

Katherine's online events calendar
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Join the
Festivals of the Dry!



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of the DRY
Come Alive.

May - September 2023

May



Katherine Open

Katherine's only national-level tennis tournament. This three-day event will see Territory's top players battle it out for \$3,000 in prize money and national ranking points.

WHEN: Sat April 29 to Mon May 1, 8am to 2pm
WHERE: Katherine Tennis Club Sportsground Precinct
COST: FREE for spectators
INFO: 0427 391 153
📍/KatherineTennisClub

Art Gallery Exhibitions

WILD THINGS: Over 40 works from Wild North Comics will feature a trove of surrealistic art scenes, from around the Northern Territory and Australia.

BLAK on a Hot Tin Roof: Painting and sculpture from Katherine-based artist Gurindji man Kamahi Djordon King. A reflection of Kamahi's younger years and a homage to the shanties he lived in as a kid.

WHEN: Exhibits run until Fri May 12, Mon-Fri 9am to 5pm, Sat 9am to 2pm
WHERE: Godinymayin Yijard Rivers Arts and Culture Centre
COST: FREE
INFO: 08 8972 3751 | info@gyracc.org.au | gyracc.org.au
📍/GodinymayinYijardRiversArtsAndCultureCentre

Never Never Festival - Open Air Movies

Enjoy an easy night out with the community watching movies.



WHEN: Fri May 12 and Sun May 14, 5pm
WHERE: Bitter Springs Cabins, Mataranka
COST: FREE
INFO: 08 8975 4838
📍/MatarankaNeverNeverFestival

Never Never Festival Rodeo

Champions compete in western-style sports. Junior rodeo first then main. Night-time entertainment from Cairns band Dr Elephant. Food stalls, bar facilities and camping, no BYO.



WHEN: Sat May 13, 7am to 1am
WHERE: Mataranka Showgrounds
COST: \$35
INFO: 0438 876 273 | 📍/TerritoryRodeoServices

Newhaven's Biggest Morning Tea

Get a taste of home-grown courtesy and baking! This is long-time local Bess Hart's 13th annual morning tea and everyone's welcome! Enjoy a cup of billy tea, or coffee, with cake. Preserves, plants and cakes for sale. Charity auction at 10am. Raise money for a permanent cancer specialist at Katherine Hospital.

WHEN: Sat May 13, 9am to 1pm
WHERE: 751 Gorge Rd - marker on left, 10km from town
COST: Donation
INFO: (08) 8972 3002
📍/NewhavenBiggestMorningTea



Never Never Festival Bush Chapel and Markets

An open-air non-demoninational church service led by the Salvation Army from 8am to 9am, followed by the first Mataranka markets of the season! Fresh produce, hot food, arts, crafts, whip cracking, and live entertainment.

WHEN: Sun May 14, 8am to 1pm
WHERE: Stan Martin Park, 11 Roper Tce, Mataranka
COST: FREE
INFO: 0428 474 262 | 📍/MatarankaNeverNeverFestival

Katherine Run Festival

Kids and adults are invited to walk or run various lengths along the picturesque trail next to the Katherine River.



WHEN: Sun May 14, from 6.30am
WHERE: Ryan Park
COST: \$5 kids 1km | \$10 7km | \$15 4km | \$20 21km
INFO: 0448 677 768 | kmsc.com.au
📍/KatherineMultisportsClub

Never Never Festival Campdraft Weekend

Watch the incredible skills of riders as they compete in campdrafting events including the famous buffalo draft.



WHEN: Fri May 19 to Sun May 21
WHERE: Mataranka Showgrounds
COST: FREE for spectators
INFO: 📍/MatarankaNNFCampdraft

Australian Stock Horse Society - NT/WA Branch Campdraft

Campdrafting is an authentic slice of Australia's bush culture and competitions will run from dawn till dusk. Food and drink stalls available.



WHEN: Fri May 26 to Sun May 28, from 7am each day
WHERE: Katherine Showgrounds
COST: FREE for spectators
INFO: ashstnt@gmail.com | 📍/AshsNT

The Band of the 1st Brigade

The Australian Army's eight-piece contemporary rock band will perform well-known contemporary, pop, and country tunes. Food and drink available to purchase.



