

NATIONAL INDIGENOUS TENNIS CARNIVAL

10 August – 13 August 2023



EVENT INFO PACK









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About the Event

The **National Indigenous Tennis Carnival** is the pinnacle event of the Indigenous tennis pathway in Australia, celebrating First Nations cultures through tennis both on and off the court, held annually in Darwin on **Larrakia Country**.

The event brings together hundreds of individuals and groups to celebrate youth, music, art, food and health through tennis, cultural activities, and workshops.

Where: the Darwin International Tennis Centre, 9 Abala Rd, Marrara

When: August 10 - 13 2023

Events include:

Tennis - NITC Hot Shots

Tennis - NITC Future Stars

- Tennis NITC Showdown
- Off-Court Activities that make the NITC a unique experience for all of the kids.

Around 230 Indigenous participants from all over Australia will participate at the event.

Tennis will be offered as the main part of the program with activities and tennis streams being run for participants 18 and under, who have a range of skills and familiarity with tennis

The carnival will turn into a cultural hub for participating players and locals hosting various artistic activities, ceremonies and performances that will take place alongside tennis programs. This year, we welcome BARKAA to perform!

Indigenous tennis legend Evonne Goolagong Cawley will be attending the event to support players.

The NITC was created in collaboration between the Evonne Goolagong Foundation, Tennis Australia, and Tennis NT.







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Key Contacts for each State

These contacts will be the primary team leaders of each relevant state group.

There will also be more than thirty staff from around the country helping to support and manage participants and their needs at the carnival.

Tennis ACT	Colin Thompson	0468 552 775
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Event Contacts

Additionally, these are the key contacts for the event.

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Getting Ready

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This is your checklist of what will be provided and what to bring

What will be provided	What to bring
All meals (breakfast, snack, lunch and dinner) and water. Accommodation. Travel to carnival and daily transport to and from venue. All equipment including racquets, if anyone has their own racquet then they are welcome to bring it along. Participant gift-pack (drink bottle, bag, wristband, hat, shirt). Uniforms – participants and supervisors will receive two team shirts (in your state or territory colours). A range of cultural workshops and activities. Supervision throughout the event (including during travel periods).	Appropriate clothing for Darwin, it is hot and humid: https://www.worldweatheronline.com/darwin-weather/northern-territory/au.aspx Playing gear including: tennis shoes, socks, shorts (ensure that you have enough) Underwear Bathers / Swimwear Pool towel Sunglasses Casual clothes for warm weather, including thongs Toiletries: Toothpaste, toothbrush, soap, hairbrush, deodorant, sunscreen Pyjamas Tennis bag/sports bag Spending money (optional) Hat* Water bottle*

^{*}These will also be provided in the gift-pack



Travel and Accommodation

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Most teams will arrive on Thursday 10th August, and depart on Sunday 13th August. However, some teams will be different depending on where they are travelling from. Your team manager will provide you your exact details.

Travel for Participants & Supervisors is being coordinated by Tennis NT, including:

- All airport pick up and drop off in Darwin
- To and from the accommodation daily
- To and from any off-site activities

Accommodation for Participants & Supervisors is across the below three locations. All three hotels are close to the event, the furthest is *just a ten minute drive away.*

Room numbers will be allocated upon check-in. Participants will be in shared rooms with same gender.

Novotel Darwin Airport

2 Sir Norman Brearly Drive, Darwin 0812 | Contact: (08) 8920 7800

Mercure Darwin Airport Resort

1 Sir Norman Brearly Drive, Darwin 0812 | Contact: (08) 8920 3333

Club Tropical Resort

622 Lee Point Road, Lee Point NT 0810 | Contact: (08) 8944 8500





What's Happening at the NITC

Tennis will be offered as the main part of the program with activities and tennis streams being run for participants 18 and under, who have a range of skills and familiarity with tennis.

The carnival will turn into a cultural hub for participating players and locals hosting various artistic activities, ceremonies and performances that will take place alongside tennis programs.

