



# National Indigenous Tennis Carnival Info Pack - 2024



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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 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.

**NITC** - 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. It is delivered with the continued support from all state and territory Tennis Member Associations around Australia.

## WHERE AND WHEN

Larrakia Country, at the Darwin International Tennis Centre, 9 Abala Rd, Marrara

From Thursday 8th August – to Sunday 11th August 2024

Our focus is on the kids, so this is a CLOSED EVENT. Spectators will not be admitted.



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or**

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





# Evonne Goolagong Cawley

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.

***The National Indigenous Tennis Carnival was created in collaboration between the Evonne Goolagong Foundation, Tennis Australia, and Tennis NT.***





## 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	0448 664 003
	Sarah Finzi	0424 120 152
Tennis NSW	Nikita Sayle	0433 914 143
Tennis NT	Sam Giess	0421 411 664
Tennis Queensland	Rebecca Herbert	0411 762 344
Tennis SA	Luke Doughty	0481 900 442
Tennis Tasmania	Simon Aufder-Heide	0466 359 515
Tennis VIC	Adam Watson	0414 701 038
	Kayla Ryan	0439 570 105
Tennis West	Radu Vaidean	0452 133 585



# Security

**Our focus is on the kids, so this is a CLOSED EVENT. Spectators will not be admitted.**

The event will have security at the gate.

All event staff will be easy to identify through their uniform and accreditation.

Approved event guests will be pre-screened, checked on arrival by security, and provided with 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 at the event. That includes breakfast, snacks, lunch, dinner and water.

**All equipment** including racquets, if a participant has their own racquet then they are welcome to bring it along.

**Accommodation.**

**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). The event shirt must be worn throughout the event.

**A range of cultural workshops and activities.**



# Getting Ready

## WHAT PARTICIPANTS NEED TO BRING ON THE TRIP

**Casual clothes for Darwin** [Check the weather](https://www.worldweatheronline.com/darwin-weather/northern-territory/au.aspx)  
(<https://www.worldweatheronline.com/darwin-weather/northern-territory/au.aspx>)

### **Playing gear including:**

- 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**

**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)

### **Toiletries:**

- Toothpaste,
- toothbrush,
- soap,
- hairbrush,
- deodorant,
- sunscreen (there will also be plenty at the event)

**Spending money is optional**, not required

**Photos:** parents and legal guardians should 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 end of the first day of the event, we have an activity called the **Cultural Exchange**. This year the Cultural Exchange will be held at the end of Day 1, Thursday 8 August from 6:00 – 7:00pm.

**Before teams arrive at the NITC**, we invite you to think about what you would like to share about your team’s cultural background. This can take any format you like, that your group is comfortable with. Some teams are very shy, of course it’s OK for their team supervisor to share some information that their team would like everyone else to know.

The format is up to the teams. Groups might choose a representative, or maybe they all want to join in. Each group will take the lead for a few minutes, up to five minutes.

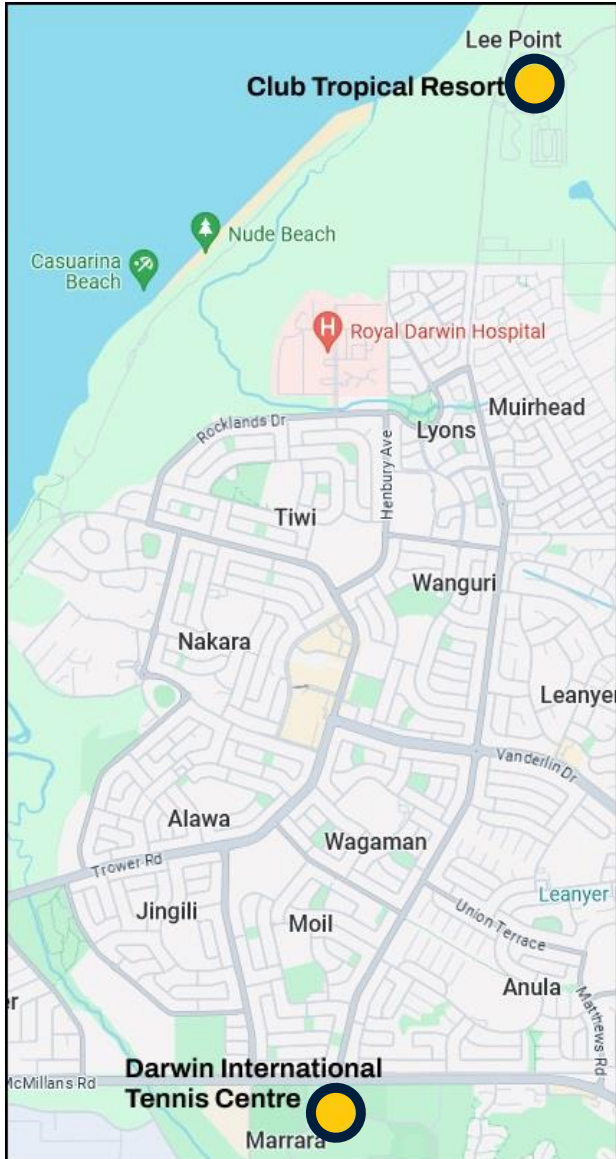
Teams are free to do what they are comfortable with. That might be speaking, singing, showing art, dancing. We understand some kids can be shy or be shame (don’t be shame!).