WHEN: Sat May 27, 7pm to 9pm
WHERE: Katherine Town Square
COST: FREE
INFO: 08 8972 5500
sinead.tewake@kctc.nt.gov.au
📍/KatherineTownCouncil

June



Comedy Night Double Dose!

Two award-winning comedians converge in Katherine for a night of laughs! Adelaide's funniest bachelor Kel Balnaves, renowned for his no nonsense, punchy standup, and the Territory's Amy Hetherington's infectious positive energy.

WHEN: Thurs June 1, 7pm to 9.30pm
WHERE: Godinymayin Yijard Rivers Arts and Culture Centre
COST: \$20 early bird | \$25 general admin
INFO: 08 8972 3751 | gyracc.org.au
📍/GodinymayinYijardRiversArtsAndCultureCentre

Junk Festival

Popular annual eco-conscious festival with inspired sculptures and fashion. Family friendly with live music, performances, kids activities, and food.



WHEN: Sat June 3,
WHERE: Lindsay Street Market Complex
COST: Donation
INFO: 08 8971 0928
📍/KatherineRegionalArts

Katherine Colour Frenzy Fun Run

Run or walk to raise money for animal rescue. Family fun with colour, obstacles, and bubble stations. Dogs allowed. Giveaways, music, face painting, food and drinks.



WHEN: Sun June 4, 8.30am to 11.30am
WHERE: Football ovals, Tindal RAAF Base
COST: \$5 to \$38
INFO: 1300 373 699
colourfrenzy.com.au | 📍/ColourFrenzy

Barunga Festival

This iconic family-friendly event is on the national festival calendar and has a long tradition of celebrating Indigenous music, culture and sport. Barunga is 80 kilometres southeast of Katherine and the Traditional Owners welcome you to camp and take part in a program of activities.



WHEN: Fri June 9 to Mon June 12
WHERE: Barunga
COST: Adult 3-day general admin \$59.25
INFO: info@barungafestival | barungafest.com.au

Edith Falls Triathlon

Swim, bike, and run at the picturesque Edith Falls. Sign up as an individual or a team.



WHEN: Sun June 11, from 6am
WHERE: Edith Falls
COST: \$20/\$30
INFO: 0448 677 768 | kmsc.com.au
📍/KatherineMultisportsClub

Malandarri Festival



The Yanyuwa, Garrwa, Gurdanji and Mara peoples invite you onto Yanyuwa Country to celebrate culture through music and dance. Experience culture on country at this family friendly alcohol-free event. Watch traditional dance groups and musicians perform on stage after sunset, and participate in arts and crafts workshops.

WHEN: Fri June 16 to Sat June 17
WHERE: Borroloola Showgrounds
COST: Donation
INFO: communications@artbacknt.com.au | 08 8941 1444
artbacknt.com.au | 📍/ArtbackNT

Katherine Pride Festival - Drag Queen Bingo

Connecting the community and celebrating pride. Drag Queens will facilitate this fun-filled event.



WHEN: Sat June 17
WHERE: TBC
COST: TBC
INFO: 📍/RainbowKatherineNT
rainbow_katherine@hotmail.com

Katherine Pride Festival - Pride Pool Party

Splash around and soak up the rays with the local pride community!



WHEN: Sun June 18
WHERE: TBC
COST: TBC
INFO: 📍/RainbowKatherineNT
rainbow_katherine@hotmail.com

July

Territory Day

Celebrate Territory-style with music, dancing, food and fireworks.

WHEN: Sat July 1, from 5pm
WHERE: Katherine Showgrounds
COST: FREE
INFO: territoryday.nt.gov.au | [📍](#) KatherineRegionalArts

NAIDOC Week Celebrations

Immerse yourself in celebrating the history, culture, and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

WHEN: Sun July 2 to Sun July 9
WHERE: Various locations
INFO: naidoc.org.au
[📍](#) NaidocKatherine

4 Hour MTB

Get out in the Katherine bush and rack up as many laps as you can as day turns to night. Enter solo or as a team.

WHEN: Sat July 8, 3pm to 7pm
WHERE: The Katherine Museum
COST: TBC
INFO: kmsc.com.au
[📍](#) KatherineMultisportsClub

Doggy Day

Bring your dog and meet other dog owners and dogs! Register your dog and check out the stalls.

