



2026 FESTIVAL PROGRAM

AN AUTHENTIC WEEKEND OF FIRST NATIONS
CULTURE, ART MARKETS, WORKSHOPS,
LIVE MUSIC & COMMUNITY SPORT.

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WELCOME TO BARUNGA FESTIVAL

We acknowledge and pay our respects to the Bagala clan of the Jawoyn people, the Traditional Owners and Custodians of the land on which the Barunga Festival is held.

We recognise and honour their deep, enduring connection to Country, their rich culture, and their history.

We extend our sincere appreciation to the Bagala clan for their stewardship and their vital work in preserving their cultural heritage for future generations.

We pay our respects to Elders past and present.

FESTIVAL INFO

The Barunga Festival is an iconic, family-friendly event on the national festival calendar that provides an authentic Aboriginal cultural experience. It boasts a long and proud tradition of celebrating Indigenous music, culture, and sport.

CAMPING

Camping is available throughout the Barunga Festival weekend, with dedicated areas for tents, caravans and motorhomes. Caravan and motorhome sites include both powered and unpowered options and can be arranged at the front gate.

Campfires are permitted however you must bring your own wood or purchase it from the Bagala store; do not collect wood from the community or surrounding bushland. Be respectful of neighbouring campers and ensure your fire is attended at all times.

For the safety of festival-goers, vehicle movement within camping areas is restricted between sunset and sunrise, and a 5km/h speed limit applies throughout the community during the festival.

TRADITIONAL WORKSHOPS

Festival visitors can take part in a wide range of hands-on cultural workshops celebrating Indigenous art, music and traditions.

Workshops provide a unique opportunity to learn directly from community artists, performers and cultural leaders.

MR W. RUNYU ART PAVILLION

The Mr W. Runyu Art Pavilion celebrates the rich creativity and culture of Aboriginal artists from across the Northern Territory. Visitors can explore a vibrant collection of artworks, handmade crafts and cultural pieces while meeting artists and learning about the stories and traditions behind their work.

FOOD VENDORS

A variety of food vendors will be operating throughout the weekend, serving meals, snacks and refreshments for festival visitors. Food stalls will be located across the festival grounds, with additional snack options available near the Mr W. Runyu Art Pavillion.

BAGALA COMMUNITY STORE

The Bagala Community Store will be open daily from 7am to 7pm throughout the festival weekend. Conveniently located at the end of Bagala Road, the store will offer BBQ breakfasts and fresh coffee each morning, along with fresh fruit and vegetables, groceries, drinks, ice, and other everyday essentials for campers and visitors. ATMs will also be available outside the store, making it a convenient stop for festival supplies and refreshments during your stay.

INFORMATION STALLS

Information stalls will feature a range of Territory and national organisations, community support services and not-for-profit groups. Representatives and volunteers will be available throughout the weekend to provide information, answer questions and connect visitors with community programs, services and local initiatives.

BARUNGA MARATHON

Ready. Set. Run! Start your Sunday strong with the Barunga Marathon 5K Run, kicking off at 8am and winding through the heart of the Barunga community. Whether you're running for fun, fitness or community spirit, this all-ages event is a great way to get active, enjoy the morning atmosphere and be part of the festival energy.



COMMUNITY RULES & ESSENTIAL INFO

Welcome to Bagala Country. To ensure a safe and respectful experience for all visitors and residents, please observe the following guidelines:

CULTURAL RESPECT & PROTOCOLS

Permit Entry: While Barunga is typically a “closed” community, your festival ticket serves as your legal permission to enter for the duration of the event.

Alcohol & Smoke-Free: Barunga is a strictly DRY community. No alcohol is permitted on-site, and vehicles will be searched. The festival is also a tobacco, vape, and drug-free event.

Photography: We encourage you to take photos for personal keepsakes, but please ask for permission before photographing local residents. Commercial use of any imagery requires written consent from the Bagala Aboriginal Corporation.

Dress & Privacy: Please dress modestly and respect the privacy of local residents by staying within the designated festival boundaries.

Drones & Pets: Drone use is strictly prohibited. Additionally, please leave your pets at home to avoid conflict with local community dogs.

SAFETY & LOGISTICS

Crocwise: There are no designated swimming areas. Always be “Crocwise” near local waterways, as it is never 100% safe to enter the water in the Top End.

Medical Care: St John Ambulance is available for emergencies, but there is no pharmacy in Barunga. Bring all required personal medications with you.

Cash & Supplies: The Bagala Store and most vendors accept EFTPOS. There are two ATMs located at the store.

