



National Indigenous Tennis Carnival

**Wednesday 6th – Saturday 9th August
2025**

NITC INFO PACK 2025



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About the Event



OVERVIEW

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

The event is more than tennis, it brings together Indigenous kids from every state and territory across Australia to connect with each other through tennis, cultural activities, career and health workshops; ultimately getting to know each other and sharing stories about themselves and their own communities back home.

The National Indigenous Tennis Carnival is called **NITC** for short, so you will see **NITC** throughout this document.

HISTORY

The National Indigenous Tennis Carnival was created in collaboration between the Evonne Goolagong Foundation, Tennis Australia, and Tennis NT. The first event was in 2019. It is delivered with the continued support from all State and Territory Tennis Member Associations around Australia.

WHERE AND WHEN

Larrakia Country, Darwin International Tennis Centre, 9 Abala Rd, Marrara.

From **WEDNESDAY 6th August** to **SATURDAY 9th August 2025**.

This is a CLOSED EVENT. Spectators are not admitted.

Evonne Goolagong Cawley

& the Evonne Goolagong Foundation

We are honoured that Indigenous tennis legend Evonne Goolagong Cawley will be here at the event as always, to inspire and support players.

ABOUT EVONNE GOOLAGONG CAWLEY

Evonne Goolagong Cawley is from **Wiradjuri Country**. In her glorious tennis career Evonne was ranked the number one player in the world in 1971 and 1976.

In total she won 92 pro tournaments, was a finalist in 18 Grand Slam singles events winning at Wimbledon twice, the Australian Open 4 times, the French Open once and was runner up 4 years in succession at the US Open. She also won 7 Grand Slam doubles titles.

At her second Wimbledon triumph in 1980 Evonne became the first mother to win since Dorothy Lambert Chambers in 1914. She represented Australia 7 times in the Fed Cup winning in 1971/73/74 and was Australia's Fed Cup Captain from 2002-04.

In August 2012, Evonne established and became the first Chair of the **Evonne Goolagong Foundation**. Since 2005, the Evonne Goolagong Foundation has awarded school scholarships, produced tennis coaches, sports administrators, university scholars and has helped with employment placement.

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Key Contacts



Key Event Contacts

| ROLE | NAME | CONTACT |
|-----------------------------|---|--------------|
| Event Manager | Sam Giess | 0421 411 664 |
| Tennis NT CEO | Tania Tandora | 0466 580 369 |
| Operations Manager | Sam Giess | 0421 411 664 |
| Transport | Kerry Tavrou | 0431 169 014 |
| Airport Meet & Greet | Grace Henderson Tennis NT Staff | 0473 526 172 |
| Cultural Advisors / Mentors | Kyah Jones Ian Goolagong Anzac Leidig | 0428 086 828 |

State & Territory Contacts

The below people are the main contact for each state or territory group.

Many teams will also have additional contacts, for example those travelling from NT communities will have a local supervisor with their team.

There will also be over thirty staff from around the country helping support and manage participants and their carnival needs.

| Member Association | NAME | CONTACT |
|--------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| Tennis ACT | Harrison Frater | 0435652501 |
| Tennis NSW | Lauren Major | 0482 131 816 |
| Tennis NT | Sam Giess | 0421 411 664 |
| Tennis Queensland | Aunty Roma Pregarc | 0422 647 508 |
| Tennis SA | Luke Doughty | 0481 900 442 |
| Tennis Tasmania | Nikki Goddard | 0438799994 |
| Tennis VIC | Adam Watson | 0414 701 038 |
| Tennis West | Sara Mohamed | 0481 098 506 |

Closed Event

The 2025 NITC is a CLOSED EVENT

There are a few key reasons for this, including:

- Allowing participants to fully immerse themselves in the experience, connect with peers, and build independence in a culturally safe space
- The involvement of vulnerable and remote communities, which often comes with additional sensitivities
- Tennis Australia and Tennis NT have a strong focus on child safeguarding and our duty of care for the kids during NITC.

Keeping the event closed ensures a consistent, supportive and safe environment for all children attending.

We understand this may be disappointing and apologise to families and communities who may be upset regarding this call, however, please remember that the kids, their experience and child protection is and must be our top priority. We hope you can understand.



Security

NO SPECTATORS

Spectators are not permitted at the 2025 National Indigenous Tennis Carnival

SECURITY

The event will have security at the gate. Only participants, supervisors and staff members with accreditation will be permitted entry.