This year, we welcome BARKAA to perform a private concert for our participants.

Cultural Activities are a Major Part of the NITC

Participants will be invited to participate in a range of cultural activities at the carnival, this includes activities ranging from:

- Dance / Music
- Health Education
- Sports Leadership
- Indigenous Food
- Arts / Craft Creation
- Performance from BARKAA

The following pages will take you through the schedule overview, and more detail about key activities "on-court" (the tennis!) and those "off-court".





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Thursday 10 August

Thursday is Day 1! We are excited to meet teams at the airport and check them in at our info desk. Once signed-in, participants get a gift-pack and have a meal. Following the Opening Ceremony everyone will join in for the Culture Exchange (more info later in this document).

Participants are in two groups:

Group 1: Hot Shots & Under 14's | Group 2: Future Stars and Under 18's

TIME	GROU (Hot Shots		GROU (Future Star		
11:00am					
11:30am	Tea	eams Arrive, Transport & Accommodation			
12:00pm		NITC In	fo Desk		
12:30pm					
1:00pm					
1:30pm			ft bags & T-shirts fo Desk		
2:00pm					
2:30pm	Ball Kid Trial Session #1 Courts 7 - 12				
3:00pm					
3:30pm	Ball Kid Trial Session #2 Courts 7 - 12				
4:00pm					
4:30pm	Team Manager/Supervisor Briefing				
5:00pm		Opening Ceremony Centre Court			
5:30pm		Din	ner		
6:00pm		Unde	rcroft		
6:30pm		Cultural E			
7:00pm		Centre	Court		
7:30pm					
		Table Colour Code)		
TENNIS	ACTIVITIES	EVENTS	FOOD	OPERATIONS	



Friday 11 August

Day 2 is our first big day of tennis and activities and ends with a performance from BARKAA.

TIME	GROUP (Hot Shots &		GROL (Future Sta		
7:30am		Teams arrive @ DITC			
8:00am	Breakfa	Breakfast Supervisor Briefing		r Briefing	
8:30am			Break	fast	
9:00am	Off Court Activities				
9:30am	Multi-Purpose	e Court	On-court Dem Outside		
10:00am			Catolac		
10:30am		Morning Tea	a @ DITC		
11:00am	Off Court Ac	tivities	Matc	hes	
11:30am	Multi-Purpose	e Court	Outside	Courts	
12:00pm		Lunc	ch		
12:30pm		Underd	croft		
1:00pm	Supervisor B	riefing	Transport to	Waterfront	
1:30pm	On-court Demo &				
2:00pm		Leanyer Water P	ater Park		
2:30pm	Afternoon	Tea			
3:00pm					
3:30pm	Matche	~	Afternoon Tea	a @ Leanyer	
4:00pm	Outside Co	ourts	Transport ba	ack to DITC	
4:30pm			Transport ba	ick to DITC	
5:00pm		Ball Kid T Outside (
5:30pm					
6:00pm		Dinn			
6:30pm		Underd	croft		
7:00pm		D 4 D 1			
7:30pm	BARKAA Private concert for participants				
8:00pm					
	Table Colour Code				
TENNIS	ACTIVITIES	EVENTS	FOOD	OPERATIONS	



Saturday 12 August

Day 3 is the pinnacle of tennis at the NITC! Both groups "join-up" later on Saturday to watch the finals and we will have individual medal presentations on Saturday.

