hayley Kelly

ConocoPhillips Environment Award
Amanda Lileyman

Genesee & Wyoming Australia Indigenous Achievement Award
Jerome Gilbert

Glencore McArthur River Mining Regional and Rural Initiative Award
Ryan Gaskon

Minister for Young Territorians Excellence in Youth Leadership Award
Sarah McLaughlin

PTTEP Australasia Health and Wellbeing Award
Rebecca Ellison

Somerville Community Service Award
Alicia Kent

NT Government Small Business Achievement Award
Trevor Oliver

NT Government Young Carer’s Award
Bethany Bre-Ann O’Shea

Zip Print Sports Award
Abby Cubillo

NT Government Young Indigenous Educator Award & Channel 9 Young Achiever of the Year
Kate Axten

People’s Choice Award
Ira Racines

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Community

Tracks Dance
Ever wanted to be part of one of those massive flash mobs you’ve seen on YouTube? Want to give it a go at Mindil Beach on Territory Day? Now’s your chance!

WHEN
Mon 6, 13, 20 Jun, 5.45-7pm
Rehearsal Mon 27 Jun, 5.45-7pm
Performance Wed 29 Jun, 5.30-6.30pm
AT Darwin Entertainment Centre
INFO tracksdance.com.au

K-Town’s Dance Massive
No experience necessary, just lots of enthusiasm! Perform for Territory Day at the Katherine Showgrounds. Boom!

WHEN
Sat 4, 11, 18, 25 Jun
Performance Fri 1 Jul, 5-8pm
AT Godinymayin Yijard Rivers Arts & Culture Centre
INFO gyracc.org.au

Hip Hop Dance Class at the SHAK
Running every Tuesday arvo for six weeks, it’s the perfect opportunity to fine tune those hip-hopping moves. Food’s provided, too. Word.

WHEN
Weekly from Tue 9 Aug – Tue 13 Sep
AT The SHAK
INFO fbundey@redcross.org.au

DANCE WORKSHOPS

SPORT

NT Thunder Home Games
@ TIO Stadium
BRISBANE LIONS Sat 25 Jun | 6.30pm
SYDNEY UNI Sat 9 Jul | 3.30pm
ASPLEY Sat 23 Jul | 6.30pm
SYDNEY SWANS Sat 13 Aug | 6.30pm

Darwin Roller Girls
INTAKE Fri 3 Jun | 7-9pm
ROLLER DISCO Sat 2 & 23 Jul
INTAKE Fri 5 Aug | 7-9pm
HOME BOUT #3 Sat 27 Aug
6-8.30pm
AT Marrara Indoor Stadium
INFO darwinrollergirls.com.au
darwinrollergirls@gmail.com

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Darwin Festival darwinfestival.org.au
Darwin Fringe Festival darwinfringe.org.au
Happy YESS | happyyess.com
ST John Ambulance | stjohnnt.org.au
Starlight Children’s Foundation starlight.org.au
Sanderson Neighbourhood Activity Centre sandersonnac.wordpress.com
Back by popular demand, Midnight Basketball has returned for a second 8-week tournament. More than 114 players have signed up and over 50 volunteers give up their time each week to coach and cater.

Midnight Basketball is a national, community-run program for people aged 12-18. The tournament runs on Saturday nights in the safe surrounds of Marrara Basketball Stadium. Each night starts off with a hot dinner followed by a life skills workshop – then it’s B-ball time. Players are dropped home by a volunteers-driven bus around midnight.

“We are really excited to be bringing so many amazing community members together again, supporting our local young people on a Saturday night,” said Lord Mayor Katrina Fong Lim.

We hear it’s pretty fun too!

INFO 8930 0635
youthprojects@darwin.nt.gov.au

Midnight Basketball is proudly presented by City of Darwin

“I LOVE COMING TO BASKETBALL ON SATURDAYS! I’VE MADE SO MANY NEW FRIENDS, GOT HEAPS BETTER AT BASKETBALL. IT GIVES US SOMETHING TO DO INSTEAD OF BEING BORED” MIDNIGHT B’BALLER

CALL FOR PUBLIC ARTISTS

Are you a local artist specialising in public art? Living Water Smart is calling for Expressions Of Interest for a public art piece. Darwinites recently swapped over 1000 old scungy showerheads for some more efficient ones – there are some really unique samples in the collection! If you’re keen to get involved or want to find out more, hit up the Living Water Smart crew.

INFO 8995 5861 | livingwatersmart.com.au
Tucked into a quiet corner on Harriet Place is the aptly named Mayfair Gallery. Like the block of prime real estate in the board game Monopoly, I think this building is possibly one of Darwin’s richest in terms of location, function and attitude, and I want to tell you about it!

Mayfair is positioned between Art Warehouse and Paul Johnstone Gallery in the heart of the city. Harriet Place may be one of Darwin’s smallest streets but contains three of its galleries, firmly establishing itself as an important stop on the Darwin Arts map.

Since opening just over 12 months ago, the space has hosted exhibitions, workshops, employment seminars, movie nights and markets, and now has a weekly program including motivational meet ups, yoga and dance nights. On top of this, paint shop Proper and skate shop Shiner Town have opened to make street art more accessible to budding creatives. Gallery director and artist David Collins has a background in street art, which gives him the passion to support alternative scene needs.

With ongoing partnerships between Mayfair and organisations such as the City of Darwin Council, or community events like Darwin Fringe Festival, the space is continually evolving to be a valuable creative centre in the community.

I know for me, the opportunity that I’ve been given to get involved over the last six months, cannot be bought. I am living a life I thought I’d only ever read about, getting to work with all of my favourite things. The freedom and growth supportive environment has been life changing. Like David, I’ve found that art continues to be one of the things that help keep me out of trouble. It gives me focus and responsibility. It continues to teach me about myself, others and life.

At Mayfair, it’s about creating more – providing an affordable and accessible space for locals to express themselves, as well as continuing to encourage Darwin’s art scene to grow.

INFO facebook.com/mayfairdwn
facebook.com/properatmayfair
0421 983 995

Street art by David Collins and Bry McVicar

Mayfair

Program

MON Habits of Happiness
7-8.30PM | FREE

TUE Bogan Yoga | 7-8PM
ENTRY BY DONATION

WED No Lights, No Lycra
8PM | $5
So, you may have heard an increase in political chit-chat lately, and that’s because there’s a Territory election coming up on August 27. It’s our chance to evaluate what’s important to us, and elect a Government that represents the NT to the best of its ability. It’s pretty serious stuff.

But did you know that one third of eligible NT voters aged 18-25 aren’t correctly enrolled? That’s quite significant considering it’s about 10,000 peeps – that could probably have quite an impact on the Territory election, you know!

It’s good to know that no matter what our background is, where we live, or what education level, socio-economic status or gender we are, we all have an equal say in who governs the Territory.

In fact, the NT Electoral Commission is so keen to hear what you’ve got to say, they’re offering the chance to win an iPad mini 4 if you enrol by July 31. If you haven’t enrolled yet or need to update your details, get onto it – your opinion is really important – make it count!
Open the door to a new world of possibility
Get course info from lecturers | Attend mini-seminars and workshops
Participate in interactive displays | Enjoy great entertainment
Tour the campus and check out our new facilities
Experience what it’s like to be part of a university ranked in the top 2% of all universities worldwide^