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

*The aim of the Cultural Exchange is to:*

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

# Travel & Accommodation



Most teams will arrive on Wednesday 7th August, or very early on Thursday 8th August. Departures commence Sunday 11th August.

Teams have different arrangements depending on where they are travelling from. Your team manager will provide you your exact details.

Rest assured that all participants and their supervisors have their accommodation until Monday 12th August, this allows for them to rest on Sunday the 11<sup>th</sup> before departing for home.

## **Travel for Participants & Supervisors is fully coordinated, 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 all Participants and their Supervisors is at *Club Tropical Resort*.** The hotel is close to the event, just a ten-minute drive away in an area away from the city.

Participants will be in shared rooms of the same gender and similar age.

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





# Policies at NITC 2024

[Participant Behavioural Guidelines](#)

[Supervising Personnel Behavioural Guidelines](#)

[Emergency Management Plan v1](#)

[Event Management Plan](#)

**Terms & conditions of entry for approved accredited visitors:**

[Terms & conditions of entry for Darwin International Tennis Centre](#)

[Terms & conditions of entry for the National Indigenous Tennis Carnival](#)

Or visit:

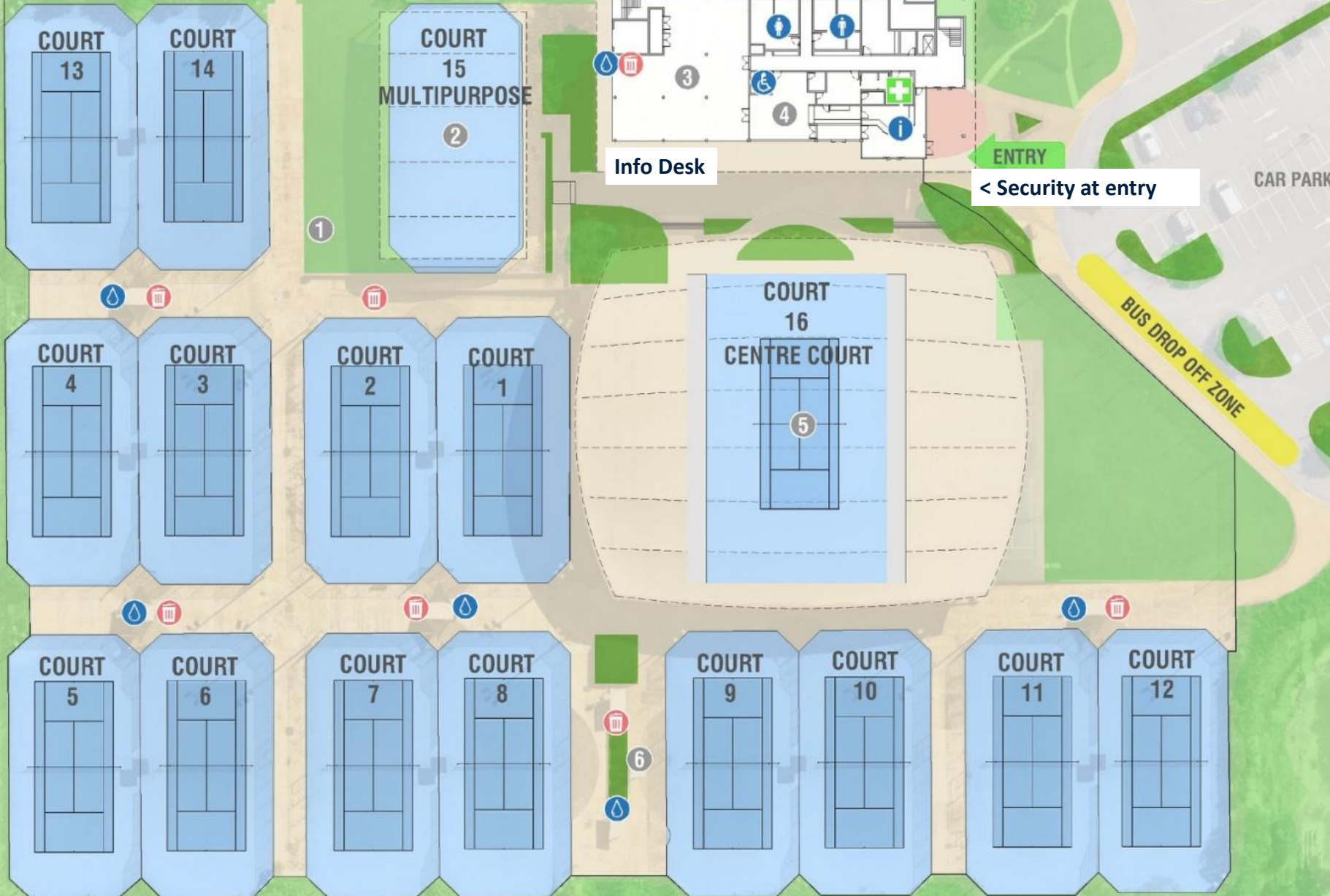
<https://www.tennis.com.au/nt/competitive-play/national-indigenous-tennis-carnival-nitc>





