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President's Message

Just 193 days to go until the 2026 Nationals!

Thank you to everyone across the country who's already thrown their support behind this huge Top End adventure. The energy, the momentum and the passion for our sport has never been stronger and this Nationals is shaping up to be one for the history books.

From January, we'll be sending monthly newsletters packed with program updates, special announcements and everything you need to plan your trip. Make sure you're following us on Facebook, so you don't miss anything. And if you haven't booked your Early Bird Tickets yet or locked in your plans, now's the time. Get your team, your family and your mates organised and join us in Darwin for a week that'll remind you why polocrosse is the greatest sport on dirt. We can't wait to welcome you to the Territory, at the best time of the year, at a top-class venue!

*Frank Blokland, President
NT Polocrosse Association*



Get Ready for a Big Week – 2026 Program Highlights



We appreciate that most of you are travelling half-way around the country to get here so we're promising to make the journey absolutely worth it and deliver a Nationals week to remember. The host committee has been flat out putting together a jam-packed program that guarantees good times and great memories for everyone. Here's just a little of what's in store.

- Fun and formalities from Sunday to Sunday including the Seniors Welcome Function, Juniors Welcome Breakfast, Opening Ceremony, State vs State, Polocrosse History Night and plenty of Territory favourites.
- Bar, music and entertainment every night til late.
- A diverse range of food stalls and catering options each day.

- Charter bus into the city to visit the world famous Mindil Beach Sunset Markets.
- Discounts to local pubs, restaurants and tourism experiences.
- And loads more!

The full program will be announced in January – so keep your eye on your inbox!



The Gift They'll Talk About All Year

Most Christmas gifts are forgotten by February. But a week in the Northern Territory with the best players in the country, perfect dry season weather, and a front-row seat to Australia's best polocrosse? Now that's a gift to remember.

While June might feel far off, anyone who's spent a dry season up here knows the city books out *fast*. Social calendars are stacked. The weather's unbeatable. And from food festivals to Territory Day fireworks, the Top End puts on a show. Right now, Early Bird Tickets are open, but not for long. They close 31 January, and when they're gone, they're gone.

2026 Merch Drop – Coming (really) Soon...

The 2026 Nationals merchandise has just been sent to order and it's looking sharp! This year's merch line is all about fresh designs, bold colours and proper Territory flair... Pre-orders will open online soon so keep your eyes peeled and get in early before the favourites disappear.



Take Your Brand to the Top End



Applications for trade stand sites are now available and spots are limited. If you want your brand front and centre at one of Australia's biggest sporting and horse events, now's the time to lock it in.

For businesses wanting direct exposure to players, families, and spectators, trade stands offer a great way to showcase your products and services throughout the week-long Championships.

Packages include site access, event passes, online and program recognition, and social media exposure. Sites are unpowered and exhibitors must supply their own marquee or tent. Spots are limited.

[Download Application](#)

Travelling with Horses – Best Spots to Stay



Early next year we will be sending through a comprehensive list of places to stay once you cross the Territory border. Information will include the best homesteads, pubs, campgrounds and places to stay overnight with horses, as well as letting you in on a few local secrets – best steak sandwiches, world famous meat pies and must visit watering holes.

Tourism Discount Offers



Make the most of your Territory adventure with an exclusive offer from AAT Kings, available only to Polocrosse Nationals attendees. Save 10% on a range of AAT Kings' most popular Northern Territory Top End Day Tours, from Kakadu National Park Explorer, Jumping Crocs, Nature Adventures and much more. Book direct at www.aatkins.com and use the promocode AATPN2026. Travel dates apply from 14 June to 14 July 2026, and T&Cs apply.

What's Next?



Got some downtime over Christmas and want to start planning your trip?

Here's a couple reminders:

- Early Bird Ticket sales close 31 Jan 2026. Book now and save! [Book online](#)
- Start planning your Top End adventure to make the most of your time in the Territory www.tourismtopend.com.au
- If you need accommodation for friends and family – book it sooner rather than later. Trust us, June and July is not the time to 'wait and see' in the Territory.

Friends and Family Flying up?

Qantas and QantasLink operate regular flights into Darwin from all major Australian cities. Qantas will release its updated winter flight schedules in January, giving travellers more clarity on routes and availability for the Nationals period www.qantas.com

Virgin Australia also has regular flights from most capital cities and will resume direct flights between Sydney and Darwin from 22 June 2026, reconnecting two iconic Australian destinations. The airline will operate up to seven return flights per week during peak travel periods. Tickets are on sale now at virginaustralia.com

Enjoy a Waterfront Experience

Looking for an evening of waterfront luxury and seaside views? Head to the Darwin Waterfront to unwind and enjoy some of Darwin's best restaurants, cafes and sunset views. Take advantage of the exclusive Nationals discount at Adina and Vibe hotels. [Book Now](#) with a 15% discount for the week of the competition.



The Competition is heating up – State Teams Announced

[New South Wales](#), [Queensland](#), and [Western Australia](#) have officially announced their teams for the 2026 Nationals in Darwin and the remaining states and Territories will be soon to follow. Be sure to check their Facebook pages for team announcements and the latest updates.

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