TIME	GROUP (Hot Shots 8		(Fut	GROUP 2 ure Stars & 18/U)
7:30am	Teams arrive @ DITC			
8:00am	Supervisor B	riefing		Breakfast
8:30am	Breakfa	st		
9:00am				Court Activities
9:30am	Matche Outside Co	~	Mu	Iti-Purpose Court
10:00am	04.0/40			
10:30am		Morning 1	Γea @ DITC	
11:00am	Hot Shots F	inals	Off	Court Activities
11:30am	Outside Co	ourts	Mu	lti-Purpose Court
12:00pm		Lu	inch	
12:30pm		Unde	ercroft	
1:00pm	Transport to W	aterfront	Supervisor Briefing	
1:30pm 2:00pm	Leanyer Water Park		C	Matches Outside Courts
2:30pm			Afternoon Tea	
3:00pm			Atternoon rea	
3:30pm	Afternoon Tea @	D Leanver		ure Stars Finals
4:00pm	Transport back	-	C	Outside Courts
·	GRO	UP 1 & GROUP 2	Come Togethe	r @ DITC
4:30pm	14&U / 18&U	Finals	F	inals Viewing
5:00pm	Show Cou	ırts	Ani	imal Experience
5:30pm			Undercroft & Multi-Purpose Court	
6:00pm		Individual Eve	nt Presentation	s
6:30pm	Dinner			
7:00pm	Undercroft			
	Table Colour Code			
TENNIS	ACTIVITIES	EVENTS	FOOD	OPERATIONS



Sunday 13 August

With amazing memories and lots of new connections, our last day of NITC is a special one. On this day, the Ash Barty Cup is awarded, the Evonne Goolagong Cawley Medal of Excellence is awarded, amongst other key trophies.

We wish everyone safe travels home and invite you to tag #NITC23 @Tennis_NT on any photos or video you would like to share.

TIME	EVERYONE			
8:00am		Teams arrive	@ DITC	
8:30am		Breakf	ast	
9:00am		Underd	roft	
9:30am		Closing Ce		
10:00am		Centre C	Court	
10:30am	Morning Tea			
11:00am				
11:30am	Team Departures Commence			
12:00pm				
Until Departure	Free time with supervisors			
		Table Colour Code	•	
TENNIS	ACTIVITIES	EVENTS	FOOD	OPERATIONS





The Hot Shots competition provides a platform for up-and-coming Indigenous tennis players to hone their skills in a team environment and transition into the tournament stream.

Competition Coordinators

Ben Cunningham & Mikayla Zahirovic

Competition Format

Round Robin: 2 groups of 4 teams

Teams: 8 to 10 players per team (players can rotate between matches)

Player Seedings: Team Supervisors seed pairs from 1 to 4 before each tie (preferably in order of

ability, however playing with friends is fine).

All Matches: 8 min timed sets with numeric scoring (14 – 16 etc.)

Each Tie: Consists of 8 doubles rubbers

Rotation 1 (8 min)	Rotation 2 (8 min)
Doubles 1 (Pair 1 v Pair 1)	Reverse Doubles 1 (Pair 1 v Pair 2)
Doubles 2 (Pair 2 v Pair 2)	Reverse Doubles 2 (Pair 2 v Pair 1)
Doubles 3 (Pair 3 v Pair 3)	Reverse Doubles 3 (Pair 3 v Pair 4)
Doubles 4 (Pair 4 v Pair 4)	Reverse Doubles 4 (Pair 4 v Pair 3)

Balls: Stage 3 Red Ball

Competition Scoring:

Teams score 4pts for each tie (round) won, 2pts for each draw & 1pt for each loss

Overall group standings will be determined by total points then head-to-head then set percentage if required to split teams

All teams will compete in a play-off match to determine final placings and finish the competition. (Example: 1st Barty v 1st Goolagong (1st/2nd Playoff), 2nd Barty v 2nd Goolagong (3rd/4th Playoff) etc.)