# EVENT MAP

# NATIONAL INDIGENOUS TENNIS CARNIVAL 2024



### LEGEND

- INFORMATION / RECEPTION
- TOILETS
- ACCESSIBLE TOILET
- FIRST AID
- DRINKING WATER
- RUBBISH BINS
- HOT SHOTS & FUTURE STARS TOURNAMENT DESK
- MULTIPURPOSE COURT / CULTURAL ACTIVITIES
- UNDERCROFT / LUNCH AREA
- CAFE
- CENTRE COURT
- SHOWDOWN TOURNAMENT DESK

**Darwin International  
Tennis Centre**





## Activities at the event (additional to tennis)

The NITC 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 **J-MILLA** and a **Surprise Guest Artist** to perform private concerts for our participants on Friday and Saturday nights.

### **Cultural Activities are a Major Part of the event!**

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

- Dance / Music
- Health Education
- Careers in Sport
- Arts / Craft Creation
- Performances by Indigenous Music Artists

Additionally, the participants will visit **Leanyer Water Park** once with their supervisors to cool off. The visit to Leanyer Water Park is the only activity not occurring at the Darwin International Tennis Centre. In the event schedule, it is indicated as an “**off-site activity**”. Additional staff supervisors will be present at the water park.

Please refer to the detailed schedule for when these activities will occur, alongside the tennis. See page 15...



## Awards at the Event

### The Evonne Goolagong Cawley Medal of Excellence

Individual Award personally chosen by Evonne Goolagong Cawley

### The Ash Barty Cup

Team based award

### 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, [Kimally Puruntatameri from the Tiwi Islands](#)

(<https://www.tennis.com.au/nt/news/2024/01/08/2023-nitc-deadly-award-winner-hits-the-brisbane-international>)

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







# Event Schedule

activity scheduling is subject to change

THURSDAY 8 (DAY 1)		
TIME	GROUP 1 (Hot Shots & 14/U Showdown)	GROUP 2 (Future Stars & 18/U Showdown)
7:30am	All in Laughing Yoga	
8:00am	All in Laughing Yoga	
8:30am	All in Laughing Yoga	
9:00am	All in Laughing Yoga	
9:30am	All in Laughing Yoga	
10:00am	Sign In - Team Training Gift bags & T-shirts NITC Info Desk	
10:30am	Sign In - Team Training Gift bags & T-shirts NITC Info Desk	
11:00am	Sign In - Team Training Gift bags & T-shirts NITC Info Desk	
11:30am	Sign In - Team Training Gift bags & T-shirts NITC Info Desk	
12:00pm	Lunch Undercroft	
12:30pm	Lunch Undercroft	
1:00pm	*Opening Ceremony* Centre Court	
1:30pm	*Opening Ceremony* Centre Court	
2:00pm	Ball Kid Trial Session #1 Courts 1, 2, 5 & 6	Doubles FS Training (9, 10, 11, 12) (MP, CC, 3, 4, 7, 8, 13 & 14)
2:30pm	Ball Kid Trial Session #1 Courts 1, 2, 5 & 6	Doubles FS Training (9, 10, 11, 12) (MP, CC, 3, 4, 7, 8, 13 & 14)
3:00pm	Ball Kid Trial Session #1 Courts 1, 2, 5 & 6	Doubles FS Training (9, 10, 11, 12) (MP, CC, 3, 4, 7, 8, 13 & 14)
3:30pm	Doubles RB Training (9, 10, 11, 12) (3, 4, 13 & 14)	Ball Kid Trial Session #2 Courts 1, 2, 5 & 6
4:00pm	Doubles RB Training (9, 10, 11, 12) (3, 4, 13 & 14)	Ball Kid Trial Session #2 Courts 1, 2, 5 & 6
4:30pm	Doubles RB Training (9, 10, 11, 12) (3, 4, 13 & 14)	Ball Kid Trial Session #2 Courts 1, 2, 5 & 6
5:00pm	Dinner Undercroft	
5:30pm	Dinner Undercroft	
6:00pm	*Cultural Exchange* Centre Court	
6:30pm	*Cultural Exchange* Centre Court	
7:00pm	Venue Close	
7:30pm	Venue Close	
8:00pm	Venue Close	
8:30pm	Venue Close	
9:00pm	Venue Close	

