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President's Message

2026 Year of the Horse - what a perfect year to host the Nationals!

The year of the Fire Horse is all about passion, intensity, courage and dynamism - words that could definitely describe polocrosse!

Kicking off, we're excited to launch our pre-order merchandise store! We hope you love the Territory-inspired colours and designs, and take home a lasting reminder (or two) of your Top End adventure. Check out the link below in the newsletter.

January is the last shout out for Early Bird Tickets, as these close at the end of the month. Lock in your plans now, as full-price tickets apply from February 1st!

The countdown is definitely on - don't forget to share our Facebook posts and encourage your friends and family to sign up for this monthly newsletter [here](#) so they won't miss any of the news, updates and offers.

We can't wait to welcome you to Darwin!

*Frank Blokland, President
NT Polocrosse Association*



Gear Up for the Nationals - 2026 Merch has landed

The 2026 Australian Polocrosse Nationals merch has officially dropped and it looks great! it's built for long days at the grounds and big nights with your team.

This year's range includes:

- Official Nationals polo
- Footy shorts
- Singlets
- Stubby Coolers
- Official Trucker hat

Stock is limited, so pre-purchase online to avoid disappointment. Limited merchandise will be available at the ground and once it's gone, that's it. Get yours [here](#) today!



First Time in Darwin? Here's What to Expect

Warm, welcoming and wonderfully laid-back, Darwin blends big skies, bold flavours, rich culture and a sense of adventure that keeps visitors coming back. Nationals week falls right in the heart of the dry season, bringing clear days, cooler mornings and evenings, and warm, comfortable conditions during the day - it's the time of year locals look forward to most!

Beyond the grounds, Darwin comes alive with live music, markets, festivals and pop-up events. [Tourism Top End](#) offers a free, local booking service to help you plan the perfect trip, with tailored recommendations, insider tips and fuss-free bookings for tours, accommodation, attractions and dining.

Why rush home? Make a holiday of it

If you're staying on a few extra days, you'll also roll straight into [Territory Day](#) celebrations on 1 July! Fireworks, street parties and high energy. June and July are peak tourism season in the NT, so if you are staying on, you'll need to book early to make the most of your Top End adventure! Don't forget, Nationals ticket holders can access unlimited car rental through [Tourism Top End](#).



Driving into the NT? Check Biosecurity Rules

Travelling into the Territory comes with some important biosecurity checks to help protect the region from pests and diseases like fruit fly, Polyphagous shot-hole borer (PSHB), and Tomato brown rugose fruit virus (ToBRFV). If you're driving in, please be aware that items such as fresh fruit and vegetables, plants and seeds, soil, compost, hay and fodder, and outdoor or farm equipment with soil attached may need to be declared or disposed of at the border - if you're unsure, it's always best to declare. Teams travelling with horses have been sent specific information about biosecurity requirements for horses, hay, and feed. We encourage everyone to plan ahead, check current restrictions, and follow directions at checkpoints. More information is available [here](#)



Media Partners Announced!

We're proud to announce **Channel 10**, **Mix 104.9** & **HOT 100** as official media partners for this year's Nationals! Their support will help share key event updates, stories, and moments with audiences across the Northern Territory and beyond. There will be interview opportunities, and plenty of chances to win tickets and VIP Entry passes in the lead-up to and during the 2026 Nationals.



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