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KATHERINE
TOWN COUNCIL



Join the
Festival of the Bush



May - September
2024

May

Newhaven's Biggest Morning Tea

Get a taste of home-grown courtesy and baking! It's Bess Hart's 15th annual morning tea and everyone's welcome. Enjoy a cup of billy tea, or coffee, with cake, relishes and jams. Prize won for 'Guess the Weight of the Bull' and raffles.

WHEN: Sat 11 May, 9am to 1pm
WHERE: 751 Gorge Road, 10km from town
COST: Donation
INFO: (08) 8972 3002
@NewhavenBiggestMorningTea



Museum Auction Dinner

Please join us for dinner Under the Stars, a night of fun, entertainment and dancing.

WHEN: Sat 11 May, 6pm
WHERE: Katherine Museum
COST: \$100
INFO: info@katherinemuseum.com.au
@katherinemuseum

The Never Never Festival Rodeo

Champions compete in western-style sports, starting with Junior rodeo. Night-time entertainment. Food stalls, bar facilities and camping.

WHEN: Sat 11 May
WHERE: Mataranka Showgrounds
COST: TBA
INFO: @TerritoryRodeoServices



Katherine Run Festival

Choose from a 1km, 7km, 14km or 21km distance and walk or run along the picturesque banks of the Katherine River. Open to all ages and abilities.

WHEN: Sun 19 May, 7am
WHERE: Ryan Park
COST: TBA
INFO: kmssc.com.au
@KatherineMultisportsClub

The Never Never Festival Mataranka Camp draft (MBHC)

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

WHEN: Fri 17 to Sun 19 May
WHERE: Mataranka Showgrounds
COST: Free for spectators
INFO: @MatarankaNNFCampdraft

The National Red Shield Appeal

Launch of the 60th Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal, prime fund-raising month. Showcasing local Salvation Army stories and services and seek to induct and support volunteer workers for the appeal. Hospitality guaranteed.

WHEN: Sun 26 May, 9am to 5pm
WHERE: 22 Katherine Terrace
COST: Free
INFO: sandra.mortimer@salvationarmy.org.au
salvationarmy.org.au/locations

Multicultural Festival

Immerse yourself in a vibrant celebration of diversity and inclusivity. This event includes fashion show, food expo, cultural games and activities, this event has something for the whole family.

WHEN: Sun 26 May, 3pm to 9pm
WHERE: Godinymayin Culture Centre
COST: Free
INFO: @KatherineTownCouncil &
@Connectedwomenkatherine



Australian Stock Horse Society - NT/WA Campdraft

WHEN: Fri 31 May to Sun 2 Jun
WHERE: Katherine Showgrounds
COST: Free for spectators
INFO: ashst@gmail.com
@Ashst

June

Junk Festival

An annual festival of community sculpture, raising awareness around repurposing our waste materials. Family friendly event with live music, games and food stalls.

WHEN: Sat 1 Jun, from 5pm
WHERE: Lindsay Street Complex
COST: Free
INFO: @KatherineRegionalArts



Barunga Festival

Barunga Festival is a must for anyone seeking an authentic Aboriginal cultural experience, celebrating Indigenous music, culture and sport. Barunga is 80km southeast of Katherine and the Traditional Owners welcome you to camp and take part in this festival program of activities.

WHEN: Fri 7 to Mon 10 Jun, 9am to 12pm
WHERE: Barunga Community
COST: \$55pp + booking fee
INFO: (08) 8980 5700
info@barungafest.com.au
barungafestival.com.au



Malandarri Festival

The Yanyuwa, Garrwa, Gurdanji and Mara peoples invite you onto Yanyuwa Country to celebrate culture, through music and dance. Watch traditional dance groups and musicians, perform on stage, and participate in arts and craft workshops. Family friendly, alcohol-free event.