FRIDAY 9 (DAY 2)		
TIME	GROUP 1 (Hot Shots & 14/U Showdown)	GROUP 2 (Future Stars & 18/U Showdown)
7:30am	All in Laughing Yoga	
8:00am	Breakfast @ DITC	Supervisor Briefing
8:30am	Supervisor Briefing	Breakfast @ DITC
9:00am	Transport to Leanyer	On-court Demo
9:30am	Morning Tea @ Off Site	Matches Outside Courts
10:00am	Off-site Activity Leanyer Water Park	Matches Outside Courts
10:30am	Off-site Activity Leanyer Water Park	Morning Tea @ DITC
11:00am	Off-site Activity Leanyer Water Park	Matches Outside Courts
11:30am	Transport back to DITC	Matches Outside Courts
12:00pm	Lunch Undercroft	
12:30pm	Lunch Undercroft	
1:00pm	Deadly Choices	Off Court Activities Multi-Purpose Court
1:30pm	On-court Demo	Off Court Activities Multi-Purpose Court
2:00pm	Matches	Off Court Activities Multi-Purpose Court
2:30pm	Afternoon Tea	Off Court Activities Multi-Purpose Court
3:00pm	Matches	Afternoon Tea
3:30pm	Matches Outside courts	Off Court Activities Continued
4:00pm	Matches Outside courts	Off Court Activities Continued
4:30pm	Matches Outside courts	Off Court Activities Continued
5:00pm	Ball Kid Training Session #3 Outside Courts	
5:30pm	Ball Kid Training Session #3 Outside Courts	
6:00pm	Dinner Undercroft	
6:30pm	Dinner Undercroft	
7:00pm	Dinner Undercroft	
7:30pm	*(Small Concert)*	
8:00pm	*(Small Concert)*	
8:30pm	Venue Close	
9:00pm	Venue Close	

SATURDAY 10 (DAY 3)		
TIME	GROUP 1 (Hot Shots & 14/U Showdown)	GROUP 2 (Future Stars & 18/U Showdown)
7:30am	All in Laughing Yoga	
8:00am	Supervisor Briefing	Breakfast @ DITC
8:30am	Breakfast @ DITC	Supervisor Briefing
9:00am	Matches Outside Courts	Transport to Leanyer
9:30am	Matches Outside Courts	Morning Tea @ Off Site
10:00am	Matches Outside Courts	Off-site Activity Leanyer Water Park
10:30am	Morning Tea @ DITC	Off-site Activity Leanyer Water Park
11:00am	Finals Outside Courts	Off-site Activity Leanyer Water Park
11:30am	Finals Outside Courts	Transport back to DITC
12:00pm	Lunch Undercroft	
12:30pm	Lunch Undercroft	
1:00pm	Off Court Activities Multi-Purpose Court	Matches Outside Courts
1:30pm	Off Court Activities Multi-Purpose Court	Matches Outside Courts
2:00pm	Off Court Activities Multi-Purpose Court	Afternoon Tea Deadly Choices
2:30pm	Off Court Activities Multi-Purpose Court	Afternoon Tea Deadly Choices
3:00pm	Afternoon Tea	Matches Outside Courts
3:30pm	Off Court Activities Continued	Matches Outside Courts
4:00pm	Off Court Activities Continued	Matches Outside Courts
4:30pm	COMBINED ACTIVITIES FOR BOTH GROUPS	
5:00pm	*14&U / 18&U Finals* Show Courts	Animal Experience
5:30pm	*14&U / 18&U Finals* Show Courts	Animal Experience
6:00pm	Dinner Undercroft	
6:30pm	Dinner Undercroft	
7:00pm	*(Small Concert)* J-MILLA and dancers	
7:30pm	*(Small Concert)* J-MILLA and dancers	
8:00pm	*(Small Concert)* J-MILLA and dancers	
8:30pm	Venue Close	