WHEN: Sat July 8 (TBC), 9am - 12pm
WHERE: Civic Centre, Katherine
COST: FREE
INFO: katherine.nt.gov.au/whats-on
[📍](#) KatherineTownCouncil

Masquerade Ball

A magical evening of mystique and glamour!

WHEN: Sat July 15
WHERE: Katherine Museum
COST: TBC
INFO: 08 8972 3945
[📍](#) KatherineMuseum

Katherine Show, Campdraft and Rodeo

A country show at its finest, this is Katherine's biggest community event of the year. Grab a show bag, watch the campdraft, and see exhibition submissions.

WHEN: Fri/Sat July 21-22, 8am to 8pm
WHERE: Katherine Showgrounds
COST: 1-day Adult \$25 | Child \$15
Save \$5, earlybird before July 20
08 8972 1746,
katherineshow.org.au
[📍](#) KatherineShowSociety

August

Katherine Ultra Challenge

This team adventure race has been going since 1999. In the scenic surrounds of Nitmiluk National Park, athletes compete in multiple sports. Enter as an individual or in a team.

WHEN: Sun Aug 6, 6.45am to 3pm
WHERE: Nitmiluk National Park
COST: \$180
INFO: 0448 677 768 | kmsc.com.au
[📍](#) KatherineMultisportsClub

The Barber of Seville

Opera Australia and Katherine Regional Arts are bringing this musical masterpiece to town! With a storyline that could pass for a Hollywood rom-com, enterprising barber Figaro has wits and tricks as sharp as his razors!

WHEN: Sat Aug 12, from 6pm
WHERE: St Joseph's College
COST: TBC
INFO: 0488 999 901 | [📍](#) KatherineRegionalArts

Katherine Cup Race Day

Katherine's prestigious one-day event on the social calendar. Enjoy the regional spirit, fashion, and horse-racing.

DATE: Sat August 19, 11am - 6pm
LOCATION: Katherine Showgrounds
COST: TBC
INFO: 0437 821 025 | katherineturfclub.com.au
[📍](#) KatherineTurfClub

Blue Sky Ball

Katherine Town Council is hosting this elegant Territory-formal night, with gourmet three-course meal and upbeat music from the Band of the 1st Brigade - Australian Army Band to get you dancing.

WHEN: Sat Aug 26, 6pm to 11pm
WHERE: Katherine Museum
COST: TBC
INFO: sinead.tewake@ktc.nt.gov.au | 08 8972 5500

Freedom Day Festival

To be confirmed at time of print due to floods. See freedomday.com.au for updates. Pilgrimage to Gurindji Country for three days celebrating the legendary Wave Hill Walk-off and the birth of Land Rights.

September

Bird Festival

Spot Gouldian Finches and other birds in the Top End with a great group of people. All welcome!

WHEN: Thurs Sept 7 to Sun Sept 10
WHERE: Various locations
COST: \$25
INFO: [📍](#) KatherineBirdFest

Recurring

Markets

Katherine

Seek out local goodies with artisans, farmers, and food vendors attending this favourite community event.

WHEN: Saturdays, 8:30am - 12pm
WHERE: Lindsay Street Complex
COST: FREE
INFO: katherinemarkets.com.au
[📍](#) KatherineCommunityMarkets

Mataranka

Fresh produce, crafts, arts, books and bric-a-brac, hot food, whip cracking, and live entertainment.

WHEN: Sundays, 9am to 1pm
WHERE: Stan Martin Park, 11 Roper Tce, Mataranka
COST: FREE
INFO: 0427 754 668 | [📍](#) MatarankaMarkets

Entertainment

Katherine Food Collective

Come hang on the beanbags and watch the sunset. There will be a selection of food vendors and live entertainment some nights.