Tennis Hot Shots Schedule

No.	GROUP BARTY Teams	No.	GROUP GOOLAGONG Teams
1	Woolianna	5	Utopia
2	Jabiru	6	NT All Stars
3	Wurrumiyanga	7	Palmerston
4	Queensland	8	Ngukurr

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Friday 11 August

		GROUP BARTY		GROUP GO	OLAGONG
TIME	ROUND	Court 3	Court 4	Court 13	Court 14
1:30pm	TEAM MANAGER BRIEFING & ON-COURT DEMONSTRATION OF HOW TO PLAY				
2:00pm	TEAM PRACTICE SESSION (HEAD TO RD 1 ALLOCATED COURTS)				
2:30pm		AFTER	RNOON TEA @ TEN	NIS CENTRE	
3:00pm	1	1 v 2	3 v 4	5 v 6	7 v 8
3:30pm	2	2 v 4	1 v 3	6 v 8	5 v 7
4:30pm	AO BALL KID TRIAL OR FREE TIME				

Saturday 12 August

		GROUP BARTY		GROUP GO	OLAGONG
TIME	ROUND	Court 3	Court 4	Court 13	Court 14
9:00am	TEAM CHECK-IN & RECAP HOW TO PLAY & TIPS				
9:30am	TEAM PRACTICE SESSION (HEAD TO RD 3 ALLOCATED COURTS)				
10:00am	3	2 v 3	1 v 4	6 v 7	5 v 8
10:30am	MORNING TEA @ TENNIS CENTRE				
11:00am	FINALS	1 st v 1 st	2 nd v 2 nd	3 rd v 3 rd	4 th v 4 th
12:00pm	LUNCH @ TENNIS CENTRE				



Hot Shots Match Scorecard (example)

	Supervisors Name:	XXXXXXX		
	ROUND:	1	COURT:	4
TEAM NAMES:	JABIRU	Team 1 Score	PALMESTON	Team 2 Score
Doubles 1	Pair 1	1	Pair 1	0
Doubles 2	Pair 2	0	Pair 2	1
Doubles 3	Pair 3	1	Pair 3	0
Doubles 4	Pair 4	1	Pair 4	0
Reverse Doubles 1	Pair 1	1	Pair 2	0
Reverse Doubles 2	Pair 2	0	Pair 1	1
Reverse Doubles 3	Pair 3	1	Pair 4	0
Reverse Doubles 4	Pair 4	1	Pair 3	0
	TOTAL SETS	6		2





The Future Stars competition provides a platform for up-and-coming Indigenous tennis players to hone their skills in a team environment and transition into the tournament stream.

Future Stars Competition Coordinators

Emily Webb & Adam Lasky

Competition Format

Round Robin: 2 Pools of 5 teams

Teams: 4-7 players per team (extra players can act as ball kids when not playing)

Player Seedings: Team Supervisors seed players 1 - 7 before each tie (in order of ability)

Substitutions: Players can be substituted during a tie for the doubles but must keep their relative seedings i.e. If Player 3 is substituted for Player 5, then Player 4 would move up to 3 and Player 5 would become the new Player 4.

All Matches: Best of 1 short set (4 games) with a tiebreak at 3 games. No ad scoring.

Each Tie: (consists of 6 rubbers – approx. 20min each)

COURT 1 COURT 2

Singles 1 (No. 1 v No. 1) **Singles 2** (No. 2 v No. 2)

Singles 3 (No. 3 v No. 3) **Singles 4** (No. 4 v No. 4)

Balls:

Yellow Ball: Singles 1 & 2 and Doubles 1

Green Ball: Singles 3 & 4 and Doubles 2

Competition scoring:

Teams score 4pts for each tie (round) won, 2pts for each draw & 1pt for each loss

Overall group standings will be determined by total points then head-to-head then set percentage then games percentage if required to split teams

All teams will compete in a play-off match to determine final placings and finish the competition. (Example: 1st Barty v 1st Goolagong (1st/2nd Playoff), 2nd Barty v 2nd Goolagong (3rd/4th Playoff) etc.)