WHEN: Fri 14 to Sat 15 Jun
WHERE: Borrooloola Community
COST: Free
INFO: (08) 8941 1444
admin@artbacknt.com.au
@artback.nt



July

Territory Day

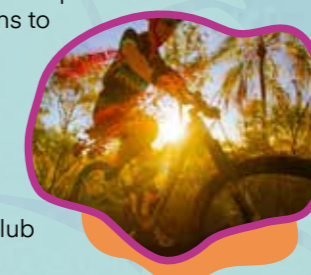
Celebrate Territory Day with an evening of fireworks and celebration.

WHEN: Mon 1 Jul, 5pm
WHERE: Katherine Show Grounds
COST: Free
INFO: territoryday.nt.gov.au

4 hour MTB

Experience the Katherine bush and complete as many laps as you can as day turns to night. Enter solo or as a team.

WHEN: Sat 6 Jul, 3pm to 7pm
WHERE: Katherine Museum
COST: TBA
INFO: kmssc.com.au
@KatherineMultisportsClub



NAIDOC Week Celebrations

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

WHEN: Sun 7 to Sun 14 Jul
WHERE: Various Locations
INFO: naidoc.org.au
@NaidocKatherine

Street Party

An exciting community celebration filled with free entertainment, food vendors and market stalls.

WHEN: Thu 11 Jul, 5:30pm to 8pm
WHERE: First Street (CBD Carpark, next to Cinema 3)
COST: Free
INFO: sinead.tewake@ktc.nt.gov.au
@KatherineTownCouncil



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, jump on a ride, watch the camp draft, and explore what's on in the pavilions.

WHEN: Fri 19, Sat 20, Jul
WHERE: Katherine Showgrounds
COST: 1-day Adult \$25 | Child \$ 15
2-day Adult \$40 | Child \$25
Early bird sale ends: 11:59pm July 18
mail@katherineishow.org.au
katherineishow.org.au
@KatherineShowSociety



Doggy Day

Bring your dog and meet other dog owners and their furry friends. Take advantage of the early bird dog registration fee and enter your dog into a range of competitions and treat them to a groom!

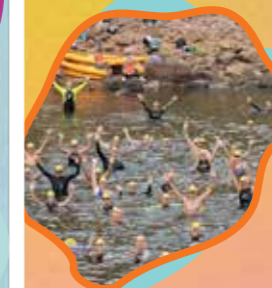
WHEN: Sun 28 Jul, 9am to 12pm
WHERE: Dog Park (52 Lockheed Rd)
COST: Free
INFO: Katherine.nt.gov.au/whats-on
@KatherineTownCouncil

August

Katherine Ultra Challenge

Swim, Kayak, Run and Ride the breathtaking Nitmiluk National Park and surrounding areas in this multi-sport event. Challenge yourself as an individual or in a team.

WHEN: Sun 4 Aug, 6:30am
WHERE: Nitmiluk National Park
COST: TBA
INFO: kmssc.com.au
@KatherineMultisportsClub



Katherine Cup Race Day

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

WHEN: Sat 24 Aug, 12pm
WHERE: Katherine Showgrounds
COST: TBA
INFO: katherineturfclub.com.au
@KatherineTurfClub



Kintore St School Annual Croc Race

Help raise funds for Katherine's special needs school with their annual croc race! Floating crocs for sale from May to August and will be raced at Low Level Nature Reserve. A fun morning with activities for the children, BBQ and prizes to be won!

WHEN: Sat 10 Aug, 10am to 11:30am
WHERE: Low Level Nature Reserve
COST: Free
INFO: kintore.admin@education.nt.gov.au

Freedom Day Festival

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

INFO: freedomday.com.au

September

Katherine Bird Festival

Show casing Katherine Regions beautiful and diverse birdlife and habitat. All are welcome!

