

# Darwin Events

## January/February 2010

### **The Heineken Hottest 7's in the World:**

Come and watch this seven-a-side international rugby union competition with prize money of A\$60,000. Local, overseas, and interstate teams will participate. 23-24 January.

**Chinese New Year:** The Chinese community will celebrate the arrival of the Year of the Tiger with lion and dragon dances and cultural activities. Celebrations continue for 2 weeks in the city, Casuarina and Palmerston areas.

Indigenous teams representing all Australian states and territories will participate in the **Imparja Cup Cricket Carnival**. 8-13 February.

**The Anniversary of the Bombing of Darwin** is commemorated each year on 19 February at the Cenotaph, Bicentennial Park.

## March/April 2010

**St Patrick's Day Races** is a fun-filled day for the whole family. There will be live entertainment, activities for the kids and horse racing for the adults of course. Hagan Park Race Course.

**Katherine Country Music Muster:** Put on your hat and dancing shoes and join in the fun. This annual country music event will have some great Territory artists performing until late. Take the opportunity to visit Katherine Gorge, Nitmiluk National Park, Cutta Cutta Caves, the Hot Springs and Springvale Homestead. 30 April - 2 May.

## May/June 2010

**The Freds Pass Rural Show** has been running since 1977. Held in picturesque surroundings in Darwin's outskirts, the show presents pastoralism, agriculture, horticulture, mining and manufacture. There will be country music concerts, equestrian displays and competitions, as well as arts and crafts exhibitions. With over 200 exhibitors and 30,000 people through the gates, the Show is a much anticipated event every year. 14-16 May.

The Northern Territory Writers' Festival, **WordStorm** has writers and performers from Australasia and SE Asia participating in an explosive and entertaining cultural event. WordStorm offers reading, storytelling, workshops, debates, forums, panels and a litany of special events for all age groups and cultural backgrounds. 20-23 May.

**Australian Sprintcar Championship:** Head down to Northline Speedway to watch some of Australia's best drivers in action as they push their skills and their machines to the limit. 27-29 May.

Horticultural enthusiasts will not be disappointed at the **Northern Territory Tropical Garden Spectacular** and the special and exotic flowers and plants that the Northern Territory has to offer. George Brown Botanic Gardens, 5-6 June.

**Darwin Fringe** is an exciting performance and arts festival that takes place in various venues across Darwin and the Northern Territory in June and July. There is a spectacular array of theatre, dance, poetry, music, visual arts, film and comedy.

Seafood lovers should not miss the **Darwin Seafood Festival** held annually at Fisherman's Wharf.

## July/August 2010

**The Darwin Beer Can Regatta** is an annual family event and is rapidly becoming a spectacular. All the boats are made from beer cans. It has developed into a major event with boats ranging from 1 to 12 metres long.

Darwin comes alive with a month's long racing feast attracting more than 18,000 patrons at the **Darwin Cup Carnival**.

The **Royal Darwin Show** is held on the 4th weekend in July. This annual event is packed with entertainment ranging from livestock events and shows, carnival rides, with attractions for all age groups.

**Garma Festival:** Regarded as one of Australia's major indigenous cultural events. Garma has a unique line-up of art, education, performance and genuine cultural interaction.

**Darwin Festival** is an exciting arts and cultural event held annually in August. Over 18 balmy August nights you can experience the unique life and culture of the Top End of Australia, with activities, performances and events, a selection of dance, music, theatre, cabaret, films and visual arts.

## November 2010

A major **Christmas Craft Fair** with craft workshops and demonstrations – and stalls to pick up on your tropical Christmas essentials.

## December 2010

**Carols by Candlelight** in early December at the Amphitheatre in George Brown Botanical Gardens.

Round the year off with **New Year's Eve on the Wharf**. Live entertainment and a firework spectacular.