Future Stars Schedule

GROUP BARTY		GROUP GOOLAGONG			
No.	Teams	No.	Teams		
1	NSW	6	TAS		
2	WA	7	SA		
3	QLD Barty	8	QLD Goolagong		
4	VIC Barty	9	VIC Goolagong		
5	NT	10	ACT		

Friday 11 August

		GROUP BARTY			GROUP GOOLAGONG			
TIME	ROUND	Court 1 & 2	Court 3 & 4	BYE	Court 5 & 6	Court 13 & 14	BYE	
8:30am	TEAM SUPERVISOR BRIEFING & ON-COURT DEMONSTRATION OF HOW TO PLAY							
9:00am	TEAM WARM UP (RD 1 ALLOCATED COURTS)							
9:30am	1	1 v 2	3 v 4	5	6 v 7	8 v 9	10	
10:30am	MORNING TEA @ TENNIS CENTRE							
11:00am	2	3 v 1	2 v 5	4	8 v 6	7 v 10	9	
12:00pm	LUNCH @ TENNIS CENTRE							

Saturday 12 August

		GROUP BARTY			GROUP GOOLAGONG			
TIME	ROUND	Court 1 & 2	Court 3 & 4	BYE	Court 5 & 6	Court 13 & 14	BYE	
12:30pm	TEAM SUPERVISOR CHECK-IN & HEAD TO RD 3 ALLOCATED COURTS							
12:45pm	3	4 v 2	5 v 1	3	9 v 7	10 v 6	8	
1:45pm	4	3 v 5	1 v 4	2	8 v 10	6 v 9	7	
2:45pm	5	2 v 3	4 v 5	1	7 v 8	9 v 10	6	
3:45pm	FINALS	1 st v 1 st	2 nd v 2 nd		3 rd v 3 rd	4 th v 4 th	5 th v 5 th (7&8)	
4:45pm	WATCH SHOWDOWN FINALS							



Hot Shots Match Scorecard (example)

SUPERVISORS NAME: *Matt Fitzgerald*

		ROUND:	5	COURT:		5 & 6
TEAM NAMES:	SA		Team 1	QLD GOOLAGONG		Team 2
Singles 1	William		4	Rhys		1
Singles 2	Jayleana		2	Grace		4
Singles 3	Joshuah		4	Dallas		3
Singles 4	Frankie		2	Kahlea		4
Doubles 1	William / Jayleana		1	Rhys / Grace		4
Doubles 2	Frankie / Olivia		3	Dallas / Reba		4
	SETS/GAMES	2	16	SETS/GAMES	4	20



Tennis - 14/u & 18/u Showdown

Scan the QR code or visit the link below to view the draws, schedule, and results for the 18/u and 14/u Showdown events.

https://bit.ly/NITC2023





Cultural Exchange

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This year the Cultural Exchange will be at the end of day 1, Thursday 10 August from 6:30 – 7:30pm.

The aim of the NITC cultural exchange is to:

- 1. Foster a culturally safe experience for young First Nations **participants to proudly showcase their cultural background** in a way they've chosen in the spirit of self-determination.
- 2. **Learn through cross-cultural experiential education** from one another: everyone involved can learn about the different cultural aspects shared at the NITC with the whole player and staffing group. Learning together increases inclusivity, breaks down cultural barriers to understanding and creates life-long memories and friendships through bringing participants together through sharing.
- 3. **Facilitate a space for fun and pride in culture** that is meaningful for the participants and focused on celebration and raising-up of respectful cultural differences in a supportive, joyful space.

During this session we invite all NITC participating teams, from all First Nations and Countries (mainland Australia) to have a cultural exchange piece to share with the other teams.

We encourage you to select 1-2 confident participants from your team to be Cultural Exchange Ambassadors who could speak to the team's cultural exchange work and present it to the other teams. Alternatively, all or some of your team members are welcome to present the cultural exchange if that's more appropriate for your group; we encourage the whole team participation if possible.

Each presentation of cultural exchange only needs to be a short 5 minutes and about no longer than 10-12 minutes.

We understand some participants can be shy or be shame, so don't be shame!

Try and get the whole team not to be shame and sharing in what will be a culturally safe, inclusive, welcoming session!



Venue Map

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COVID Information

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Business guidelines and safety plans

The Northern Territory's Public Health Emergency Declaration ceased at 11.59pm on 15 June 2022.