WHEN: Fri Sept 13, 6:15am to 5pm
WHERE: Various locations
COST: \$20
INFO: mick.jerram@gmail.com
[f/KatherineBirdFest](#)



Library Kids

Wriggle and Rhyme

12 months and under: Sing songs with actions and instruments, have rainbow parachute time, bubble and galaxy time! Wriggle and rhyme help babies in their development with cognitive, sensory, language and motor skills.

WHEN: Thursdays, 10:30am to 11am
WHERE: Katherine Public Library
COST: Free
INFO: [f/KatherinePublicLibrary](#)



Toddler Rhyme Time

Ages 1 to 3: Help children develop literacy and social skills through singing and dancing. Play with instruments, sing, dance and have fun!

WHEN: Tuesdays, 9:30am to 10am
WHERE: Katherine Public Library
COST: Free
INFO: [f/KatherinePublicLibrary](#)

Storytime and Craft

Ages 1 to 5: Sing songs, dance, play musical instruments, play activities; bubbles and rainbow parachute, reading books and craft.

WHEN: Wednesdays, 10am to 11am
WHERE: Katherine Public Library
COST: Free
INFO: [f/KatherinePublicLibrary](#)



Board Games

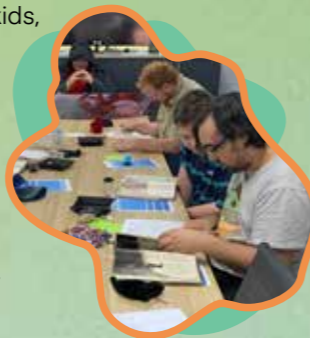
10 years+ : Children can play several board games that are organised prior to arrival, where they get a chance to socialise and have fun!

WHEN: Thursdays, 3pm to 4:30pm
WHERE: Katherine Public Library
COST: Free
INFO: [f/KatherinePublicLibrary](#)

Dungeons & Dragons

12 years+ : Designed for high school kids, after school. This program allows kids to immerse themselves in a fun role-playing and storytelling experience!

WHEN: Fridays, 3pm to 4:30pm
WHERE: Katherine Public Library
COST: Free
INFO: [f/KatherinePublicLibrary](#)



Markets

Katherine

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

WHEN: Saturdays, 8am to 12:30pm
WHERE: Lindsay Street Complex
COST: Free
INFO: katherinemarkets.com.au
[f/KatherineCommunityMarkets](#)



Mataranka

A mix of fresh produce, crafts, bric-n-brac, hot food, and entertainment.

WHEN: Sundays, 9am to 12pm
WHERE: Stan Martin Park, 11 Roper Tce
COST: Free
INFO: [f/MatarankaMarkets](#)

Pride Week

Opening Night (18+)

Official opening of Pride in Katherine followed by a performance by the iconic Dame Stan Munro!

WHEN: Fri June 14, 6pm
WHERE: Godinymayin Culture Centre
COST: TBA
INFO: katherine.rainbow850@gmail.com
[f/RainbowKatherine](#)



Drag Queen Bingo (18+)

Celebrating Pride week, let our Drag Queens host this fun-filled event.

WHEN: Sat June 15, 6:30pm
WHERE: Katherine Country Club
COST: TBA
INFO: katherine.rainbow850@gmail.com
[f/RainbowKatherine](#)

Pride Family Fun Day

Connecting the community, this event is fun for the whole family.

WHEN: Sun June 16, 10am to 1pm
WHERE: Katherine Outback Experience
COST: TBA
INFO: katherine.rainbow850@gmail.com
[f/RainbowKatherine](#)

RECURRING Community

KRA Community Choir

Sing pop classics with this welcoming community group. Open to everyone.

WHEN: Monday nights, 5:45pm to 7pm
WHERE: Katherine Regional Arts
COST: Free
INFO: katherineregionalarts.org.au
[f/KatherineRegionalArts](#)



Open Studio

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

WHEN: Tue nights, 5:30pm to 7pm
WHERE: Katherine Regional Arts
COST: Free to members, non-members \$10 + material costs.
INFO: katherineregionalarts.org.au
[f/KatherineRegionalArts](#)

Off Road Cyclists

See the world class Nitmiluk escarpment and Katherine River trails from your mountain bike! Open to all riding levels and is great for anyone looking for fitness, adrenaline, adventure and friendly folk. Finish with a swim and a visit to a local cafe.