SUNDAY 11 (DAY 4)		
TIME	GROUP 1 (Hot Shots & 14/U Showdown)	GROUP 2 (Future Stars & 18/U Showdown)
7:30am	All in Laughing Yoga	
8:00am	Breakfast @ DITC	
8:30am	Breakfast @ DITC	
9:00am	14/u Playoff Matches (5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 & 12)	All In Fun Red Ball (1, 2, 3, 4, 13 & 14)
9:30am	14/u Playoff Matches (5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 & 12)	All In Fun Red Ball (1, 2, 3, 4, 13 & 14)
10:00am	All In Fun Red Ball (1, 2, 3, 4, 13 & 14)	18/u Playoff Matches (5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 & 12)
10:30am	All In Fun Red Ball (1, 2, 3, 4, 13 & 14)	18/u Playoff Matches (5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 & 12)
11:00am	*Closing Ceremony* Centre Court	
11:30am	*Closing Ceremony* Centre Court	
12:00pm	Lunch Undercroft	
12:30pm	Lunch Undercroft	
1:00pm	Teams sign out and departures commence	
2:00pm	Teams sign out and departures commence	
2:30pm	Teams sign out and departures commence	
3:00pm	Teams sign out and departures commence	
3:30pm	Teams sign out and departures commence	
4:00pm	Teams sign out and departures commence	
4:30pm	Teams sign out and departures commence	
5:00pm	Teams have free time with supervisors until departure.	
5:30pm	Teams have free time with supervisors until departure.	
6:00pm	Teams have free time with supervisors until departure.	
6:30pm	Teams can return to Club Tropical Resort (Check-out is Monday morning)	
7:00pm	Teams can return to Club Tropical Resort (Check-out is Monday morning)	
7:30pm	Teams can return to Club Tropical Resort (Check-out is Monday morning)	
8:00pm	Teams can return to Club Tropical Resort (Check-out is Monday morning)	
8:30pm	Teams can return to Club Tropical Resort (Check-out is Monday morning)	
9:00pm	Teams can return to Club Tropical Resort (Check-out is Monday morning)	

[Updated event schedule will be published on NITC webpage – click here](#)

# Where to go for event info

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

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## THE NATIONAL INDIGENOUS TENNIS CARNIVAL | NITC 8TH -11TH AUGUST 2024

INDIGENOUS KIDS FROM ALL OVER  
AUSTRALIA CONNECTING WITH EACH  
OTHER THROUGH TENNIS





# Social media

Follow your *LOCAL & National* tennis organisation to see the event as it happens.



## FACEBOOK

[Tennis Australia](#)

[Tennis NT](#)

[Tennis ACT](#)

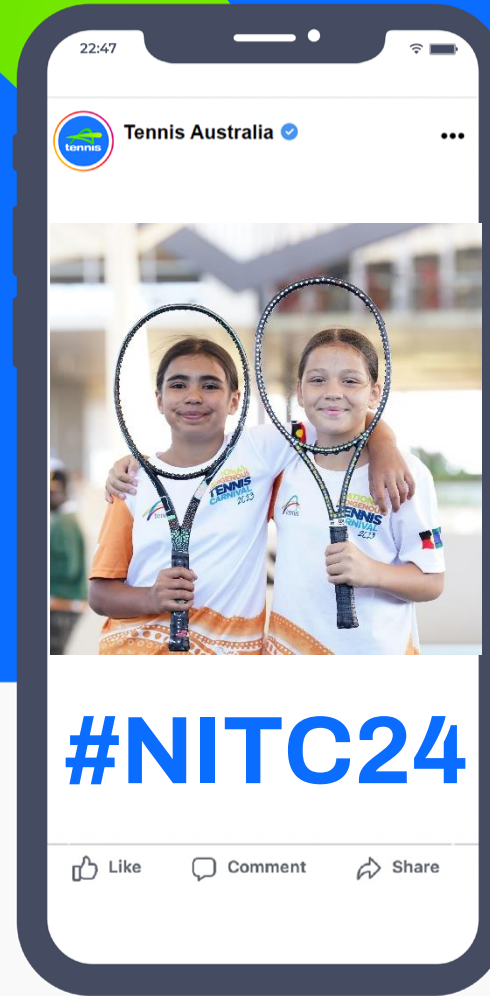
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