Driving: When traveling at night, please drive slowly and remain alert for buffalo, donkeys, and wandering stock.

Weather Prep: Expect warm days (30°C) and cool nights (13°C). Pack warm bedding, a headlamp, and sun protection.

ENVIRONMENT

Firewood: Campfires are allowed at your site, but you must bring your own wood or buy it from the Bagala Store. Do not collect wood from the community or surrounding bushland.

Water: While the store sells water and ice, we encourage bringing a reusable bottle to use at the water refill stations.



MUSIC LINEUP



TROY CASSAR-DALEY



EMILY WURRAMARA



JEM CASSAR-DALEY



FRANK YAMMA



**GARRANGALI
BAND**



**ELEANOR
JAWURLNGAL**



ROB EDWARDS

BATTLE OF THE BANDS

NGAMUTJULU STAGE

Watch emerging Indigenous artists and bands bring energy, culture and original sounds to the Ngamutjulu Stage.



FESTIVAL PROGRAM

FRIDAY

7am - 7pm	Bagala Community store opens	 Bagala Store
6pm - 7pm	Opening Ceremony	 Main Stage
6pm	BRFL Women's game: Arnhem Crows vs Katherine South	 Football Oval
7pm	All teams check in with AFLNT	 Scoreboard
7.15pm - 8.30pm	Local music acts	 Ngamutjulu Stage
7.30pm	BRFL Men's Game: Arnhem Crows vs Northern Warlpiri Mosquitos	 Football Oval
8.30pm - 11.30pm	Disco - DJ Sets	 Basketball Courts

SATURDAY

8am	Info stalls open	 Info stall areas
8am	AusKick	 Football Oval
9am	Football kick-off	 Football Oval
10am	Barunga School Junior Guides Tour	 Culture Park
10am	Traditional workshops	 Culture Park
11am - 5.30pm	Battle of the Bands (Heats)	 Ngamutjulu Stage
1pm	Junior Football Game (ages 12-15)	 Football Oval
6pm - 6.45pm	Eleanor Jawurlngali	 Main Stage
7pm	Last football game of the night	 Football Oval
7pm - 7.45pm	Jem Cassar-Daley	 Main Stage
8pm - 9pm	Emily Wurraramara	 Main Stage
9.15pm - 10pm	Rob Edwards	 Main Stage
10.15pm - 11.15pm	Garrangali Band	 Main Stage

SUNDAY

8am	Info stalls open	 Info stall areas
8am	AusKick	 Football Oval
8am	Barunga marathon starts	 See map for start line
8am - 12pm	School performers	 Ngamutjulu Stage
9am	Men's / Women's footy resumes	 Football Oval
10am	Barunga School Official Junior Guides Tour	 Meet in Culture Park
10am	Traditional workshops	 Culture Park
12pm	Spear throwing competition	 Culture Park
1pm	Junior Football Game (ages 12-15)	 Football Oval
1pm - 3pm	Battle of the Bands finals	 Ngamutjulu Stage
4pm	Women's footy grand final	 Football Oval
5pm	Men's footy grand final	 Football Oval
6pm - 7pm	All awards - Football, Battle of the Bands, Softball, Basketball, Spearing, Marathon	 Main Stage
7.15pm - 7.35pm	Battle of the Bands winners	 Main Stage
8pm - 9pm	Troy Cassar-Daley	 Main Stage
9.15pm - 10pm	Frank Yamma	 Main Stage
10.15pm - 11pm	Rob Edwards	 Main Stage

FESTIVAL MAP



-  **BOX OFFICE & CHECK IN**
-  **BARUNGA MARATHON START LINE**
-  **MR W. RUNYU ART PAVILION**
-  **BUNGUL (TRADITIONAL DANCE) AREA**
-  **BASKETBALL COURT**
-  **WATER REFILL**
-  **WORKSHOPS**
-  **MAIN STAGE**
-  **NGAMUTJULU STAGE**
-  **FOOD VENDOR**
-  **INFO STALLS**
-  **FIRST AID**
-  **CULTURE PARK**
-  **TOILETS**
-  **GARBAGE**
-  **ATM**
-  **INFO SITE**
-  **BUS STOP**
-  **VEHICLE ACCESS ROADS**
-  **CAMPING ZONE**
-  **ROAD BLOCK**
-  **FESTIVAL AREA**
-  **INFO STALL AREA**
-  **NO CAMPING ZONE**
-  **BARUNGA SCHOOL**
-  **SOFTBALL DIAMOND**

WE HOPE YOU ENJOY THE FESTIVAL

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