WHEN: Sunday Mornings
WHERE: Various Locations
COST: Free
INFO: kmsc.com.au
[f/KatherineMultisportsClub](#)

Culture

Godinymayin Yijard Rivers Arts and Culture Centre

EVENTS: Godinymayin's event program for the 2024 Dry Season will feature TWO new projects. This Dry season we launch our FREE Sunset Beanbag Cinema in the outdoor amphitheatre and Dry Comedy Festival, alongside our regular programming of musicians, comedians and school holiday workshops.

GALLERY: Godinymayin has an exciting program of artists booked for the 2024 gallery season, including Ross McHutcheon, Warnyaka Art Centre, Urapunga Arts and the 49th Katherine Prize.

Stop by during the dry season for a delicious coffee on the deck from our new café before you shop up a storm in our expanded retail centre. Featuring wares from, but not limited to, Urapunga Arts, Ngukurr Arts and Bábbarra Women's Centre!
ADDRESS: gyracc.org.au (08) 8972 3751
INFO: [f/Gyracc](#)

Mimi Aboriginal Art & Craft

Ethical Aboriginal art from the Top End to the Desert. Established in 1978, the centre is 100% Aboriginal community-owned not-for-profit art centre based in Katherine. Stop by and watch artists while they paint and create.

ADDRESS: 6 Pearce Street
INFO: mimiarts.com (08) 8971 0036
[f/MimiArtsNt](#)

Top Didj Cultural Experience & Art Gallery

Shop Authentic Aboriginal Art & Didgeridoos and enjoy activities such as fire lighting, spear and boomerang throwing, painting whilst being educated on culture and Aboriginal way of life. Cultural experiences available from May to October.

ADDRESS: 363 Gorge Road
INFO: topdidj.com (08) 8971 2751

Entertainment

Katherine Film Society

Managed by a small group of volunteers providing support for visiting film festivals and fortnightly screenings at Katherine Cinema 3. Wine and cheese available before each film. Become a member and save!

WHEN: Fortnightly, Thursday Night
WHERE: Katherine Cinema 3
COST: \$12 Member, \$16 Non-Member
INFO: kathfilmsociety@gmail.com
[f/KatherineFilmSociety](#)

Katherine Food Collective

Relax on a beanbags and watch the sunset as you savour the taste of location cuisine and live entertainment.

WHEN: Thur, May 2, 16, 30, June 13, 27, July 11, 5:30pm to 8pm
WHERE: First Street (CBD Carpark, next to Cinema 3)
COST: Free
INFO: [f/KatherineTownCouncil](#)



Live in the Dry

Enjoy pop-up live music throughout the Dry Season. These sessions can be at short notice, so check the links below or Activate Katherine's event calendar.

INFO: [f/KatherineRegionalArts](#)
[f/ActivateKatherine](#)

Sunset Beanbag Cinema

Join us for a series of free outdoor cinema screenings, featuring old favourites, comedies and family films, made possible by the support of Katherine Club, the Community Benefit Fund, and major partners, Northern Territory Government, and Katherine Town Council.

WHEN: Select Wednesdays, from Jun to Oct
HERE: Godinymayin Culture Centre
COST: Free
INFO: gyracc.org.au
[f/gyracc](#)



Katherine Speedway

WHEN: TBA (keep an eye out on socials)
5:30pm to 10:30pm
WHERE: Bicentennial Road, Katherine South
COST: Adults \$15, under 15 and pensioners \$5
INFO: katherinespeedway@gmail.com
[f/Katherine-Speedway](#)