UNIFORMS

All event participants must wear their uniform throughout the event.

ACCREDITATION

Accreditation (access passess) will be distributed again this year. All supervisors and staff will be easy to identify through their uniform and accreditation.



Getting Ready



THIS IS WHAT WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE EVENT

Supervision throughout the event (including during travel periods).

All food will be provided by the event.

Breakfast is available at the accommodation each morning.

Snacks, lunch, dinner and water will be provided at the event.

All equipment including racquets.

If a participant has their own racquet, then they are welcome to bring it along.

Accommodation (see [page 11](#) for information)

Travel to the event and daily transport to and from venue.

Participant gift-pack with drink bottle, small bag, a hat

Uniforms – participants and supervisors will receive **two team shirts** (in their State or Territory colours) when they arrive at the event Wednesday

The event shirt must be worn throughout the event.

A range of cultural workshops and activities.

Getting Ready – Participants Must Bring!

PACKING CHECK-LIST

Casual clothes for Darwin

Check the weather at:

<https://www.worldweatheronline.com/darwin-weather/northern-territory/au.aspx>

Playing gear including:

- Shoes (runners)
- Shorts,
- Socks (enough for the whole event)

Underwear (enough for the whole event)

Bathers / Swimwear

A Towel for the pool

Sunglasses if you have them

Pyjamas / Sleeping Clothes

A bag to carry gear in

Hat (one will also be provided in the gift pack)

Water bottle (one will also be provided in the gift pack)

PACKING CHECK-LIST CONTINUED

Toiletries:

- Toothpaste,
- Toothbrush,
- Soap,
- Hairbrush,
- Deodorant,
- Sunscreen (there will also be plenty at the event)

Spending money is optional, not required

KEY NOTES: PARENTS/GUARDIANS & SUPERVISORS

PHOTOS

Parents and legal guardians must have a conversation with their child's team supervisor if their child should not be identifiable in any photography.

Kids who should not be identifiable in photography will be given a wristband, and photographers will take care to ensure their face is not visible in any published photos.

SWIMMING

Parents and legal guardians must advise their team supervisor if their child cannot swim. We will provide a wristband to indicate this.

Getting Ready – Cultural Exchange

At the event, we have an activity called the *Cultural Exchange*.

This involves each team getting up and taking a few minutes to share some of their culture with the group (max. 5 minutes)

Before teams arrive at the NITC, please think about and plan what you would like to share about your team's culture, country and background.

FORMAT

This can take any format you like, that your group is comfortable with. We show shame is a big thing so we encourage team supervisors to work with their teams to ensure kids are involved to whatever level they are comfortable.

Groups might choose a representative, or maybe they all want to join in. Teams are free to do what they are comfortable with. That might be speaking, singing, showing art, dancing. We understand some kids can be shy or be shame (**don't be shame!**)

We hope that all participants will be proud to share in what will be a culturally safe, inclusive, welcoming session!

PRACTICE

Please ensure to practice with your group ahead of arriving to NITC. We will set time on Day 1 for teams to practice their culture share to help ease nerves and ensure all participants feel safe and encouraged to be involved.



Getting Ready – Cultural Exchange

Key Aims of the Cultural Exchange include:

SHOWCASING CULTURE

Have a **culturally safe experience** for young First Nations participants to **proudly showcase their cultural background** in a way they've chosen and in the spirit of self-determination. We find this activity sparks curiosity amongst participants to learn even more about their own culture in a safe and respectful environment.

LEARNING OTHERS CULTURE

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.

CREATING, SAFE, INCLUSIVE & RESPECTFUL ENVIRONMENTS FOR EACH OTHER

Facilitate a space for fun and pride in culture that is meaningful for the participants, focused on celebration and raising-up of respectful cultural differences in a supportive, joyful space.

LEARNING TOGETHER

Learning together increases inclusivity, breaks down cultural barriers to understanding and **creates life-long memories and friendships** by bringing participants together.



Travel & Accommodation



ARRIVALS - Teams start to arrive on **Tuesday 5th August** and **Wednesday 6th August**.

DEPARTURES - Teams start to leave once the event is finished, on **Saturday 9th August**.

Any teams with Saturday evening flights or Sunday flights will have their room in Club Tropical for Saturday night too.

YOUR TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE SPECIFIC TO YOUR TEAM

Your team manager will provide you your exact details.

