



22- 28 JUNE 2026

DARWIN

AUSTRALIAN POLOCROSSE NATIONALS

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President's Message

Volunteers - we need you on the team!

With under 100 days to go - it's starting to feel very real!

The momentum is building across the Territory and while we acknowledge the challenges everyone is exposed to regarding pressures on fuel supply and increasing cost of living, we are progressing with event plans.

This month we've included information to make it easier to plan your trip with a detailed horse-first Travel Guide, handy details on feed suppliers both on the road and in Darwin, plus a sneak peek at the awesome week of events we've got lined up.

As always, this event will be powered by our people. Our volunteers are what make the Nationals tick – from the early morning set up to the final whistle, it's the friendly faces, helping hands and can-do attitude that bring it all to life. If you've been thinking about getting involved, now's the time. Whether it's a few hours or a few days, we'd love to have you as part of the crew. Jump onto the link below and register your interest in volunteering – it's going to be a fantastic event, and we'd love you to be part of it!

Volunteer Call Out



*Frank Blokland, President
NT Polocrosse Association*



The Road to the Nationals



With over 450 competitors and 600 horses travelling to Darwin, **The Road to the Nationals** has been created as a horse-first travel planning guide, purpose built for competitors heading to and from the Nationals.

This guide helps take the guesswork out of the drive by identifying verified, horse-appropriate stop points across all interstate entry routes into the Northern Territory. It supports advance planning, encourages pre-booking with roadhouses, and helps ensure is prepared for your arrival.

The Road to the Nationals prioritises horse welfare and predictability - focusing on sensible distances, rest points, water access and facilities suitable for floats, trucks and families.

It's about arriving in Darwin rested, confident and ready to compete, while also supporting regional roadhouses and encouraging visitor dispersion across the Territory.

[Download the guide here!](#)

A reminder to call and book in advance! Booking ahead helps ensure there's space for your horses, room for your rig, and a roadhouse ready to welcome you.



When the Sun Goes Down, the Music Turns Up



The action doesn't stop when the final whistle blows. Each night, the grounds will come alive with entertainment, atmosphere and a house DJ spinning tunes late into the evening. The perfect way to unwind, catch up with mates and soak up the Territory nights.

Friday night kicks things off with Stereobate, bringing high-energy sounds and crowd favourite tracks to launch the weekend in style. On Saturday night, the Fame Junkies take over, delivering a set that's guaranteed to keep the dance floor busy long after dark.

And for Sunday night? We're saving the best 'til last. Our headline act has played across the country and will be announced in March - and this is one you'll want to stick around for. Watch this space.

Whether you're celebrating a win, backing your team, or just chasing a great night out, the Nationals promise entertainment on and off the field, every single night.



Key Program Details



Key Event Dates for the Week of Nationals

Official Welcome Function

Sunday 21 June, arrive 5pm - 10pm

Fred's Pass Reserve, Amphitheatre

Official Team Presentation for all players Intermediate and above.

Keynote Speaker - Jana Pittman

Availability of ticket purchase for non-players to be advised.

Official Junior Breakfast

Monday 22 June, arrive 7.00am - 9.00am

Fred's Pass Reserve, Amphitheatre

Official Team Presentation for all Sub Junior and Junior players.

Keynote Speaker - Jana Pittman & Territory Wildlife Park.
Availability of ticket purchase for non-players to be advised.

Official Opening Ceremony

Monday 22 June, 10.30am

Fred's Pass Reserve

Games to Commence 12.30pm

Kids Movie Night

Tuesday 23 June, 6pm

Fred's Pass Reserve

Menu - spaghetti bolognaise + ice cream

Movie TBC

Local Food Markets

Wednesday 24 June, 4.30pm - 8.30pm

Fred's Pass Reserve (undercover area Main Entrance)

History Night

Wednesday 24 June, 6.30

Lakeview Hall, Fred's Pass Reserve

Australian Polocrosse History on the big screen

Live music to follow

Mindil Beach Markets or Darwin Waterfront Bus Trip

Thursday 25 June, times TBA

Pick up Lakeview Hall, Fred's Pass Reserve

Drop off either Darwin Waterfront or Mindil Beach Market

Return bus ticket purchased at the event

Gone Troppo Theme & Games Night

Friday 26 June, 6.30

Lakeview Hall, Fred's Pass Reserve

Dress up, play games and enjoy live music!

FINALS!

Saturday 27 & Sunday 28 June

Fred's Pass Reserve

Presentations at the end of each day's play

Live music till late each night



Feed & Hay in Darwin

Due to the distance to Darwin and the large number of horses attending, competitors are asked to **pre-order their feed and hay at least three weeks in advance** to ensure there is enough stock availability.

Saddleworld NT is a major sponsor of the 2026 Nationals and is our Preferred Feed Supplier. Pre-order your feed and hay requirements prior to the event with Saddleworld NT or any of local stock feed suppliers or hay growers.

A list of feed and hay suppliers with contact details is available on our website [here.](#)

Please liaise directly with the listed feed suppliers to arrange collection or delivery.



Pre order
your feed
and hay!

2026
NATIONALS

PREFERRED FEED
& HAY SUPPLIER

Beware of Scams and Fake Event Pages



There is **only one official Facebook page for Nationals**. As excitement builds, there are a number of unofficial 'groups' that have started appearing, some using our logo and branding and sending friend requests or inviting people to join. We do not send friend requests or operate through private groups. The only place for accurate updates, announcements and event information is our official Facebook [page](#).

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Nationals Accommodation Offer

- Save 20% at Accor Hotels



Nationals players, visitors and supporters can access discounted accommodation at three Accor properties conveniently located near Darwin International Airport! Mercure, Novotel, and Ibis are offering special event rates with a 20% discount available through the booking links provided below. To access the discounted rates, please book directly via the dedicated links for each hotel. Please note that bookings must be paid in full at the time of reservation. Availability is limited, so we encourage guests to secure their accommodation early.

[Mercure](#)



[Novotel](#)



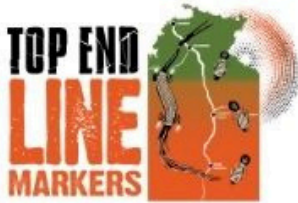
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