WHEN: 5.30pm to 8pm
Thursdays:
May 18, June 1, 15, 29, July 13, 27
WHERE: CBD carpark (next to Cinema 3) 18 First Street
COST: FREE
INFO: sinead.tewake@ktn.nt.gov.au | [📍](#) KatherineTownCouncil

Live in the Dry

Katherine Regional Arts organises pop-up live music throughout the dry season. These chill sessions can be at short-notice, so check their socials or Activate Katherine's event calendar.

activatekatherine.nt.gov.au | [📍](#) ActivateKatherine
[📍](#) KatherineRegionalArts

Katherine Speedway

WHEN: Dates below, 5.30pm to 10.30pm
WHERE: Bicentennial Road, Katherine South
COST: Adults \$15, Under 15 and pensioners \$5
INFO: katherinespeedway@gmail.com
[📍](#) KatherineSpeedway

Sat May 13 - Round 1 - Opening Night
Sat June 10 - Round 2 - Club night
Sat July 15 - Round 3 - incl. NT Title for NT Sedans
Sat Aug 8 - Round 4 - incl. SSA Street Stock NT Title
Sat Sept 16 - Round 5 - Blue Night

Sport

Masters Swim

Join the friendly Katherine Multisports Club and build your triathlon skills and fitness. All levels welcome!

WHEN: Fridays at 6pm
WHERE: Aquatic Centre
COST: Pool entrance fee
INFO: 0488 677 768
kmsc.com.au | [📍](#) KatherineMultisportsClub

Not the Park Run

Get fit and socialise! Walk, jog or run 3km or 5km and treat yourself to the cafe and hot springs after. What a perfect Saturday!

WHEN: Saturdays at 7am
WHERE: Pop Rocket Café, Katherine
COST: FREE
INFO: 0435 149 416
kmsc.com.au
[📍](#) KatherineMultisportsClub

Road Cycle

Take to Katherine's roads with a group of like-minded riders. All levels catered to.

WHEN: Saturdays, 6am
WHERE: Katherine Information Centre
COST: FREE
INFO: 0488 677 768
kmsc.com.au
[📍](#) KatherineMultisportsClub

Social Tennis

Warm-up from 5:30pm and then participate in matches from 6:30pm. All levels welcome and equipment available!

WHEN: Sundays, 5.30 pm to 8.30pm
WHERE: Katherine Tennis Club Courts, Sportsground Precinct
COST: First-timers free | \$6 members \$12 casual
INFO: [📍](#) KatherineTennisClub

Social Mountain Bike

Bring your bike and try out the local trails with this friendly group! Meetups are posted on Katherine Multisports Club Facebook group.

WHEN: Sundays bi-weekly, 7.30am
WHERE: Various locations
COST: FREE
INFO: [📍](#) KatherineMultisportsClub

Culture

Godinymayin Yijard Rivers Arts and Culture Centre

GYRACC is constructing an outdoor amphitheatre. Due to uncertainties in the construction schedule, event dates were not available at time of print. They will have events and special opening nights throughout the dry and their gift shop with local artisan goods will be open. Check out their website and socials for a current list of events.

INFO: gyracc.org.au
[📍](#) GodinymayinyijardRiversArtsandCultureCentre

Library Kids

WHERE: Katherine Public Library
COST: FREE
INFO: 08 8971 1188,
[📍](#) KatherinePublicLibrary

Wriggle & Rhyme

Babies: Songs, nursery rhymes and movement chosen specifically to enhance your baby's early literacy development.

WHEN: Thursdays, 10.30am to 11am

Toddler Rhyme Time

1- to 3-year-olds: Introducing literacy and social skills through songs, rhymes and stories.

WHEN: Tuesdays, 9.30am to 10am

Storytime

3- to 5-year-olds: Sing, dance, listen to stories do craft.

WHEN: Wednesdays, 10am to 11am

Dungeons & Dragons

12yrs+: Mentors teach the concepts of this popular game.

WHEN: Fridays during school term, 3pm to 4:30pm. Bookings essential

Community

Community Choir

Sing pop classics with this welcoming community group.

WHEN: Mondays 5.45 to 7pm
WHERE: Katherine Regional Arts, 19 Second Street
COST: FREE
INFO: 0488 999 901 | eo@katherineregionalarts.org.au
katherineregionalarts.org.au | [📍](#) KatherineRegionalArts

Open Studio

Utilise the arts studio to do whatever takes your fancy including screen or lino printing, ceramics, painting, and mosaics.

WHEN: Tuesdays, 5:30pm - 7:30pm
WHERE: Katherine Regional Arts, 19 Second Street
COST: Members free, non-members \$10 + minimal materials cost
INFO: 0488 999 901 | [📍](#) KatherineRegionalArts