TRAVEL FOR PARTICIPANTS & SUPERVISORS IS FULLY COORDINATED, INCLUDING:

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

ACCOMMODATION - Accommodation for all Participants and their Supervisors is at:

Club Tropical Resort - 622 Lee Point Road, Lee Point NT 0810 | Contact: (08) 8944 8500

The hotel is just a ten-minute drive from DITC. Participants will be in shared rooms - same gender, similar age.

BREAKFAST - Breakfast will be provided on-site at Club Tropical for participants & supervisors across the days they are booked. All other meals will be provided at the event – Darwin International Tennis Centre.



NITC 2025 Policies & Conditions



Having a safe event for all players, supervisors and other staff is a top priority.

PARTICIPANT POLICIES & CONDITIONS

All Guardians on behalf of all Participants must read, accept and sign the following:

- *2025 NITC Participant Consent Form*
- *2025 NITC Participant Behaviour Guidelines*

PARTICIPANT POLICIES & CONDITIONS

All Supervisors must read, accept and sign the following:

- *2025 NITC Supervising Personnel Behavioural Guidelines*
- *2025 NITC Supervising Personnel Screening Requirements & Other Matters*
- *Member Protection Declaration*

State Team Supervisors should send these guidelines out to all participants and supervisors for signing and return.

For a copy of these, please go to: [National Indigenous Tennis Carnival “NITC” | Competitive Play Calendar - NT | Compete | Tennis NT](#)





Other T&Cs



By attending the event, you also agree to the abide by the following:

THIS IS A CLOSED EVENT

Our focus is on the kids, so this is a **CLOSED EVENT**.

Spectators will not be admitted.

All staff and supervisors will be registered with the event and checked by security at the gate.

We understand this may not be ideal for families and community members wishing to support the participants, but **child integrity and their safety at the event is our top priority**.

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

Terms & conditions of entry for Darwin International Tennis Centre

This can be found at:

<https://www.tennis.com.au/nt/news-and-events/nitc>

TENNIS AUSTRALIA NATIONAL POLICIES

The full list of **Tennis Australia National Policies** can be found here:

[National Policies](#) | [Reports, Publications and National Policies](#) | [About Tennis Australia](#)
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Welcome/Nilijaark Venue Map

*you've
arrived!*



Event Map

The 2025
National Indigenous
Tennis Carnival is
located at the
Darwin International
Tennis Centre (DITC)

DITC is located at
9 Abala Road,
Marrara

The facility will have security at
the gate to ensure that
participants come and leave the
event only with their supervisors.

The Darwin International
Tennis Centre is a world-class
16 court tennis facility with a
covered Centre Court and many
shaded areas.



Activities at the event (additional to tennis)



**The NITC is more than just a tennis carnival.
It's a celebration of culture.**

The NITC will turn into a cultural hub for participating players with a talented range of artists, talent and teachers taking the kids through various creative activities throughout the event.

These activities aim to encourage kids from around Australia to open up about their own culture and be curious about others.

It really is a wonderful opportunity to connect, learn and share.

Cultural Activities are a Major Part of the event!

Participants will be invited to participate in a range of cultural and off-court activities at the carnival, which are likely to include things such as:

- Dance
- Music Performances
- Health Education
- Connecting with country & grounding practices
- Arts / Craft Creation
- Performances by Indigenous Music Artists
- Yarning Sessions
- Language Sessions

Awards



Awards are a huge part of the National Indigenous Tennis Carnival, encouraging excellence both on and off the court. See below awards which will be awarded at the 2025 NITC.

THE EVONNE GOOLAGONG CAWLEY MEDAL OF EXCELLENCE

Individual Award personally chosen by Evonne Goolagong Cawley

THE ASH BARTY CUP

A team based award for the overall winning team, based on performance in the Hot Shots, Future Stars and Showdown events.

THE ROGER CAWLEY TEAM MANAGER'S AWARD

To recognize our wonderful team managers who supervise, support, and coach the kids

THE DEADLY AWARDS

Deadly Awards recognise participants from each State and Territory for their teamwork and behaviour at the event.

Read all about the experience of one of the Deadly Award winners from 2023 here: <https://www.tennis.com.au/nt/news/2024/01/08/2023-nitc-deadly-award-winner-hits-the-brisbane-international>

TEAM SPIRIT AWARDS

Spot prizes will be awarded to those who show outstanding values and team spirit.

A range of event trophies have been skillfully hand-carved by our friends at TIWI DESIGNS. Every trophy is unique.