The safety measures for places, businesses, activities, services and premises direction has ended. There are no COVID-19 restrictions in place for businesses, activities, services, and premises across the Northern Territory. There is also no longer a requirement for a businesses to have a COVID-19 safety plan.

https://coronavirus.nt.gov.au/business-and-work/business

Tennis NT would like to provide you with some information and reassurances for the 2022 NITC.

Tennis NT will be taking the necessary precautions to limit risk through social distancing guidelines and safe protocols. The health and wellbeing of the participants, parents and staff is paramount.

Tennis NT asks that if you are feeling unwell or have any related COVID-19 related symptoms leading into the carnival we ask you to please complete a Rapid antigen test (RAT) and only travel to Darwin if you produce a negative result.

Please use <u>Smart Traveller</u> and the <u>Department of Health</u> for all COVID-19 related updates and travel implications. Please refer to these links as your first source of current information. If you have specific questions which cannot be answered by those links, please reach out.

While on site at the Darwin International Tennis Centre (DITC) please follow the recommended health guidelines and handwashing instructions which are displayed on posters throughout the venue. The DITC courts, building and grounds are well supplied with hand sanitiser and disinfectant wipes so please make good use of them. Please also ensure you are following these safe practices when we travel to destinations other than the DITC.

- 1. NT COVID-19 hotline 1800 490 484
- 2. <u>Please notify your State or Territory Manager immediately if you are feeling unwell</u> or have any COVID-19 related symptoms such as a fever, cough, sore throat, chest pain, difficulty breathing or loss of taste or smell
- 3. Government advice will be strictly adhered to throughout the event.
- 4. Maintain good personal hygiene and wash your hands thoroughly.
- 5. If you feel unwell during the NITC you will be asked to test for COVID-19 via a Rapid antigen test (RAT). You will need to stay isolated until a negative test is produced.
- 6. We have booked additional hotel rooms in the event that any individual tests positive to COVID-19 and needs to isolate.
- 7. Relevant Team Managers will contact involved parties should there be a positive RAT produced.



Code of Conduct

This Code of Conduct is to be read in conjunction with Tennis Australia Policies, Procedures and Guidelines: https://www.tennis.com.au/about-tennis-australia/reports-and-policies/policies

Players Code of Conduct

1. Be a good sport.

- 2. Play for enjoyment.
- 3. Strive for personal excellence.
- 4. Work hard for your team as well as yourself.
- 5. Treat all teammates and opponents as you enjoy being treated yourself.
- 6. Play by the rules.
- 7. Cooperate with team and game officials.
- 8. Control your behaviour on and off the field.
- 9. Learn to value honest effort, skilled performance, and improvement.

Inappropriate Behaviour

- 1. Having or consuming alcohol.
- 2. Having or using other illegal drugs or substances.
- 3. Smoking.
- 4. Sexual activities.
- 5. Sexual harassment.
- 6. Vandalism or other criminal offences.
- 7. Swearing or abusing others.
- 8. Physical violence towards others.
- 9. Harassment or vilification of others.
- 10. Violating team curfews.
- 11. Refusing to comply with instructions.
- 12. Poor sportsmanship or cheating.

Parents Code of Conduct

- 1. Encourage participation by your children.
- 2. Provide a model of good sportsmanship for your child to copy.
- 3. Be courteous in your communication with players, team officials, game officials and sport administrators.
- 4. Encourage honest effort, skilled performance, and team loyalty.
- 5. Make any new parents feel welcome on all occasions.
- 6. Do not interfere with the conduct of any events.
- 7. Support School Sport Australia's policy of a smoke and alcohol-free environment.

Spectators Code of Conduct

- 1. Demonstrate appropriate social behaviour.
- 2. Remember children play for enjoyment. Don't let your behaviour detract from their enjoyment.
- 3. Let game officials conduct events without interference.
- 4. Support skilled performances and team play with generous applause.
- 5. Demonstrate respect for opposing players and their supporters.
- 6. Support School Sport Australia's policy of a smoke and alcohol-free environment.

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