Event Schedule Overview

Details subject to change

| WED 6TH AUG | THURS 7TH AUG | FRI 8TH AUG | SAT 9TH AUG |
|--|--|--|---|
| BREAKFAST at Club Tropical | BREAKFAST at Club Tropical | BREAKFAST at Club Tropical | BREAKFAST at Club Tropical (check-out time for most teams) |
| 10am Teams Arrive at the Darwin International Tennis Centre for sign-in & uniforms. | 730am Teams depart for Darwin International Tennis Centre to arrive by 8am. | 730am Teams depart for Darwin International Tennis Centre to arrive by 8am. | 730am Teams depart for Darwin International Tennis Centre to arrive by 8am. |
| 10am – 11am Sign-in & uniforms. | 8am – 6pm Cultural activities, Ball kids, Tennis | 8am – 11am Coaching sessions. Tennis play-offs. | 8am – 11am Tennis and Cultural Activities. |
| 11am-12noon LUNCH-PACKS arrive (grab & go, eat anytime) | 11am-12noon LUNCH-PACKS arrive (grab & go, eat anytime) | 11am-12noon LUNCH-PACKS arrive (grab & go, eat anytime) | LUNCH provided. |
| 12noon-1pm OPENING CEREMONY | 8am – 6pm Cultural activities, Ball kids, Tennis | 11am – 530pm Tennis Finals & Off Court Cultural Activities | 11am-12noon CLOSING CEREMONY |
| 1pm – 6pm Cultural Activities | | | |
| 6pm -730pm DINNER & A YARN | 6pm -730pm DINNER & A YARN | 530pm -7pm DINNER & A YARN | Teams begin to depart. Any teams with Saturday evening flights or Sunday flights will have their room in Club Tropical for Saturday night too. |
| | | 7pm – 730pm Entertainment | |
| 730pm Teams return to Club Tropical | 730pm Teams return to Club Tropical | 730pm Teams return to Club Tropical | |

Showdown Players - Acceptance List

14U GIRLS

| | | | |
|---------|----------------------------|------------|-----|
| 1 | Hazel Wright | 31/01/2014 | NSW |
| 2 | <u>Namallarri McKenzie</u> | 7/12/2010 | SA |
| 3 | Ayva Quigg | 15/06/2011 | NSW |
| 4 | Alexis Holberton | 18/11/2010 | WA |
| 5 | Alessandra Ostojic | 8/05/2013 | NSW |
| 6 | Monica Bartsch | 5/05/2012 | QLD |
| 7 | Mya Freeman | 6/09/2010 | QLD |
| 8 | Emily-Rose McMahon | 7/03/2012 | WA |
| RESERVE | Lula Ross Rawlings | 21/11/2012 | NSW |

18U GIRLS

| | | | |
|---------|-----------------------|------------|-----|
| 1 | Ruby Pade | 30/03/2007 | NSW |
| 2 | Sophia Brooks-Gay | 20/01/2008 | VIC |
| 3 | Laylah Shawcross | 8/07/2010 | QLD |
| 4 | Lola Grigor | 16/11/2009 | VIC |
| 5 | Iluka-Rose Taylor | 16/03/2009 | SA |
| 6 | Mahala Hitchings | 3/11/2009 | NSW |
| 7 | Sophia Kawane | 23/10/2009 | QLD |
| 8 | <u>Alifaye Gidgup</u> | 24/03/2010 | WA |
| RESERVE | Bella Merrick-Reilly | 19/01/2010 | QLD |

14U BOYS

| | | | |
|---------|-------------------|------------|-----|
| 1 | Will Brooks-Gay | 14/01/2011 | VIC |
| 2 | Nate Swale | 22/08/2011 | VIC |
| 3 | Oakley Baylis | 9/09/2011 | NSW |
| 4 | Louis De Beger | 25/06/2011 | NSW |
| 5 | Zane Ryan | 20/05/2011 | VIC |
| 6 | Hunter Richardson | 22/10/2011 | TAS |
| 7 | Ryan Budda-Deen | 12/07/2011 | NSW |
| 8 | Zachery Tozer | 20/08/2013 | SA |
| RESERVE | Mitchell Dorant | 28/05/2011 | WA |

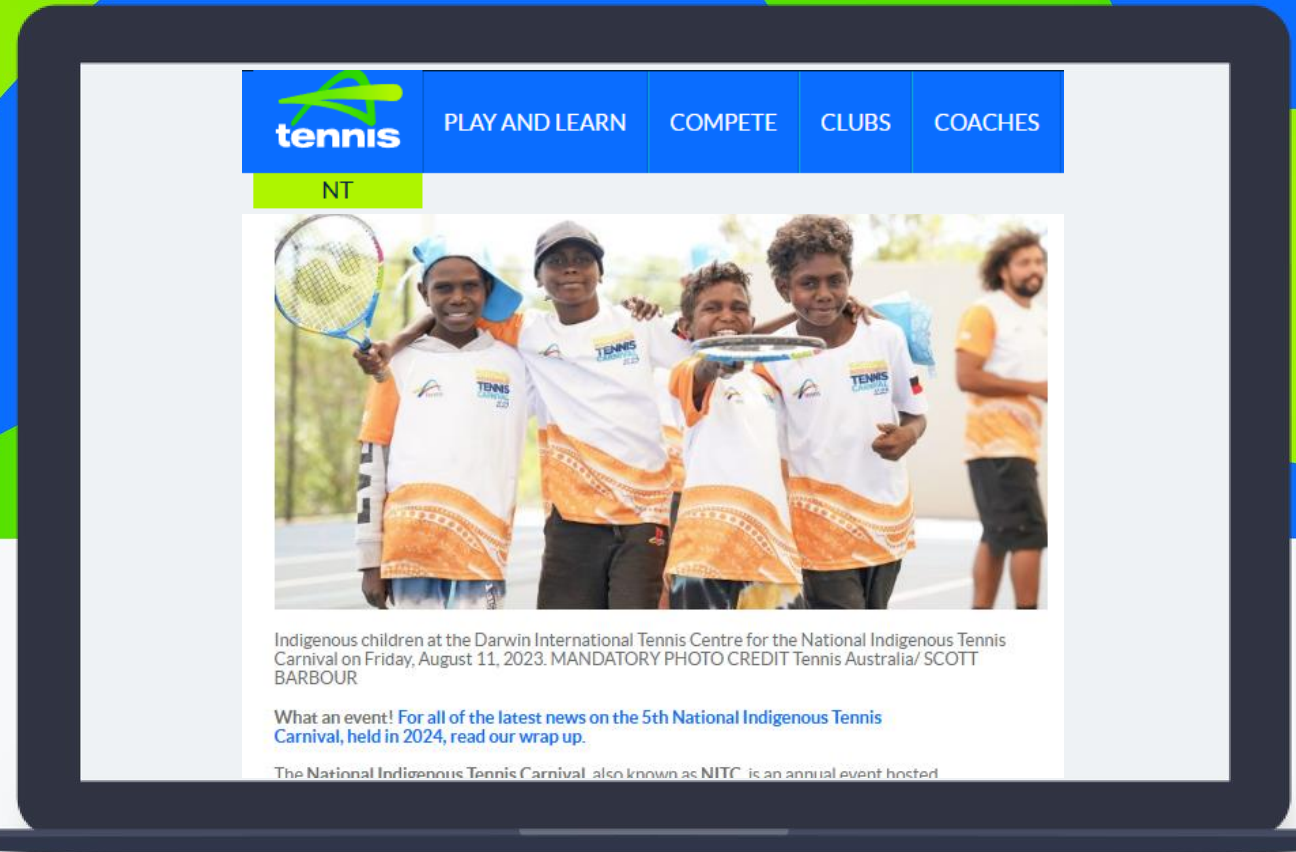
18U BOYS

| | | | |
|---------|-----------------------|------------|-----|
| 1 | Isaac Elson | 2/06/2007 | NSW |
| 2 | Lewis Murray | 22/08/2009 | VIC |
| 3 | Lawrence Dufficy | 2/10/2006 | QLD |
| 4 | Blake <u>Foreshew</u> | 19/07/2007 | QLD |
| 5 | Noah Austen | 8/07/2009 | WA |
| 6 | Noah Baylis | 9/08/2009 | NSW |
| 7 | Jackson Phillips | 24/08/2009 | WA |
| 8 | Lucca Toby | 15/11/2009 | QLD |
| RESERVE | Aidan Lundberg | 3/06/2010 | WA |

Where To Find Event Info

All documents such as this pack, and related policies, will be on [this webpage](https://www.tennis.com.au/nt/competitive-play/tournaments/national-indigenous-tennis-carnival-nitc).

<https://www.tennis.com.au/nt/competitive-play/tournaments/national-indigenous-tennis-carnival-nitc>



Social media

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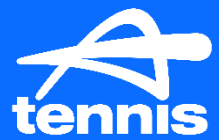
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